



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

Christmas 2024

Message from the Chair

Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

One of the pleasures and challenges of gardening is that every year is different, and 2024 has been no different. We had a warm/wet spring, a cool/dull summer and the areas' wettest month on record in September with over four times the monthly average rainfall (I hope you weren't affected). Consequently, some things did well in my allotment (soft fruit and slugs/snails) and garden (apples) and others did poorly (sweetcorn and carrots) but hey-ho, that's gardening! Increasing variability in our weather is one of the expected consequences of increasing greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. The FGA is doing its small part by going peat-free and I hope our members will continue to support us in this next year.

As always, it's been a busy year for the FGA. We have secured our new lease for the Seedbox and supplied most, if not all, of your gardening needs over the year. And the Show Committee has organised three very successful shows, the ever-popular annual quiz, and a highly enjoyable trip to the wonderful RHS gardens at Hyde Hall. As we draw towards the end of another year, I'd like to thank all of the Committee members, key holders, till helpers, compost room helpers and 'Thursday mob' members (and anyone else I've forgotten) for their time and enthusiasm. As a member-run association, we can't function without this small group of enthusiastic volunteers. But as the time for New Year resolutions approaches, why not resolve to offer some of your time or skills to the FGA next year?

Finally I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and let's hope for great gardening in 2025.

Ian Holman
FGA Chairman

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

Friday	Closed until further notice
Saturday	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Closed on Show Days)

General enquiries enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

Dates for 2025

Seed Box re-opens Saturday 1st February 2025

Spring Show - Saturday 29th March 2025

Annual Show - Saturday 23rd August 2025

Autumn Show - Saturday 11th October 2025

FGA Quiz – Thursday 20th November 2025

No date has been set for the AGM.

As Always.....

We would still benefit from more volunteers to help at the Seedbox.

If you feel able to assist, please contact us by email: -

enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

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Telephone - 01525 – 717289 (24 hour answerphone)

Pre-Season Potato and Onion Sets Order Form – 2025

Name..... Address
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Telephone.....F.G.A. Membership Number

Please reserve the following packs of Seed Potatoes and Onion sets for me when they are delivered

Orders received by the end of Dec 24 will be telephoned to advise when they are ready for collection.

Number of Packs 3kg 10 seed	Variety	Total Cost	
	“First Earlies”	3 Kg	(10)
.....	Duke of York	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Duke of York (RED)	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Foremost	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Maris Bard	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Pentland Javelin	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Rocket(EARLY)	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Swift (VERY EARLY)	£5.00	(£2.50)
	“Second Earlies”	3 Kg	(10)
.....	Acoustic	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Charlotte	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Kestrel	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Marfona	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Wilja	£5.00	(£2.50)
	“Main Crop”	3 Kg	(10)
.....	Cara	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Desiree	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	King Edward	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Maris Piper	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Picasso	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Organic Setanta	£5.00	(£2.50)
.....	Caledonian Rose	£5.00	(£2.50)

“Onion Sets and Shallots”

.....	Red Sun Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£2.75
.....	Yellow Moon Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£2.75
.....	Biztro Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£2.75
.....	Red Baron Onion Sets (0.25 Kg)	£2.50
.....	Centurion F1 Onion Sets (0.25 Kg)	£2.50
.....	Sturon Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£2.50
.....	Stuttgarter Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£2.50
.....	Hercules F1 Onion Sets (0.25 Kg)	£2.50

Total Due £.....

Less Deposit Paid £

(Minimum Deposit 50p per pack)

BALANCE DUE £

For F.G.A. use Telephoned