



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

Christmas 2018

Firstly, from the deputy, now acting Chairman:

To all our members and your families from the Executive and Show Committees, we wish you  
A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Secondly,

Message from the Chair

I had not expected to be doing this again, but with the departure of Syd for pastures new I find myself temporarily in the chair again, so here goes. The message is still the same; we need your help, especially reasonably fit males who can assist by transporting and loading our bulkier items such as bags of compost into customer's cars. We do have trolleys and sack barrows!!! You won't be expected to open and close the Seedbox or handle money; the till personnel will do that but if you can help on a rota basis please make yourself known to the Executive member on duty. The mention of till helpers brings me to say a big thank you to all who give up their time on a Friday evening or Saturday afternoon; till operators, loaders, Executive members and their spouses and families who do so much behind the scenes work. Remember, nobody receives a penny for all their time and effort, so again I say to all  
THANK YOU

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

J-P CARTER

### **2019 Dates for your Diary**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - First day of Trading at the Seed box

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Spring Show

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August - Annual Show

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Autumn Show

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - FGA Quiz

### **Seed Box Opening Hours (first Saturday in February – last Saturday in November)**

Friday	7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Saturday	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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

### **2017 Autumn Show Report**

Once again we had a busy time with people wanting to check in their flowers and fruit along with their vegetables in all shapes and sizes. It soon became apparent, as more and more pumpkins and large marrows came into the hall that we would need to start weighing them; otherwise we'd never complete the task in time. I was soon being told that one pumpkin was too large for the scales - fortunately I'd got a sheet giving details on how to measure the pumpkin to estimate its weight, which showed that it weighed about 370lbs. Around the rest of the hall were excellent displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables.

For the first time in many years the show also had 3 flower arrangement classes courtesy of the Mid Beds Flower Club where there were a number of very good displays.

My thanks to all those people who put in exhibits, and those that helped in whatever capacity to make the show run so smoothly and provide visitors to the show with scrumptious cakes to enjoy.

Let's hope that 2019 gives all our gardeners the weather they need for growing excellent crops to enter into our shows; as well as having good fruit and vegetables to eat and beautiful flowers to enjoy.

Colin Stennett  
Show Secretary

### **Photographic classes for Annual Show 2019**

103. Colours 104. Letters of the Alphabet 105. Numbers 106. Shapes

**Flitwick Gardeners' Association**  
**Telephone - 01525 – 717289 (24 hour answerphone)**

**Pre-Season Potato and Onion Sets Order Form – 2019**

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 2018 will be telephoned to advise when they are ready for collection.***

Number of Packs 3kg	Variety 10 seed	“First Earlies” 3 Kg (10)	Total Cost
.....	<b>Duke of York (RED)</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Epicure</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Foremost</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>International Kidney</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Lady Christl</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Pentland Javelin</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Maris Bard</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Rocket (EARLY)</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Swift (VERY EARLY)</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Winston</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
 “Second Earlies” (3 Kg)			
.....	<b>Charlotte</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Kestrel</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Marfona</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....
.....	<b>Wilja</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	(£1.50) .....

**"Main Crop" (3 Kg)**

.....	<b>Cara</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	<b>(£1.50)</b>	.....
.....	<b>Carolus</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	<b>(£1.50)</b>	.....
.....	<b>Desiree</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	<b>(£1.50)</b>	.....
.....	<b>King Edward</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	<b>(£1.50)</b>	.....
.....	<b>Maris Piper</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	<b>(£1.50)</b>	.....
.....	<b>Majestic</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	<b>(£1.50)</b>	.....
.....	<b>Pentland Crown</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	<b>(£1.50)</b>	.....
.....	<b>Picasso</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	<b>(£1.50)</b>	.....
.....	<b>Vales Sovereign</b>	<b>£ 3.45</b>	<b>(£1.50)</b>	.....

**Salad variety**

.....	<b>Pink Fir Apple</b>	<b>£ 2.35</b>
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**"Onion Sets and Shallots"**

.....	<b>Golden Gourmet Shallots (0.5 Kg)</b>	<b>£ 1.60</b>	.....
.....	<b>Red Sun Shallots (0.5 Kg)</b>	<b>£ 1.60</b>	.....
.....	<b>Red Baron Onion Sets (0.25 Kg)</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>	.....
.....	<b>Sturon Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>	.....
.....	<b>Stuttgarter Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>	.....

**Total Due £.....**

**+ Total number of packs**  
spud sets

**Less Deposit Paid £.....**  
**(Minimum Deposit 50p per pack)**

**BALANCE DUE £.....**

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