

RGS Autumn Show 2022

With great sadness the decision was made to cancel our show this year which was due to take place on Saturday 10th September. The timing was so very unfortunate with the Queen's death being announced in the afternoon of Thursday 8th September and the country being in a state of mourning. The Show takes a lot of planning and there is always a lot of activity on the day before the show so we needed to decide on the Friday morning whether the show should go on or not. Given that all horse racing, rail and postal strikes, cricket and other sporting events were cancelled or postponed we felt it would be crass for us to hold our show on the next day.

The plant sale Sunday 11th September:



One of the stalls at the show is the very popular Plant and Produce Stall. Various members had been nurturing plants for sale at the show so Georgina and Vivien with the help of a few others organised a very successful sale on the Sunday morning while the store was open. They managed to raise about £100! Since we had not fulfilled our contract with St Margaret's Church for hire of the hall we felt it right to donate the money raised to St Margaret's. They were very grateful and pleased to receive the donation.

Raj's wonderful produce:

Another plan for the show that was Raj's idea and project was to have a table of produce as a celebration of autumnal fruitfulness. He put out a beautiful display on site 3 mainly of squashes adding a chilli plant and a purple basil plant as a backdrop to all the colourful vegetables. It was a wonderful show of what can be grown if you are such a skilled gardener.



I hope we never have to cancel a show again but it is so good to see that our members, being gardeners, have great resilience and resourcefulness.

Many thanks to all the members who had volunteered to help with preparations and at the show and especially to Georgina, Vivien and Raj for giving us a last minute mini Show.

Helen Finch
Chair of RGS