

# **ROEHAMPTON GARDEN SOCIETY**

FOUNDED 1873

## **MONTHLY BULLETIN**

October 2019

[www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk](http://www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk)



The show in 19??



The show on Saturday 21st September 2019



## Autumn Show

How formal it used to be, nobody came in their suit and tie at our recent autumn show.



But Vince Cottam did wear his yellow hat to match his winning giant dahlia.



Nicola Khan won the heaviest pumpkin.



Sally Harvey won Best in Show for her fabulous capsicum plant.



The produce stall was well stocked.

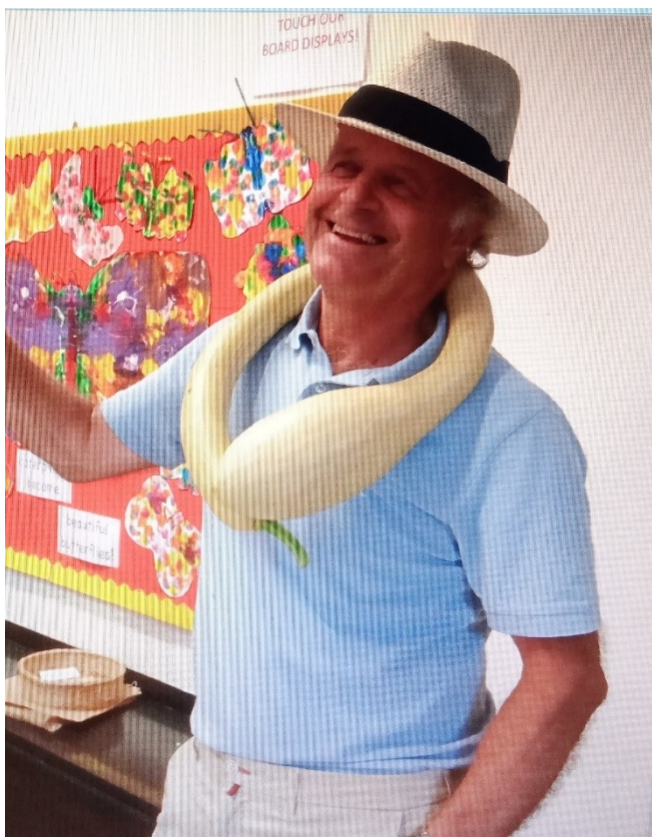




Artan Deliallisi won the harvest collection prize and kindly donated all the produce to be auctioned - £11 was raised. Thanks, Artan.



Mariangela Renshaw kept the teas flowing.  
Thanks to everyone who donated a cake.



Auctioneer David Renshaw being silly with a squash.

All in all, it was a successful show. We had some hiccups with setting it all up beforehand but everyone who could rallied around and got it ready.

Thank you to everyone who entered the show and to those who volunteered to help run it and tidy it all away afterwards.

A list of first prize winners is towards the back of this bulletin.

**Carol Martinez, Joint Show Chair**

## CHAIR'S REPORT



Helen had the best dahlias in town.

With the store roof finished the next project we hope to get done is to have the water system renewed on site 3. Currently we have a patched together system with too few water points, but we are hoping to have it all replaced so we no longer are at risk of all the floods we have had in the recent past. The holding job that was done last year does seem to have helped but intrinsically the current system is a cobbled together bitty inadequate muddle.

The AGM is fast approaching in November, the 14th to be precise, so it's time to think about the committee. I am glad to say that most of the committee are offering to stand again but several have been serving in one capacity or another for many years. We will have the main roles covered for now, but we

need to have people who may take on specific responsibilities in future. If you think you have some skills that would be useful in running the RGS and would like to be part of the committee I would love to hear from you. Either email to the [rgs.sw15@gmail.com](mailto:rgs.sw15@gmail.com) or phone/ message me on 07736 422 373. We will be calling for nominations to be in by the 7th November so it would be good to contact me before the end of October if you think you might like to join the committee. Remember, the AGM is on 14th November. As well as the business aspect of the AGM it is also a very good social occasion so do put it in your diary and come along. Details will be published nearer the time.

**Helen Finch, Chair**

## Welcome to new plot-holders:

### Site 2

Janet Garcia

Ana and Charlotte Hawthorne

James and Sue Allen

### Site 3

Alex and Isabel Vilela

Jeremy and Wanthana Cole

Agnetha Brandt



## **GARLIC, ONIONS AND SHALLOTS** **ON SALE IN STORE FOR AUTUMN** **PLANTING**

### **GARLIC**



Elephant Garlic has a fresh, juicy, mild sweet flavour which makes it ideal for baking and roasting. Each bulb is approx. 12.5-15cm (5-6") across. It is not a true member of the garlic family, it is closer to leek, which it bears a close resemblance in flavour. Elephant Garlic is for autumn planting ONLY and must not be planted in the spring. £1 per clove.



Red Duke Garlic is a heritage, hard neck variety with bright white skins with fierce and spicy flavours, which are the signatures of this exotic garlic from Czech Republic; with plump purple cloves. This variety of garlic is noted for being one of the very hot and strong varieties commonly planted in the UK. £1.50 per bulb.



Solent Wight Garlic, a soft neck variety, is the gardeners' choice with this being an improved selection of Solent Wight, producing larger quality bulbs than many will have thought it not possible to grow. It keeps well to March and beyond next year. This variety has an aroma and bouquet without compare - giving excellent length and strength. £1.50 per bulb.

You may find these Gardeners' World Monty Don videos helpful:

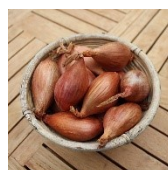
<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/how-to-plant-garlic-in-autumn/>

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/how-to-grow-onions/>

### **SHALLOTS**



Eschalote Grise is a Gourmet Shallot, the first choice in shallots for top French Chefs. This shallot has been little affected by human selection and still closely resembles its wild precursor on the mountain slopes of N. Afghanistan. Intense, concentrated flavours. Beautiful green clusters - Harvest in July.



Shallots Longor are a good shape with a good yield. Strong and flavoursome with good storage quality. Great in salads or casseroles! Hardy, autumn or spring planting.

### **ONION SETS**



Electric is a glossy, dark red onion which is harvested 4-6 weeks earlier than spring planted sets. This variety has good symmetrical globed shaped bulbs.



Senshyu Yellow is a heavy yielding, over wintering variety. Plant the sets (if possible) between 15th September and 15th October. If the weather is mild, it is best to plant as late as possible up to mid-October, to avoid problems of bolting. If the weather is cold it is best to plant earlier. They should then be ready for harvest in June. They are a very hardy Japanese variety, with semi-globe shaped bulbs. Their skin is golden with a white flesh underneath.

Plot Jobs advice for October can be found on our website at

<http://www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk/category/plotjobsbymonth/>

## How to grow early-flowering sweet peas with or without a greenhouse.

### Some guidelines

Growing sweet peas over winter will produce stronger, more robust plants. In October or November sow 2 seeds per pot into multi-purpose compost 1" deep in root trainers, loo rolls or tall pots with a long root run. Water well with a fine rose and do not water again until germination has taken place. Put the pots in a cold frame, unheated greenhouse, a light potting shed or a windowsill in a light, cool room. In the meantime, prepare the ground by incorporating rotted manure into the soil.

Once the seedlings germinate keep them cool at about 5 degrees centigrade. Pinch out the leader- the growing tip- shoot once you have 3 pairs of leaves to encourage strong side growth. Do not over-water at this stage.

Once the roots fill the root trainer or pot, plant them out. This should be mid to late March. Build a frame 6 feet high. Plant two sweet pea plants to each support about 8-10 inches apart at the base of each upright. For good quality blooms remove all side shoots and tendrils. Tie the plants into the frame as they grow and cut the flowers regularly to encourage more to grow. During the flowering period feed regularly with an all-purpose liquid feed.



## October RECIPE – whole roast celeriac with coriander seeds.

Courtesy of Georgina O'Reilly



1 large celeriac (1 kg), roots discarded and scrubbed clean.  
75mls olive oil  
1 ½ tsps. Coriander seeds, lightly crushed  
2 tsps. flaked sea salt  
Lemon – cut into wedges

Heat the oven to 170C or gas mark 3.

With the tip of a small sharp knife, pierce the celeriac all over then lay it in a baking dish and rub generously with the oil, coriander seeds and sea salt.

Roast for 2 ½ to 3 hours, basting every 30 minutes, until the celeriac is soft all the way through and golden brown on the outside.

Cut into wedges and serve with slices of lemon, a sprinkle of salt and a drizzle of oil.



## Mystery smell on Site 3

Stuart and Anne-Louise Rea sent this report;

Over the past few weeks, we have had terrible problems with the stench from what appeared to be the exploded corpses of small animals. Our plot (on Site 3) had many piles of bright red, sticky tubes which looked like guts. These were putrid-smelling (deeply, deeply foul) and were swarming with flies. It was quite alarming and very unpleasant.

It turns out these are not dead animals at all, but rather a fungus – the basket stinkhorn. These grow in mulch and on rotten wood, and presumably arrived as spores in the woodchip.

They mimic rotting flesh to attract flies, which then propagate the fungus's spores. Before they erupt into the pink mess, they are white and egg-like and are much easier to remove. (We suggest taking them offsite in a sealed bag to throw them in the waste.)

Internet searches suggest they are probably harmless, but by jiminy they smell and look absolutely awful!



## Gary has been busy painting his shed



## While Graham and Florence have been holding up their butternut squash with their tights



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October is sharpening day.

Bring along your shears, knives and lawnmowers to site 2 from 10.00 and at least until 14.00 but last time Adam came, he stayed until after 16.00.

First come, first served so you may have to wait, or you will be told a time to come back and collect.

Surrey Sharpeners

Get your tools ready for Sharpening !

Adam will be here on Sunday 20th October from 10am to at least 2pm

All prices include a 20% allotment discount.

Garden tools:	
Garden Set 1 (1 x secateurs + 1 x shears) Sharpen + Oiled	£10.00
Garden Shears, all types - Sharpened + Oiled	£8.00
Secateurs Sharpen + Oil	£4.00
Any 3 single edge tool - Spades, Adzes, forks, hoes, shovels	£14.40
Large bladed single edged tools (spades, adzes and shovels etc)	£6.00
Hoes	£4.00
hand Axe's, Hatchets and Kindling knives	£6.00
Large Axes from	£6.40
Bill and brush hooks from	£8.00
Rotary Lawnmower blades sharpen and balance Small	£8.00
Rotary Lawnmower blades sharpen and balance large	£10.00
Hand Push Cylinder mower blade sharpening	£12.00
Kitchen knives:	
6-10 knives (non ceramic)	£28.00
up to 5 knives (non ceramic)	£16.00
Individual knives: (non ceramic)	
Blade length 1-5 inches	£3.20
Blade length 6-8 inches	£4.00
Blade length 9-12 inches	£4.80
Other edged items:	
Regular scissors	£4.00
Fabric/dressmaking scissors based on size from	£6.00
Wood Chisels & Plane Irons from (minimum price subject to appraisal)	£3.20

20% discount is only applicable whilst on-site at allotments

Reuse and Recycle

In the spirit of mending, reusing and recycling – a new service has opened in the old carpet shop next door to Sainsburys on Upper Richmond Road. **Wandsworth Oasis** is a charity and it sells second hand furniture which they will collect (0208 755 4665).

There is also a zero-waste refill station run by Loco Soco where you can refill your own bottles with eco-friendly, biodegradable household cleaning and laundry liquids.

For those with teenagers there is a new clothing exchange <http://www.swopitup.org/> which is run by teenagers whose aim is to reduce the amount of clothes going to landfill.

Seed Swap

We are proposing to hold a **Seed Swap afternoon** early in the New Year, where members can bring seeds saved from their favourite plants or bring surplus from packets previously purchased. **Now is a perfect time to save seeds, once seed pods have ripened.** Seeds should be saved when they are dry and put into small paper bags or envelopes, clearly labelled as to species, if known, date of collection and some notes on performance i.e. height, spread, colour. If you have any digital photos of the plants, they are worth keeping on your phone as you can then show them at the swap meeting!

Details of the actual swap session will be sent out closer to the time.



## THE AUTUMN SHOW 2019

### First prize winners

#### Section A – Flowers

1. Vase of 1 giant or large dahlia of any variety – Vince Cottam & Mariangela Renshaw
2. Vase of mixed dahlias – Vince Cottam
3. Vase of decorative dahlias – Helen Finch (Best dahlia in show)
4. Vase of pompon dahlias– Mariangela Renshaw
5. Vase of cactus dahlias – Vince Cottam
6. Vase of ball flowered dahlias – no first prize
7. A vase of mixed perennial flowers (foliage allowed) – Ali & Rob Linton
8. Vase of cut flowers, 4 or more varieties, any foliage, arranged for all-round effect – Mariangela Renshaw
9. Vase of 3 or more annuals (can be mixed) – Georgina O'Reilly
10. Vase of orange &/or yellow flowers, foliage allowed, can include flowers from other classes – Jackie Savage
11. Vase of flowering stems of fuchsia, not more than 5 stems – no first prize
12. Vase of HT roses, not more than 4 stems – Melanie Tham
13. Vase containing 1 HT rose – Pip Melotte
14. Vase of multiflora roses, not more than 3 stems – Ali & Rob Linton
15. A table decoration, maximum length 25 cm – Mariangela Renshaw
16. Vase of 3 gladioli stems – no first prize

#### Section B - Flowers and Vegetables mixed

17. An exhibit of 2 each of 2 different vegetables or fruits – Jackie Savage
18. Any 1 specimen each of 1 kind of vegetable and 1 kind of flower – Mariangela Renshaw

#### Special Entry

19. Harvest Collection – a display of home-grown vegetables, fruits and flowers in any combination in a basket or suitable container – Artan Dellialisi

#### Section C - Vegetables

20. 2 aubergines – Georgina O'Reilly
21. 9 French beans – Carol Martinez
22. 9 runner beans – Vince Cottam

23. 9 of any other bean – Vince Cottam

24. 3 beetroot, round or oval – Stephen O'Kelly



25. 1 green cabbage – Melanie Tham
26. 1 red cabbage, with at – no entries
27. 3 carrots, any one variety, – Carol Martinez
28. A winter vegetable, e.g. cauliflower, leek, parsnip – Sarah de Souza
29. a) 2 cucumbers – grown under protection – Carol Martinez  
b) 2 cucumbers – grown outdoors – Carol Martinez
30. 1 Celeriac – Raj Patel
31. 3 garlic bulbs – Ruth Tighe
32. 4 different herbs – Helen Finch
33. A pot of one type of home- grown annual herb – Raj Patel
34. 1 marrow, (less than 35cms in length) any variety, any colour – Ali & Rob Linton
35. 4 onions, dressed for presentation – Raj Patel
36. a) 5 peppers, chilli – Carol Martinez  
b) A pot of growing chillies – Liz Smart
37. a) 3 peppers, sweet (capsicum) – Jonathon Compson  
b) A pot of growing capsicums – Sally Harvey (Best vegetable in show)
38. 5 potatoes, white, any one variety - Helen Finch
39. 5 potatoes, coloured, any one variety – Sally Harvey
40. 6 radishes, with tops and roots – no first prize
41. a) 9 shallots, pickling– no first prize  
b) 9 shallots, exhibition – no first prize
42. 1 pumpkin, any variety – Carol Martinez

- 43. 1 squash (winter or summer), any one variety – Sue Clark
- 44. 2 sweetcorn – Shan Kawatowski
- 45. 3 tomatoes, large- fruited with calyx, min. diam. 7.5 cm – Carol Martinez
- 46. 6 tomatoes, medium- fruited, with calyx – Mariangela Renshaw
- 47. 9 tomatoes, any colour, small fruited (cherry-type) – Mariangela Renshaw
- 48. 6 Tomatoes, plum-type with calyx – Helen Finch
- 49. 1 truss tomatoes, ripe or unripe – Ali & Rob Linton
- 50. 2 courgettes, any colour or variety – Mariangela Renshaw
- 51. 6 stalks of leaf vegetables – e.g. spinach, chard – Stephen O’Kelly
- 52.a A lettuce – Eva Knedlova
- 52. b. A display of 3 different seasonal vegetables that you like in a salad – Georgina O’Reilly
- 53. Any 1 vegetable not in Section C above – Carol Martinez (Tomatillos)
- 54. Collection of vegetables and / or fruits of 5 different kinds, in a box or tray – Carol Martinez
- 55. Collection of vegetables of 3 different kinds, – Georgina O’Reilly

### **A veg too far.....**

- 56. The biggest marrow – Sarah de Souza
- 57. The longest runner bean – Vince Cottam
- 58. The heaviest pumpkin – Nicola Khan
- 59. The largest diameter sunflower – no entries
- 59 (a) An ugly or funny shaped fruit or vegetable – Anthony Fitzsimmons

### **Section D - Fruit**

- 60. 3 cooking apples, with stalks, any one variety – Catherine Mansell-Bower
- 61. 3 dessert apples, with stalks, any one variety – Helen Finch
- 62. 12 blackberries, with calyx – Raj Patel
- 63. 1 bunch of grapes – Georgina O’Reilly
- 64. 3 pears, with stalks – Pat Dark
- 65. 12 raspberries, with calyx – no first prize
- 66. 12 of any hybrid berries, (e.g. boysenberry, tayberry) – no entries
- 67. Exhibit of any other edible fruit excluding those above – Raj Patel (Melon)

### **Section E – Novices**

For members who have not previously won first prize for any horticultural exhibit

- 68. Vase of 3 dahlias – no entries
- 69. Vase of mixed Flowers – no entries
- 70. Display of fruit – no entries
- 71. Dish of vegetables – Alan Strowger
- 72. A display of 3 different vegetables that you like in a salad – no entries

### **Section F - Children (under14)**

- 73. Funny animal or person made of anything grown – Callum Lodge
- 74. Colour picture of a vegetable or fruit Callum Lodge and Angus Lodge
- 75. A collage made from pictures in a seed catalogue – no entries

### **Section G - Cookery**

- 76. 6 sausage rolls – Ali & Rob Linton
- 77. Glass jar of chutney – Jackie Savage
- 78. A seasonal savoury item of cookery- e.g. quiche, pie or flan – no entries
- 79. Plain, wholemeal or speciality bread – Anthony Fitzsimmons
- 80. Glass jar of jam (not jelly)
  - a) Soft fruit – e.g. strawberry – Bill Pencharz
  - b) Stone fruit – e.g. plum – Liz Smart
- 81. Glass jar of jelly
  - a) Fruit – Jackie Savage/Ali & Rob Linton
  - b) Herb – no entries
- 82. Glass jar of marmalade – Shan Kawatowski
- 83. A cake made from a seasonal vegetable, e.g. beetroot, pumpkin – Ruth Barnwell
- 84. A ginger cake – Ruth Barnwell
- 85. 6 fruit scones – Ruth Tigie
- 86. A fruit flan using seasonal fruits – no entries
- 87. A plate of 6 biscuits, any type – Jenny Gorle
- 88. 5 flapjacks, any variety – Ruth Tigie
- 89. My favourite tea-time treat – no first prize
- 90. Homemade fruit cordial – Carol Martinez

### **Competitions** (judged by visitors to the Show):

An allotment, gardening or horticultural photograph – Jenny Gorle  
A flower display in a teapot - Georgina O’Reilly



## NOTICES

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sharpening Day – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
*between 10.00 and 14.00 site 2*

**AGM – Thursday 14th November -**  
*Roehampton Cricket Club House*

**Seed Swap – A Sunday afternoon in**  
*January-more details to follow*

**Roehampton Cricket Club** started in 1842!  
Based on Putney Heath ground (opposite what  
was The Telegraph pub).

Adults and mixed Juniors sections. **New**  
**Members always welcome.**

Tel: 07736 743183

[www.roehamptoncricketclub.com](http://www.roehamptoncricketclub.com)

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/RoehamptonCricketClub)

[RoehamptonCricketClub](https://www.facebook.com/RoehamptonCricketClub)

### RHS CONTACTS

Committee Chair: Helen Finch.

Site 2 Joint Allotment Secretaries Mariangela  
Renshaw & Elizabeth Smart.

Site 3 Joint Allotment Secretaries: Vivian  
Fowler & Alison Linton.

Site Manager: Catherine Maunsell-Bower.

Comments or questions for Chair and/or

Committee via website:

[rgs.sw15@gmail.com](mailto:rgs.sw15@gmail.com)

***All policies and procedures are on our***  
***website.***

[www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk](http://www.roehamptonallotments.co.uk)

### ***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

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

Mend and re-furbish old garden tools

[www.conservationfoundation.co.uk](http://www.conservationfoundation.co.uk)

### RGS email

As you know the email system was changed  
last year. Those of you on email should all  
have been receiving emails  
from [rgs.sw15@gmail.com](mailto:rgs.sw15@gmail.com). If you have not  
been receiving any, then please check your  
spam/junk folders. In order to be sure to get  
them in future please set  
up [rgs.sw15@gmail.com](mailto:rgs.sw15@gmail.com) as a known contact.

### RGS ADDRESS AND POST BOX

Fixed to the gate at site 2,  
Roehampton Garden Society  
The Pleasance Allotments  
The Pleasance  
London SW15 5HF

### 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.

planted without permission of your Site  
Secretary. *If you think someone is breaking  
the rules contact a committee member or me,*  
*Helen Finch, rather than confront another plot*  
*holder.* [Helen.finch2@btinternet.com](mailto:Helen.finch2@btinternet.com)  
07736 422373

## **DISCOUNTS**

*If you haven't picked up your membership card yet don't forget to ask next time you are in the store on site 2.*

### **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 is applied and 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.

### **AUSTIN MOWERS**

Repairs and sells reconditioned mowers and sharpens shears.

300 Garrett Lane, SW18 4EH

020 8874 4206 [www.austinmowers.com](http://www.austinmowers.com)

[austinmowers@aol.com](mailto:austinmowers@aol.com)

### **YOUR LOCAL LOCKSMITH**

**Professional & Reliable Service**

Complete Security Specialists

**Keys Cut**

**Lock & Safes Emergency Locksmith**

**Security Gates & Grilles Alarms**

391 Upper Richmond Road West, East Sheen, SW14 7NX

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.

07985 463 283

**The store** is open on Sunday mornings between 10 -12.00 noon.

Café, serving teas, coffee and homemade cake

### **NEXT BULLETIN**

November 2019. Editor Carol Martinez.

Email stories and photos to

[carolmartinez@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolmartinez@hotmail.co.uk) by 18<sup>th</sup>

November.

Recipe suggestions always welcome.