

# ROEHAMPTON GARDEN SOCIETY

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### AUTUMN SHOW 2018



**Largest Pumpkin: Francisco Castro**



**Squash: Melanie Tham**

**RGS AGM: Note change of date and venue!**

6.30pm (drink & nibbles) for  
7.00pm Thursday 18 October  
Roehampton Cricket Club  
See separate flyer for details.



**Marrow entries**



**Harvest box: Carol Martinez**



**Fruit & Vegetables: Patrick & Jean Crawford**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

This is my last report as Chair as I will be standing down at the **AGM on 18 October**. I have been Chair of RGS for five years and hope to stay on the committee in another role.

The **2018 AGM and Social Event** will be held this year at the **Roehampton Cricket Club Clubhouse**, that is in the car park next to the Telegraph Pub. Maps have been posted on all allotment site gates and if you would like further information and/or a lift please let me know. We have changed the date and location so we can gather in a pleasant and relaxed environment before the clocks go back. We will start with drinks and snacks at 6.30pm and then move to business and elections at 7pm and prize giving at 8pm. More substantial refreshments will follow this. One of our Local Councillors and the Cabinet Member for Community Services and Open Spaces, Steffi Sutters, has agreed to present our Cups and Prizes this year.

If you would like to stand for committee please let me know before 11 October and if you have a Cup please return it, polished, to the store before Sunday 14 October.

At the AGM we will also be asking for your approval of the draft agreements and policies that we have been working on for the last couple of years. These can be found, in draft form, on our website under Plot Holder Agreements.

I have had a very interesting and enjoyable five years as Chair but

one of my regrets is that I have been unsuccessful in renewing our Lease with the Council on the terms that I would find acceptable for the society to thrive and grow. Committee member Patrick Crawford is leading a new approach and I will support him in any way I can.

Once again thanks to all the volunteers; we had a wonderful Autumn Show – details of which follow in this Bulletin.

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## **SHOW REPORT**



It seems to me that the Roehampton Garden Society continues to go from strength to strength and nothing proves this to me more emphatically than the consistent popularity of our two Shows each year. I am delighted to report that the Autumn Show on 8<sup>th</sup> September was a great success, not only in terms of the number of entries in the various classes, but also in the number of people who came to enjoy it. The Shows are proof each year of the importance of community spirit in our urban environment and that simple pleasures which have

remained unchanged over decades still have a great appeal.

The hot, dry summer had its challenges and it was obvious that some crops were not as happy as others with these conditions. However, the sun-loving produce in the fruit and vegetable classes was of exceptional quality this year and some of the best that our Judge had seen.

The array of flowers is always stunning and this year was no exception. The dahlias in particular were dazzling in their variety and colour and it is no wonder that these flowers have increased in popularity over the years.

The cookery classes displayed some delicious preserves, breads, cakes and sweet and savoury dishes and this section has become increasingly popular with contestants. We are very grateful to our Judge, Helen Sabieri, for her continued support and expertise.

One of the most popular aspects of our Shows has always been the tea stand with a fantastic array of homemade cakes. So, many thanks to all those who contributed their time and culinary skills to ensure that this year was no exception.

A relatively recent attraction at the Shows is the very popular auction. Thanks to the generosity of exhibitors who contributed so much of their prize-winning produce, the auction was a huge success attracting lively bidding from adults and children alike. The children in particular enter into the spirit of the occasion with huge enthusiasm that is such a pleasure to witness.

And what better way is there to purchase fresh, organic produce that has been locally grown.

I would like to end by thanking everyone who contributed to the success of the Show, volunteers and exhibitors alike. But thanks must also go to all those who visited the Show, competed in the tombola, bought raffle tickets, voted in the photographic competition, sampled our cakes and took the time to support our efforts. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

***Mariangela Renfrew, Show Co-chair***

## **STORE REPORT**

### **ONIONS AND GARLIC**

Currently we have the following in store ready for planting:

- Elephant Garlic at £1 per clove
- 3 hard neck garlic (Caulk Wight, Red Duke and Mikulov Wight) and 1 soft neck garlic (Solent Wight) at £1.50 per bulb (these are great value and top quality).
- Red Winter and Senshyu Yellow onions at £1 per mug full (about 40 in a mug)
- Onion/garlic fertilizer at £1 per kilo.

These can all be planted from now until early December. Please see the next item, Plot Jobs for October, under Sowing and Planting for some very helpful



guidance on planting onions and garlic. Also look at the link below:  
<https://www.kingsseeds.com/Products/Vegetables/Garlic>

### **SWEET PEAS**

We stock lots of varieties of sweet pea seeds that can be sown from now until next April.

### **DAFFODILS, TULIPS AND ALLIUMS**

An urgent order has been put in after selling out at the Show that should be in the Store by the time the Bulletin is out.

**Gill Tamsett, Store Manager**

## **PLOT JOBS FOR OCTOBER**

### **Maintaining soil and structures and planning ahead**

Continue to clear the ground of this summer's growth, weeding as you go.

Turn the compost heap to speed its decomposition.

Compost fallen leaves in hessian bags. Compost pea and bean foliage, but leave the roots in the ground as they contain nitrogen.

Plan where you will grow brassicas next year. Manure the area now and lime in the spring if the ph level is below 7.

To maximise light levels and reduce harbouring of bugs, clean the green house with eco-friendly detergent. Garden disinfectant such as Jeyes Fluid can be used in a greenhouse or a sulphur candle if resident bugs are suspected.

Make a last cut on grass paths and reinstate beds where grass has encroached.

Apply grease bands around the trunks of fruit trees as a barrier to winter moths.

Order bare-rooted fruit trees to be delivered November onwards. (See guidance on website and contact Site Secretary)

Check that the bird netting on brassicas is secure in preparation for more wintry weather.

Collect seeds of plants that have not been harvested. Peas and beans save well. Collect directly from the plant on a dry day to avoid fungal rot and put straight into paper bags.

### **Sowing and planting**

Winter salads and oriental greens can be sown in the green house or cold frame.

Sow over-wintering broad beans either directly or start under cover in pots or root-trainers.

Sow green manures such as rye, vetches or ryegrass to be dug in next February.

Plant overwintering onion sets and garlic. Soil must be well drained. Onion sets should just peep above the surface. If the ph is lower than 7 add a little calcified seaweed. Plant garlic planted 1.5- 2" deep, spaced 7" apart. Both benefit from onion fertilizer.

Plant daffodils, alliums and other spring bulbs for early spring flowering. (Hold off planting tulips till November.)

Sow sweet peas in a cold frame or unheated greenhouse for early



summer flowering and showing.  
Sow in root trainers or 3" pots.

Plant out spring cabbage 6" apart.

Take hardwood cuttings, 1ft long,  
from gooseberries and currants.  
Plant in pots of compost.

### **Harvesting**

Harvest winter squashes. Cut the  
squash carefully leaving a 2-3"  
stem. 'Cure' in a warm, dry place  
for 10-14 days, then in a cool, light  
place at around 50-55F until ready  
to eat. Many squash can be stored  
for up to 6 months.

Store disease-free apples, pears  
and potatoes in a cool, dry place.

Ensure carrots are protected with  
insect mesh as carrot flies are most  
damaging in late summer and  
autumn. Leave in the ground to  
harvest as needed.

Harvest maincrop potatoes. Check  
each tuber for disease or damage  
and do not store damaged tubers.  
Store in a cool, dry place. Let the  
tubers dry off before storing in jute,  
hessian or paper bags in a dark  
frost-free place.

### **Pruning**

Lift and divide rhubarb plants that  
have been in situ for more than 5  
years or are less productive. Keep  
and replant the newer outside  
growth and discard the centre.

Cut down asparagus stems as they  
turn yellow and mulch with well  
rotted manure.

Clear away strawberry foliage to  
prevent build-up of pests and  
diseases.

### **Gardening for wildlife**

Leave decorative perennial seed  
heads as food and habitats for  
wildlife.

Build an insect hotel or install a log  
pile.

## ***SINCERE APOLOGIES!***

The following two items should  
have been in the September  
Bulletin but were omitted. My  
apologies to Georgina.

## ***RHS Q and A EVENING FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE***

On a warm summer's evening 36 of  
us gathered at the Roehampton  
Cricket Club room opposite The  
Telegraph pub for a special RHS  
question-time. The RHS sent 6  
highly qualified fruit and vegetable  
experts to answer our range of  
questions.

Some of the topics covered:

### ***Do's and don'ts of using the regular deliveries of cheap stable manure (such as is delivered to both sites)***

The experts recommended that this  
resource be most effectively used  
by adding to compost heaps in  
layers with the usual compost  
layers of green waste (grass  
clippings, soft, leafy plants  
including annual weeds -not  
bindweed-, fruit and vegetables)  
and brown waste (pruning and  
hedge clippings, ideally shredded,  
torn up paper and brown card,  
straw and plant stems). The  
principal of composting is air and  
water so aerate the heap by turning  
with a fork or compost aerator and  
water the heap if it becomes too  
dry being careful not to overwater.  
Adding stable manure directly to  
the soil was not recommended as it  
can alter the ph of the soil by  
locking up nitrogen. Occasionally,

problems can occur if herbicides have been used on the field that the horses have grazed.

### ***Why does my pak choi run to seed quickly?***

Pak choi is an autumn vegetable so if it is planted too early it will mature quickly and run to seed, as it cannot handle heat. Sow in late August and early September and it will mature in 8 weeks. The same applies to spinach and chard.

### ***Tips for growing asparagus***

Male only plants produce more and better spears. In a male bed, female plants are recognisable by their orange, red berries and should be removed. Hand-weed to be careful not to disturb the roots. 'Having a tidy garden is of the essence, get rid of all weeds.' Asparagus is a seaside plant that thrives when fed with shredded seaweed-it needs iodine and salt

### ***What is causing curled leaves on the fruit bushes?***

Cherries and currants can suffer aphid attacks that cause the leaves to curl up and look unhealthy. The aphids will always be on the underside of the leaves so are only visible if the leaves are turned over. These can be washed away with a jet of water, manually rubbed off or SP Plant Invigorator can be effective. Although unsightly, aphid attacks do not usually affect the crop and will not necessarily reappear the following year.

### ***Companion Gardening***

In terms of pest control, this is mostly a myth, but in terms of increasing yield there are some good combinations – e.g. sweetcorn, climbing beans and trailing marrows, known as the 3 sisters method (used by ancient,

native American tribes) Coriander, when flowering, is very good for bringing in predators. Marigolds are very good at suppressing weeds – plant as thickly as possible. Garlic amongst strawberries can have some effect.

### ***Clubroot on brassicas***

There is no chemical that can be legally used for this. The spores can remain dormant for many years. Most allotment sites have club root to some degree. Rotate brassica crops as much as possible although with limited space on a plot it is difficult to avoid. Do not compost brassica roots or wallflowers that also belong to the brassica family. Clubroot resistant varieties are available. These are Crispus Brussels sprouts, Kilaxy cabbage, and Clapton cauliflower,

Our thanks go to Elaine Barnwell for suggesting this comfortable and homely venue to host the event and her husband, Marc, who manned the bar for us.

## ***STAG BEETLES***



This stag beetle larva was found on plot 11B and narrowly escaped being fed to the chickens! Stag beetles are one of our most spectacular insects, named because the male's large jaws look just like the antlers of a stag. They spend most of their very long life

cycle underground as a larva. This can be anywhere from three to seven years depending on the weather. Periods of very cold weather can extend the process. Once fully grown, the larvae leave the rotting wood they've been feeding on to build a large cocoon in the soil where they pupate and finally metamorphose into an adult. Adults spend the winter underground in the soil and usually emerge from mid-May onwards. By the end of August, most of them will have died. They do not survive the winter.

Stag beetles are Red listed in many European countries and have undergone a decline across Europe. If you find an adult stag beetle, please leave it where it is, unless it's in danger of being run over or trodden on. If you have to move a beetle for its own safety, then please move it as short a distance as possible. You can give it some soft fruit or sugar water. If you dig up a stag beetle larva, please put it back exactly where you found it. The next best thing is to re-bury the larva in a safe shady place in your garden with as much of the original rotting wood as possible.

For more information or to report stag beetles go to:

<https://ptes.org/get-involved/surveys/garden/great-stag-hunt/stag-hunt-survey/>

## **BETTER PLOTTING UPDATE**

Assessments took place on 16 July, a beautiful clear day that by 10.30 was blisteringly hot. Some

people on Site 2 had asked to meet Paul while he looked at their plots. He goes round at some speed but is quick to pick up on things. He asked whether there had been any strong wind recently. He had noticed that the potato plants had cracks in the soil around allowing sunlight to penetrate and turn the tubers green. Something to keep an eye on and if it happens more earth on top will protect your spuds.

In passing he mentioned that he had just put in his Nicola potatoes for Christmas.

One new plot holder was unsure where to put his shed and Paul suggested against the East-facing fence where it would not cast a shadow over his plot.

The level of the beds needs to be level so that water does not quickly drain from higher to lower levels and possibly away from the plants.

Targeted watering is key. To improve exposure to the sun, Paul advised planting in a North South orientation. He questioned a need for paths and found some were unnecessarily wide - surely maximising growing the space on a plot should be a consideration. He also favoured putting planks down when sowing and moving them about to access rows (à la Monty Don).

Tips that I gleaned from our whistle stop tour.

I asked about pruning of tomatoes, something that I have heard is good to encourage larger, though fewer, fruit. This needs to be below fruit forming as ruthless tomatoes will go on producing new growth so



this too needs chopping off as nothing will come of it. Paul noticed black fly. He removes it with an old toothbrush and sprays with various mixtures including aspirin and urine.

The results of the assessments over the whole of Wandsworth have now been revealed. 65 plots were entered for assessment. 19 plots were entered from Roehampton Allotments: 14 from Site 2 and 5 from Site 3. The total scores ranged from 77 to 24 points but we entered this scheme on a different basis: many of the plot holders were inexperienced and just wanted some advice and pointers, while others had been entered last year and been nominated in previous years. They wanted to know how they were faring in relation to previous years. In the rest of the Borough, the scheme was run, as usual, as a more of a competition. A plot on the Beatrix Potter Site scored 85 points and one in Garrett Park scored 84 but the overall highest scoring plot was Debby Hardy's Morden plot that was awarded 98 points. A group from RGS visited it last year and found it quite inspiring. (See June 2017 Bulletin Article).

**Elizabeth Smart**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **RHS London Harvest Festival Show**

*Tuesday 2 – Wednesday 3  
October, 10am-5pm*

Celebrate the start of autumn at our fun-filled family Harvest Festival brimming with delicious seasonal produce. Taking place in RHS Lindley Hall, SW1P

2QW, the event is free to attend, no ticket required.

### **RHS London Urban Garden Show**

*RHS Late - Friday 26 October 2018, 5pm-10pm - (£5 for all)  
Saturday 27 October, 11am-8pm and Sunday 28 October, 11am-6pm – (£5 for RHS Members, Public £8 in advance/£9 on day)*

Whether you have a terrarium on your desk at work, houseplants on every shelf, or a balcony filled with flowers, the RHS London Urban Garden Show is the perfect event for plant enthusiasts of all levels to transform your city space.

### **GEORGINA'S AMARANTHUS**



Georgina intends to harvest the grain that is like quinoa but more nutritious!

## THE ORCHARD PROJECT

The Orchard Project is a lovely charity that plants, restores and celebrates orchards with communities in urban areas. They run a harvest & juicing project that saves unwanted garden apples and turns them into delicious cider that they share.

<https://www.theorchardproject.org.uk/drink/swap-apples-cider-juice/>



Apple donation dates are on their website, they advise people to check before they make a journey but here they are for South London:

### South London (Herne Hill and Twickenham)

Canopy Brewery (entrance next to Costcutter), Bath Factory Estate, 41 Norwood Road, Herne Hill, London SE24 9AJ  
Sunday 16 September (time TBC)  
Sunday 30 September (time TBC)  
Sunday 7 October (time TBC)

**Meadway Orchard, Meadway  
Twickenham, TW2 6PG**

September – Wednesday 19th  
(11.30-1.30)

September – Sunday 30th (Time  
TBC)

October – Wednesday 24th (11.30-  
1.30)

November – Wednesday 7th  
(11.30-1.30)

Contact on the day: Chloe  
Crompton, 07717 494476

The fruit can be of all shapes and sizes as long as they are unsprayed and from London. The most important thing is that they are separated into handpicked from the tree; these need to be blemish/bruise free and are of eating quality. Windfall apples from the ground, these apples can be blemished, with a small bit of bruising and even the odd bug is fine.

If there are any questions please contact Elizabeth Pegler on [elizabeth@theorchardproject.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth@theorchardproject.org.uk).

### The Orchard Project

07714 745407

Please note that Elizabeth Pegler only works part time so may not immediately get back to you

**Janis Humberstone**

## OCTOBER RECIPE

### Roasted Pumpkin seeds

Cut the pumpkin and remove the seeds, rinse them well to remove the flesh. Put them in a pan of boiling water and boil for 10 minutes. Drain and dry thoroughly. Toss in a little oil and seasoning or flavouring\* then spread seeds on a baking sheet and bake at 180C/gas 4 for 8-10 mins.

\*Seasoning or flavouring: salt & pepper; paprika; chilli, cumin; honey.



## **DATURA -**

**DEVIL'S TRUMPET, DEVIL'S CUCUMBER, THORN APPLE, HELL'S BELLS, MOONFLOWER.**



Thank you all who helped to guess the mystery plant shown at the show. It grew on my balcony, possibly from a seed dropped by a bird or squirrel that come to feed from the bird feeder.

There were few guesses of Lychee tree, tomarillo, sea thistle, wild cucumber (ehinocystis lobe) and finally datura by Melanie Tham.

At the moment it most resembles datura, that is supposed to be a poisonous annual herb from solanaceae family. It is an American tropical or subtropical herb and It is a mystery how it travelled so far. Due to an unusually hot summer this year the plant managed to flower (mainly overnight) and produce many pods.

Quote from Internet:

Thorn-apple's poisonous properties have led to it being given less than cheery names around the world: In the USA Jimson weed's jimson is a reference to Jamestown, the first English look-out post in North America that was burned in 1676 in a rebellion in which the kitchen slaves added jimson weed shoots

to the English soldiers' soup, knowing what the consequences would be.

Thorn apple is packed with tropane alkaloids, which are common to many *Solanaceae* family plants. The whole plant is poisonous, especially the leaves and seeds. Over the years a number of beneficial and more dubious uses have been found for the plant. Medicinally, the alkaloids can be used to treat e.g. asthma, muscle cramps and Parkinson's disease. According to tradition, the plant is also a source of a poison that stays in the body for a long time and only kills the victim a long time later. Thorn apple's tincture has also been claimed to give courage and enhance potency, but it would be a foolish thing indeed to start experimenting to see if this is true.

**Eva Knedlova**

## **CHARLES GILLBE'S WINNING FOX PHOTO AT THE AUTUMN SHOW**





## **PUTNEY COMMUNITY GARDENS UPDATE**



### **The splendid Mosaics are up!!**

There are four themed mosaics: Flowers, Vegetables, Forests and Fruits all designed by local artist, Jenny Alexander, and made by a whole bunch of Putnians! They're located between Cortis Road and Tildesley Road, across from the western raised beds behind the shops, nearer to the Cortis Road side, by the little playground. Come and see them!

### **Monthly Gardening Course:**

The final session with Martin took place in September and reviewed much of what was covered over the last 6 months as well as spending some time considering why some raised beds worked well and why others not so well! And how we can better plan our planting next year. Martin may also come equipped with one of his famous little quizzes. We've had a lovely group over the last few months.

### **The gardens this summer:**

The orchard is doing brilliantly! We maybe felt a little bit overwhelmed this summer with watering schedules, and keeping our raised beds in good shape. We focused much of our attention on tending our fledgling orchard with regular watering, weeding, mulching and grooming. On the other hand, let's say we've had another year of trial and error; learn by doing style gardening in the raised beds. Lucky thing these seasons keep rolling in!

**Bird House:** Our first custom made birdhouse, designed and DIYed by the wonderful George has been put up on the Whitebeam in the orchard. We'll keep you posted if it gets occupied! And if you'd like to commission your own birdhouse, we can put you in touch with George. They are custom designed, mostly using recycled material and cosy and waterproof inside!

**Committee meeting:** Our next committee meeting will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September from 6:00pm to 8:30pm, location TBD. We'll be reviewing this last year and planning our activities for next year. We have a wonderful small team keeping this well-oiled machine running ever so smoothly, but we be would so pleased to have a couple more people join us! If you're interested in joining this dream team to help make our local area green, healthy and friendly, then please let us know!  
Sweet September sunshine,

***Rowan, Floriane, Blae, Jenny, Martel, Jean, Zunaira, Tayib and everyone at Putney Community Gardens!***

## Autumn Show Prize Winners

### Section A – Flowers



1. Vase of 1 giant dahlia, any variety - **Vince Cottam (Best dahlia in show)**
2. Vase of mixed dahlias **Jackie Savage**
3. Vase of small decorative dahlias – **Sue & David MacDonald**
4. Vase of pompon dahlias – **Nicola Taskis**
5. Vase of cactus dahlias – **Mariangela Renshaw**
6. Vase of ball-flowered dahlias - **Melanie Tham**
7. A vase of mixed perennial flowers – **No entries**
8. Vase of cut flowers, 4 or more varieties – **Mariangela Renshaw**
9. Vase of 3 or more annuals – **Mariangela Renshaw**
10. Vase of orange and/or yellow flowers **Mariangela Renshaw**
11. Vase of flowering stems of fuchsia – **Pat Dark**

12. Vase of HT roses - **Melanie Tham**
13. Vase containing 1 HT rose – **Derrick Ratcliffe**
14. Vase of multiflora roses - **Mariangela Renshaw**
15. A Table decoration – **Mariangela Renshaw**
16. A vase of 3 hydrangea stems – **No entries**

### Section B – Mixed vegetables & fruits



17. An exhibit of 2 each of 2 different vegetables or fruit - **Carol Martinez**
18. Any 1 kind of vegetable and 1 kind of flower – **Raj Patel**
19. Harvest Collection – **Carol Martinez**

### Section C – Vegetables

20. 2 Aubergines – **Helen Compson**
21. 9 French Beans – **Georgina O'Reilly**
22. 9 Runner Beans – **Mariangela Renshaw**
23. 9 of any other bean - **Sue & David MacDonald**

24. 3 beetroot, round or oval – **Georgina O'Reilly**
25. 1 green cabbage – **Jean & Patrick Crawford**
26. 1 red cabbage - **No entries**
27. 3 carrots – **Georgina O'Reilly**
28. A winter vegetable, i.e. Leek, cauliflower – **Gary Rose**
29. a) 2 cucumbers grown under protection  
**No entries**  
b) 2 cucumbers grown outdoors – **T & S DeSouza**
30. 1 celeriac – **joint first Georgina O'Reilly & Raj Patel**
31. 3 garlic bulbs – **Ruth Tighe**
32. 4 different herbs in small bunches – **Diane McCann**
33. A pot of 1 type of home grown annual herb – **Raj Patel**
34. A marrow, less than 35cm in length  
**Brenna Lattimore**
35. 4 onions, dressed for presentation – **Carol Sewell**
- 36 a) 5 chilli peppers - **Raj Patel**  
36 b) A pot of growing chili peppers – **Carol Martinez**
- 37 a) 5 sweet peppers, capsicum - **Raj Patel**  
37 b) A pot of growing capsicum - **Raj Patel**  
**(Best vegetable in show)**
38. 5 potatoes, white – **Catherine Mansell-Bower**
39. 5 potatoes, coloured – **Carol Martinez**
40. 6 radishes - **Raj Patel**
- 41 a) 9 shallots, pickling- **Raj Patel**  
41 a) 9 shallots, exhibition - **Raj Patel**
42. 1 pumpkin – **Ruth Tighe**
43. 1 squash, summer or winter – **Sue Clark**
44. 2 sweet corn, – **Shan Karawatowski**
45. 3 tomatoes, large fruited – **No entries**
46. 6 tomatoes, medium fruited – **Helen Finch**
47. 9 tomatoes, small fruited (cherry) - **Mariangela Renshaw**
48. 6 tomatoes, plum type - **Sue & David MacDonald**
49. 1 truss tomatoes - **Raj Patel**
50. 2 courgettes, any colour - **Helen Finch**
51. A bunch of leaf vegetables, 6 stems - **Helen Compson**
- 52 a) 1 lettuce, any variety – **No first prize**  
52 b) A display of 3 different seasonal vegetables that you like in a salad – **Carol Martinez**
53. Any other vegetable – **Jackie Savage (Brokali)**
54. Collection of vegetables and/or fruits. 5 different kinds - **Jean & Patrick Crawford**
55. Collection of vegetables, 3 different kinds – **No entries**
56. The biggest marrow – **Paulo Sidoli**
57. The longest runner bean - **Vince Cottam**
58. The heaviest pumpkin – **Francisco Castro**
59. The largest diameter sunflower – **No entries**
- 59 a) An ugly or funny shaped fruit or vegetable - **Sue & David MacDonald**
- Section D – Fruit**
60. 3 cooking apples - **Catherine Mansell-Bower**
61. 3 dessert apples - **Jackie Savage**
62. 12 blackberries - **Jean & Patrick Crawford**
63. A bunch of grapes - **Diane McCann**



- 64. 3 pears – **Ali Linton**
- 65. Dish of 12 raspberries – **No first prize**
- 66. Dish of hybrid berries - **No entries**
- 67. Any other fruit - **Shan Karawatowski (melon)**

**Section E – Novices**

For members who have never won first prize for an exhibit.

- 68. Vase of 3 dahlias - **No entries**
- 69. Vase of mixed flowers - **No entries**
- 70. Display of fruits - **No entries**
- 71. Display of vegetables - **Melanie Tham**
- 72. A display of 3 different seasonal vegetables that you like in a salad – **No entries**

**Section F - Children (under 14)**



- 73. Colour picture of a flower – any medium (paint, crayon)  
**Callum Lodge**  
**Angus Lodge**
- 74. Funny animal or person made of anything grown  
**Callum Lodge**  
**Angus Lodge**
- 75. A collage made from pictures from a seed catalogue – **Callum Lodge**  
**Angus Lodge**

**Section G – Cookery**

- 76. Homemade seasonal soup - **No entries**
- 77. 6 sausage rolls – **Rob Linton**
- 78. Glass jar of chutney – **Ruth Barnwell**



- 79. Glass jar of pickled vegetables – **Gary Rose**
- 80. A seasonal savoury item of cookery – **No first prize**
- 81. Plain, wholemeal or speciality bread – **Joint first - Diane McCann & Anthony Fitzsimmons**
- 82 a) Glass jar of jam, soft fruit – **B & M Pencharz**
- 82 b) Glass jar of jam, stone fruit – **Ruth Barnwell**
- 83 a) Glass jar of jelly, fruit – **Pat Dark**
- 83 b) Glass jar of jelly, herb – **Rob Linton**
- 84. A cake made from a seasonal vegetable  
**Joint first Helen Finch & Gary Rose**
- 85. A ginger cake - **Ruth Barnwell**
- 86. An apple pie - **No entries**
- 87. 6 fruit scones - **Pat Dark**
- 88. A seasonal savoury item of cookery – i.e. quiche, pie, flan. - **No first prize**
- 89. 5 flapjacks - **No entries**
- 90. Homemade fruit cordial – **Helen Compson**

**Competitions**

- Photograph – (child) **Nina Ribeux**
- Photograph – (adult) **Charles Gilbe**

## **NOTICES**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

AGM: 18 October 2018,  
Roehampton Cricket Club Pavilion,  
Telegraph Road.

### **RGS ADDRESS AND POST BOX**

Fixed to the gate at site 2, The  
Pleasance. The address is:  
Roehampton Garden Society The  
Pleasance Allotments The  
Pleasance  
London SW15 5HF  
Website:  
[www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk](http://www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk)

### **RHS CONTACTS**

Committee Chair: Jackie Savage  
(07508 559134);  
Site 2 Allotment Secretary  
Mariangela Renshaw  
(07770 968895)  
Site 3 Allotment Secretaries: Helen  
Finch (07736 422373) and Vivian  
Fowler (07525 143265).  
Site Manager: Shirley Gillbe;  
Comments, questions for Chair  
and/or Committee via website:  
[rgs.sw15@gmail.com](mailto:rgs.sw15@gmail.com)

### **BASIC RULES FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL COHESION ON OUR ALLOTMENT SITES**

- Respect the rights and belongings  
of other plot holders.
- No dogs without leads.
- No unsupervised children.
- Lock the gate behind you.
- Dispose of your own rubbish.
- No structures to be erected or  
trees to be planted without  
permission of your Site Secretary.

*If you think someone is breaking  
the rules contact a committee  
member or me, rather than confront  
another plot holder.*  
[jackiesavage29@gmail.com](mailto:jackiesavage29@gmail.com) or  
07508 559134

## **PLOT NUMBERING**

Please ensure your plot is  
clearly numbered and the label  
is not hidden under some plants!  
You can make your own; have a  
look round and you will see  
some lovely creative designs or  
you could buy one in slate or  
metal from a garden centre.  
Make sure it is large enough for  
the number to be seen clearly  
from the side path and it doesn't  
fade. You could also paint the  
number onto your shed.

Failing that, we have large white  
plastic ones with stick on  
numbers and letters that you can  
collect free in the Store. These  
will last you for several years.

### **THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION TOOL SHED**

**Mend** and re-furbished old garden  
tools  
For schools  
[www.conservationfoundation.co.uk](http://www.conservationfoundation.co.uk)  
[www.vegetableseeds.com](http://www.vegetableseeds.com)

## **DISCOUNTS**

### **Adrian Hall, East Sheen**

On presentation of your RGS  
membership card you will receive  
10% discount on horticultural  
goods that you take away with you,  
not on delivered items.

### **Neal's, Heathfield Road, SW18 3HR (opposite Wandsworth Prison)**

Register for their loyalty card, as an  
RGS member by showing your  
membership card, giving your  
name, email address, post-code. A  
7% retrospective discount on  
goods purchased, which can be  
redeemed at the time of the next  
purchase (like a Nectar card). The  
amount of discount is recorded as

'points' on the card and shown on each till receipt. £5.00 worth of points is put on your card as a thank you when you register. If you are over 50, and a loyalty card member, you will receive 10% discount on Wednesdays.

**THE CARTRIDGE PEOPLE,**  
10% of the cost of your order back to the Society when you buy from:  
**[www.cartridgepeople.com/RaisingMoneyFor/Roehampton-GS](http://www.cartridgepeople.com/RaisingMoneyFor/Roehampton-GS)**

**AUSTIN MOWERS**  
Repairs and sells reconditioned mowers and sharpen shears. 300 Garrett Lane, SW18 4EH 020 8874 4206 [www.austinmowers.com](http://www.austinmowers.com)  
[austinmowers@aol.com](mailto:austinmowers@aol.com)

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391 Upper Richmond Road West, East Sheen, SW14 7NX Tel: 0208 392 2233

**SECURITY**  
If you see someone trespassing or causing damage on the Sites, or in an emergency phone 999 or text phone 18000.

**NEW DAWN GARDENS**  
Artan Deliallisi, one of our plot holders, offers regular or casual maintenance for gardens. He will repair or build fences, gates, sheds, paving, walls and arches. 07411 288485  
[artandeliallisi@gmail.com](mailto:artandeliallisi@gmail.com)

**MANTRA LANDSCAPES**  
Grounds maintenance specialists'  
[www.mantralandscapes.com](http://www.mantralandscapes.com)  
Alexander Barrington Thompson-Byer  
Tel: +44 (0)7985 463 283

**CAPITAL GROWTH**  
Capital Growth is the largest food growing network in London. It was set up initially as a partnership initiative between London Food Link, the Mayor of London, and the Local Food Fund and helped create 2012 new community food-growing spaces across London by the end of 2012.  
You may be interested in their courses and voluntary work opportunities. See what they are doing and sign up for their newsletter at [www.capitalgrowth.org](http://www.capitalgrowth.org)

**VOLUNTEER GARDENERS NEEDED**  
Volunteers are needed to help in the large and beautiful gardens at Mount Court which is a retirement home in Weimar Road, Putney SW15 1SJ. If you are interested please phone Maggie on 07549 279 215.

**THE STORE**  
Store open on Sunday mornings between 10 -12.00 noon.  
Café, serving teas, coffee and homemade cake.

**NEXT BULLETIN:**  
The next Bulletin,  
Sunday 4 November 2018  
by email, in store and on both sites.  
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