



*Flitwick  
Gardeners' Association  
Wish all its members  
A Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year*

### Christmas 2017

Another year draws to a close and by the time you receive this we will have completed our annual stock take and our bulk delivery will have been received. As our Trading Secretary, Jim Godden, has already advised there will be some changes starting to happen with the number of products and choice of pack sizes being reduced. In order to speed up these changes look out for reduced items in the area near the compost room where they will be clearly marked.

In respect to the Seedbox, we have received no further information on the proposed development of the site, but assure you that as soon as we are informed we will let you know.

The next communication will be the telephone call from one of us to advise that potatoes and onions orders are ready for collection. When you get the call it would help us greatly if you could collect them as soon as possible so we can have the room to weigh up the remainder of the delivery for the other members.

Some may know, but many others not so, that our elected Treasurer, David Pateman, has been experiencing severe breathing difficulties over the last few months and is currently awaiting the go ahead on a lung transplant operation. On behalf of us all we wish David a speedy relief to his sufferings and trust the proposed operation proceeds in the near future.

In the meantime, the Executive Committee have agreed to confer David with an Honorary Life Membership in recognition for services to the Flitwick Gardeners Association over the last decade or so. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter I will have delivered this to David.

In conclusion and on behalf of The Executive Committee we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a good and great gardening year for 2018.

Syd Pye  
Chairman

## 2017 Autumn Show Report

Following the fun last year with checking in, this year I was able to do quite a few entry cards in advance but I soon found myself in the firing line of people wanting to enter things into the show. It also meant that I didn't really get to see what people were putting into the show so when I looked up there was a stunning array of flowers, fruit and vegetables. However my jaw dropped when I saw the size of the cabbages, marrows and pumpkins. After a frenetic 30 minutes we had managed to weigh 3 pumpkins over 100lbs (the heaviest being 300lbs), 4 marrows weighing between 35lbs and 62lbs and a cabbage weighing 35lbs (my own cabbage was a paltry 11lbs and none of the family would help us with the eating of it!!).

Once again we had a great selection of cakes for sale and the hall rapidly filled up with people keen to look around and everyone was impressed with display that the FGA members had put on.

As usual we rely on quite a number of people to help make the show happen, run smoothly and to clear down after the show. Thanks to everyone who helped at the show, baked cakes, exhibited, judged or came to look around.

Colin Stennett  
Show Secretary

## 2018 Photography classes

The photography classes for the 2018 Annual Show are:

103	Friends	104	Open Country
105	Grand Designs	106	Sports Report

The children's photography class subject is Transport

## Dates for your diary

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - First day of Trading

Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> - Spring Show

Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> - Annual Show

Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> - Autumn Show

Thursday **November** 15<sup>th</sup> - FGA Quiz

### **Seed Box Opening Hours**

Friday	7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. (Feb to Nov)
Saturday	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Feb to Nov)

General enquiries [enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk)

Flitwick Gardeners' Association  
**Telephone - 01525 – 717289 (24 hour answerphone)**  
**Pre-Season Potato and Onion Sets Order Form – 2018**

Name..... Address .....

Telephone.....F.G.A. Membership Number .....

*Please reserve the following packs of Seed Potatoes and Onion sets for me when they are delivered. Orders handed in by the end of Dec 2017 will be telephoned to advise when they are ready for collection.*

Number of Packs	Variety	Total Cost
<b>“First Earlies” 3 Kg (10)</b>		
<b>3kg</b>	<b>10 seed</b>	
.....	Duke of York (RED)	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Epicure	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Foremost	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Lady Christl	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Pentland Javelin	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Rocket (EARLY)	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Swift (VERY EARLY)	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Winston	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
<b>“Second Earlies” (3 Kg)</b>		
.....	Charlotte	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Kestrel	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Marfona	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Wilja	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
<b>“Main Crop” (3 Kg)</b>		
.....	Cara	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Desiree	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Estima	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	King Edward	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Majestic	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Maris Piper	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Pentland Crown	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Picasso	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Sarpo Mira	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
.....	Vales Sovereign	£ 3.45 (€1.50) .....
<b>Specials varieties</b>		
.....	Anya (Salad)	£ 2.35 .....
.....	International Kidney	£ 2.35 .....
.....	Osprey	£ 2.35 .....
.....	Pink Fir Apple (Salad)	£ 2.35 .....
<b>“Onion Sets and Shallots”</b>		
.....	Golden Gourmet Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 1.60 .....
.....	Red Sun Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 1.60 .....
.....	Red Baron Onion Sets (0.25 Kg)	£ 1.00 .....
.....	Sturon Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 1.00 .....
.....	Stuttgarter Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 1.00 .....

		Total Due £.....
+ _____	Total number of packs	
_____	spud sets	Less Deposit Paid £.....
		(Minimum Deposit 50p per pack)
		<b>BALANCE DUE £.....</b>

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**For F.G.A. use**                      Telephoned .....