



Flitwick Gardeners' Association

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 6th April 2024 - Spring Show

Thursday 18th April 2024 - Annual General Meeting (19:40)

Saturday 29th June 2024 - FGA outing to RHS Hyde Hall

Saturday 17th August 2024 - Annual Show

Saturday 12th October 2024 - Autumn Show

Thursday 21st November 2024 - FGA Quiz

Flitwick Gardeners' Association

We are an association run by members, for members. Our aim is to promote gardening in Flitwick and the surrounding villages.

We have a members' shop, The Seed Box, where we try to stock useful items including seeds, tools and chemicals at very competitive prices. We also have a library and a small range of loan equipment.

We run shows, organise an annual quiz and run the occasional trip to visit a garden. We're always pleased to welcome new members and always looking for help in running the Association and activities. We'd love to hear from you – just a few hours here and there would make all the difference.

How to find us

The Seed Box is situated behind the site of the old Flitwick Leisure Centre on Steppingley Road, MK45 1TH.

Construction of the new development on the Old Leisure Centre site has started, so temporary access to the Seed Box is now via the back of the New Leisure Centre car park. If you're unsure, see the colour map at <https://www.flitwickgardeners.co.uk/fgaopen.htm>

Seed box Opening Hours

Friday	Closed until further notice
Saturday	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm Feb to Nov (closed on Show and FGA outing days)

Telephone

Outside of these hours you can always leave a message for us on the answering machine on **01525 717289**.

Email addresses

General enquiries etc.	enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk
Magazine	newsletter@flitwickgardeners.co.uk
Show info and entries	fgashow@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

Website / Facebook address

Facebook Group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/flitwickgardeners
Website	www.flitwickgardeners.co.uk

Executive Committee

J-P Carter	Deputy and Chairman (acting) and Show Committee
Daniel Doyle	Trading Coordinator
Colin Stennett	Secretary and Show Secretary
Leonie Coverley	Treasurer
Laurie Arnold	Seeds and Deputy Trading Coordinator
Kath Stennett	Show Committee
Francis Prior	Membership Secretary
Ian Holman	Deputy Secretary, Magazine Editor and Show Committee
Ann Lutley	Publicity Officer
Sue Titchener	Seed Box Rota Coordinator

Show Committee (not mentioned above)

Sue Foster

Honorary Life Members

Linda Pitts, Syd Pye, Maryan Pateman, J-P Carter, Anne Godden, Colin & Kath Stennett, Laurie Arnold

Chit Chat from the Chair

When I stepped down from the chair two years ago, making way for a younger man in Jim I really didn't expect to be here again. As Deputy Chairman I thought it would only be a case of filling in when he was unavailable, which wasn't very often! Like a good glue he held the FGA together and I now have concerns for the Association following his passing. In last winter's Chit Chat he did comment on the need for younger members to volunteer: two hours on a Saturday afternoon, maybe once a month. Come on, we need you!

As usual there is a full schedule of Shows planned for the year ahead, starting with the Spring Show in early April. If you have young children or grandchildren, do consider entries for their classes and if you have never entered before, see what there is for you in the Novices section. It's how I began some 40 years ago and I still remember the thrill of my first rosettes. The other immediate date for your diary is April 18th with the AGM being held at the Rufus Centre. Please attend as its your Association; you pay your subscriptions, tell us what you think of what we do and don't do, how we do it, what should we be doing, what you want, as I say, its your Association.

That's all for now folks; enjoy your gardening.

J-P Carter
Deputy and Acting Chairman.

Don't forget to renew your membership.

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2024, please come along to the Seed Box to do so as soon as possible. You have until the AGM on 18th April to renew, after this date your membership will expire, and you will need to pay an additional £3 re-joining fee.

Francis Prior Membership Secretary

Remembering Jim Godden

Jim Godden was my friend and a good one too. Not just mine but almost everyone he came into contact with could say the same. Someone who not only spoke his mind but backed his words with action. If it needed doing he was there, along with whoever he could muster with his own persuasive manner and the FGA owe him a debt of gratitude.

Gardening was one of his great pleasures, no doubt an inheritance from his Dad who was also an allotment holder back home down Southampton way. He himself arrived in Flitwick with his wife Anne in the early 90's and because of his being banned from his back garden which was Anne's domain, very soon took on an allotment which is where we first met, then another and later, yet another so that between us we had well over 10% of Station Road! It came as no surprise that he soon became the Allotment representative. The Council then was a very different animal to the more cooperative and amenable one of today. Jim got things done but it was abrasive hard work. Thankfully, it's a better atmosphere now.

From early on he grew a wide variety of crops, always trying something new and different. One plot was dedicated to fruit and much of another to cut flowers, daffodils, gladioli and dahlias which were exhibited every year at our Spring and Summer Shows with much success and it didn't end there, his hanging baskets of fuchsias and begonias were ever present. The remaining ground obviously produced much for the table but not only as, again, success was had in the vegetable Show classes. To him it didn't matter if he wasn't placed first, what mattered was that he had an exhibit, without entries what is the purpose of a show and if his entry came second or third that was a bonus. Of course mention must be made about his pumpkins. He was in regular competition with several members over time, each year the weights getting heavier and heavier: one year the scales could not give an exact reading as the 300 pound limit was breached! He actually won the trophy 12 times but the name Godden appears 13 times as on one occasion he entered two fruits, one in his name and a second for his wife Anne - she won!

His contribution to the FGA cannot be overstated. Joining the Executive Committee was only a first step; soon after, the post of Trading Secretary sadly became vacant and he took on the responsibility of deciding and ordering not only what commercial items were stocked in the Seedbox but also all the seasonal items. Plug plants were brought on in his crammed greenhouses at home, trips made to the auctions in Spalding and transported in members cars back to Flitwick whilst more were obtained and nurtured for the Plant Sale outside the Bank on Station Square for which he himself made the market stall; once even, a potato delivery was organised by him on the phone from the car as Anne was driving them to Scotland on holiday! When the Treasurer's position also unfortunately became available it was he that took on the mantle, intending to hand one or the other over as soon as a suitable volunteer could be recruited; it's a sad reflection that it took three years for that to happen. For all that time he carried on with the other needs of the posts, organising

the annual stocktake just before Xmas, bagging and weighing of potatoes and onion sets during the closed period, overseeing the Monday Mob that kept the Seedbox properly stocked with compost and own packs throughout the year, the list of jobs performed behind the scenes is endless; what is amazing is that for the most part, all of this was happening before he had even retired, he was still a working man but his planning skills meant that he managed somehow, even to the extent that when we were still opening on Friday nights he had a regular standing order with the local fish and chip shop that he could collect his evening meal after closing the Seedbox. It was necessary Friday nights were stopped because with the lack of support from the membership- he acknowledged even he couldn't keep doing both days of a weekend. He cared about the FGA but had a life outside of it. In the few quiet times at the Seedbox the discussion could well be model railways, golf, foreign holidays and my particular passion, football, whilst at home Match of the Day was apparently sacrosanct.

Returning to his involvement with the FGA he had one more role to play. When I stepped down from the Chair for various reasons there was really only one person who could take over, wasn't there? Under his stewardship we have seen the Seedbox protected and by circumstance, the allotments, in relation to the construction of the retirement village being built on the old leisure centre site; not a bad legacy. Allotment Representative, Trading Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman, he did it all and I give a big thank you to my departed friend.

J-P Carter
Deputy and Acting Chairman.

Show Committee Report

Once again FGA members produced some stunning vegetables, flowers, fruit, home produce, handicraft items and photographs to enter our shows. All 3 shows were well supported by exhibits from members and by the number of people looking around the hall when we opened the shows to the public, not only to enjoy the exhibits but also some delicious homemade cakes. In fact, our Autumn show had the highest number of exhibits ever. It was good to see so many of our regular exhibitors, as well as quite a lot of new people, putting entries into the shows. Our quiz in November was enjoyed by the 16 teams that took part and I even needed to use my tiebreaker question to determine the eventual winners. The evening also raised £68 each for Keech and Flitwick Combined Charities.

Once again, I'd like to thank those people who made all the events such a success, whether helping with the setting up, organising, making / serving refreshments and or entering. We can always cater for more entries in the shows, more help with setting up.

Colin Stennett (Show Secretary)

2024 Spring Show cookery classes

For this year's Spring Show, the 2 cookery classes are:

- A Baked Bedfordshire Clanger with a savoury filling at one end and sweet at the other.
- A Chocolate Cake

Why not give both classes a try?

Free onion sets

We will have at the Spring Show, and afterwards at the Seed Box, Onion sets for children to grow at home for exhibiting at the Annual Show. Make sure your children and grandchildren get theirs!

Colin Stennett

Show Secretary

2024 Annual Show Photography classes

The classes for the 2024 Annual Show on Saturday 17th August are:

103 Wish you were here

104 Grand Designs

105 Wild Isles

106 Portrait artist of the year

The children's photography class will be 'My favourite photograph'.

2024 FGA AGM

We've been able to get the Moorfield room at the Rufus Centre in which to hold our AGM, on Thursday 18th April 2024. It is not a meeting where we try to get everyone who attends to join the committee, unless you want to, but to keep all our members informed and you get a chance to ask the committee any questions you have.

Therefore, please come along so that the committee are not the only ones attending!!

Colin Stennett

Secretary

FGA outing to RHS Hyde Hall (Saturday 29th June)

After last year's very enjoyable outing to Shuttleworth and the Swiss Garden, this year we've decided to go to RHS Hyde Hall on Saturday 29th June. We'll be using the FGAs RHS discount card to get a 50% discount off entry on the day. If you're interested in coming along, please either email enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk or let us know at the Seedbox. We'll help arrange car shares where needed.

Colin Stennett (Secretary)

Help us grow the FGA!

Bring along a friend, neighbour, family member (basically anyone you know!) to the Seedbox before the 18th April, and we'll waive the £3 joining fee. They'll get all of the advantages of FGA membership (access to the Seedbox's fantastic value products; hire tools; Shows; outings etc) for just the annual £3 membership fee.

Francis Prior Membership Secretary

Do you grow blueberries?

Have you been disappointed with the results? If so, it's my bet you're using the wrong compost! Blueberries, cranberries, azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias are acid-loving lime-hating plants. Ordinary compost is not good for them, pale leaves with yellow veins, small fruit, flowers that drop before maturity - all are signs of mulching or feeding with ordinary or homemade compost/proprietary products. Come to the Seedbox for ericaceous compost for your best results.

J-P Carter (Deputy and Acting Chairman)

FGA Trading Report

This coming period we will be selling through all our remaining potatoes, onions and shallots (you will be amazed at how well and how long they keep). We can then look to set up the stand for all the things needed to help you grow your show season beauties and beasts.

You will be happy to know that the prices for products at the seed box for this year will not change, but I am currently sourcing new business for products so please prepare yourself for a new selection, but with that still see the great discount prices you know and love to see.

Due to the Peat Free changeover, I have sourced some Bark for our members. If selling goes well, we can and will order in more. If anyone has any suggestions for compost lines or products that they would like to see us sell, please let me know either on my duty weekends or through other key holders or leave a message by phone or email. There will be a general order coming in for the popular lines we have sold out of and for some that we know are in demand.

Lastly, please if you are physically capable please help support our volunteers with the compost, with the parking challenges any support is more than welcome. Hoping everyone success in their gardens and allotments. Happy planting!

Daniel Doyle (FGA Trading Secretary)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday 18th April 2024
Moorfield Room, Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road, Flitwick
7.45pm**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th April 2023.
3. Chairman's Address.
4. Presentation of Annual Reports.
5. Presentation of the Financial Report.
6. Election of officers:-
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Trading Officer
 - e) Executive Committee.
 - f) Sub-Committee Additional Members.
 - g) Honorary Auditor.
7. To consider the motion proposed by the Secretary and seconded by the Treasurer that the Annual Subscription, Joining Fee and Re-Joining Fee remain unchanged at £3.00 each and that the Surcharge to the Annual Subscription Fee where applied remains unchanged at £3
8. Report on the Future of the Seed box.
9. Any other business.

Nominations for the four Officer appointments are to be lodged at the Seed Box or with the Secretary, Colin Stennett, 10 Salisbury Road, Flitwick, Beds, MK45 1UD at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

Chairman's Report for FGA AGM

I wish to open this annual report with a tribute to our recently passed Chairman, Mr. J.G Godden known to one and all as Jim, a stalwart of the FGA. Thanks for all you did Jim and rest in peace.

The issues concerning the Seedbox are still not fully resolved but thanks to the efforts of various Committee members we should have an agreed lease with the Council in place very soon.

The Care Home development is taking longer than expected and slightly impacting our operations but the contractors are also very obliging in assisting us with access and improvements. We will get there ultimately.

The Shows go from strength to strength; exhibit quality and public feedback continues to rise; long may this continue, whilst the annual quiz is more than meeting its target of the support for the above and we are therefore able to make donations to our preferred local charities.

The trading environment within the Seedbox whilst having been revamped, with stock ranges being reduced and reorganised is still necessarily ongoing. Watch this space.

Thanks to a few members stepping up to be keyholders we are able to open most Saturdays; without these it would be difficult to operate as much as we do but the perennial problem remains, we need more members to be more involved which requires both volunteers and being personally approached.

Financially, the FGA is healthy, physically less so, a fact borne out by the fact that we are considering an outing for later in the year to an RHS Garden but without numbers it will be self driven/car shared.

Overall, a curate's egg but with a little more support next year could be free-range!

J-P Carter (Deputy and Acting Chairman)

AGM TRADING REPORT

I would like to start off with thanking everyone for Another great year of trading and the support from all members, none of this would be possible without the team of volunteers that continue to keep this Association running.

This year we made the unanimous decision to go Peat-Free trading in 2024. We understand that leaving the products we know and love can be hard but if we don't adapt then we will not be able to continue to run and there is a legal requirement that we will not be able to sell Peat based produce at some point this year. With this in mind please keep your eyes out for our special offer "make your own compost" consisting of; 1 x bag of PEAT 3kg Blood fish and bone and 3kg Horticultural sand.

Some of you will have noticed that we ran potato orders very tight this year to help reduce the wastage seen in previous years and I believe it has been a huge success and its great to see everything being snapped up. Thank you to all members that pre-ordered and pre-paid for their potatoes, onions and shallots and I wish you and your seeds the best success this year and look forward to your repeat order at the end of this year.

Daniel Doyle (FGA Trading Secretary)

Treasurer's Report 2023

First up, a big thank you to everybody who has helped with the FGA and the Seed Box this past year. We do rely on volunteers to keep everything running on a shoestring, and keep prices low, so thanks to you all! Despite the challenging economic environment and inflated costs, we have managed to balance the books.

- Total **Sales were slightly down** (£19,155 this year vs £20,101 prior year). Sales of Compost, Potatoes and Seeds remained strong but there was a reduction in sales of General gardening items.
- This year we did a lighter restock than 2022 so **Purchase costs were lower** (£17,057 this year vs £21,728 prior year).
- As Sales, Purchases and Stock movement broadly balanced out, the overall **Trading Surplus was similar to last year** (£4,716 this year vs £4,434 prior year)
- Shows and Social events raised combined funds of £206 (vs £245 prior year). As last year, Quiz profits were shared with Keech Hospice and Flitwick Combined Charities – both of which thanked the FGA warmly.

- After taking into account additional expenses, such as bank charges, telephone costs and rent, the **Net Surplus was £2,731 in 2023** (vs £2,037 prior year).

I am conscious that we have recorded a 'surplus' the last few years but this may be a little misleading. The FGA holds a large amount of stock (£40,670 at Year End) and this has a major bearing on the bottom line. For 2024, the intention is to have a review of the stock items and their value, particularly some of the older items. If we do write down stock value, this would potentially lead to a one-off deficit next year so I'm giving prior warning!

Last, but certainly not least, a special 'Hats Off' from me to Jim, who will be very much missed by us all in the FGA. He was an inspirational leader as FGA Chair, and taught me everything I knew when I joined as Treasurer! I will add my appreciation for the energy, time and commitment that Jim put into everything that he did – what a great example to us all.

As ever, please do contact me if you have any financial questions. Many thanks,

Leonie Coverley
Treasurer

Flitwick Gardeners' Association
Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023

<u>2022</u> £	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £	<u>Income</u>	£	<u>2023</u> £
21,728	Purchases	17,057		8,251	Sales:		
-	Plus Creditors - Current Year	-		1,977	~ General	7,127	
-	Less Creditors - Previous Year	-	17,057	1,170	~ Potatoes	2,262	
(38,052)	Less Stock - Current Year	-	(40,670)	8,703	~ Seeds	1,227	
31,866	Plus Stock - Previous Year	38,062		20,101	~ Compost	8,539	
15,542		14,439			Plus Debtors - Current Year	19,155	
104	Trading Expenses	-		-	Less Debtors - Previous Year	-	
20	Trading Assets - Depreciation (see overleaf)	-				-	
4,435	Trading Surplus for Year	4,716		20,101			
20,101	TOTAL	19,155		20,101	TOTAL	19,155	

<u>Income & Expenditure Account</u>		
112	General Expenses	156
493	Show & Social Expenses (see overleaf)	870
-	Redecoration & Repairs	-
628	Rent (Inc. Amortisation) & Insurance	640
806	Magazines & Printing	468
444	Fire Protection/Alarm Contract	489
65	Affiliations	75
551	Telephone	580
205	Gratuites & Donations	208
-	Sponsorship & Advertising	-
758	Bank & PDQ Charges	699
-	Cash Differences on Till (net)	-
2,038	Net Income to Accumulated Fund	2,731
6,100	TOTAL	6,916

4,435	Trading Surplus	4,716
836	Membership Income	938
738	Show & Social Income (see overleaf)	1,076
21	Other Income: ~ Bank Interest	177
4	~ Equipment Loans	6
66	Cash Differences on Till (net)	3

<u>Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023</u>		
-	Creditors	-
70,724	Accumulated Fund/B/F	40,670
2,038	From Income & Expenditure Account	-
	~ Current Account	9,084
	~ Deposit Account	25,508
72,762	TOTAL	75,493

-	Fixed Assets	-
38,052	Stock at Cost	40,670
-	Debtors	-
14,167	Cash at Bank	9,084
20,331		25,508
212	Cash in Hand	231
72,762	TOTAL	75,493

I confirm the above records are in agreement with the books and information supplied to me and reflect a true statement of the Association's affairs.

Flitwick Gardeners' Association
Notes to the Accounts - 2023

Trading Assets and Depreciation

<u>Item</u>	<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Cost</u> £	<u>Yrs Dep</u> £	<u>Previous Dep</u> £	<u>Current Dep</u> £	<u>Current Value</u> £
n/a					-	-
Seed Box Lease	Sep-98	9,800	20	9,800		-
(Previous lease was amortised 1998 - 2017 and a new lease is pending action from Flitwick Town Council)						
Total Assets						-

Show and Social Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Spring Show	95	110	146	156
Garden Trip	-	350	-	175
Summer Show	204	203	198	248
Autumn Show	81	86	107	173
Quiz Night	113	121	287	325
Sundry	-	-	-	-
Totals	493	870	738	1,076
Net Profit			245	207

Bank Reconciliation

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Current Account per statement	8,721	9,220
Less unrepresented Payments	(58)	(136)
Plus unrepresented Receipts	-	-
Less early payment received re: next year's trading	-	-
Add back early payment made re: next year's trading	5,504	-
Current Account adjusted	14,167	9,084
Business Savings Account	20,331	25,508
TOTAL Bank balance	34,499	34,593

L Coverley 01.01.2024
Treasurer

Flitwick Gardeners' Association

RULES

As at 20th April, 2023

1.Name: The name of the Association shall be the Flitwick Gardeners' Association.

2.Objects: To promote the interests of gardeners and allotment holders and to take joint action for the benefit of members; To arrange for instruction, trips, and shows and to distribute literature pertaining to these objectives.

3.Members: The Association shall consist of persons who are resident within the Town of Flitwick and nearby towns and villages.

4.Fees and Subscriptions: There will be a joining fee for all new members and for lapsed members applying to rejoin after membership has lapsed in accordance with Rule 5. Every member shall pay an annual subscription, payable in advance of the due date of January 1st. Members receiving the magazine by Royal Mail shall pay an annual surcharge. The amount of the joining fee and of the annual subscription and the surcharge shall be set annually by the Annual General Meeting.

5.Arrears: Any member who is in arrears with his subscription at the time of the AGM shall be deemed to have ceased to be a member unless explanation is given to the Committee in writing of extenuating circumstances.

6.Officers: The Officers shall be Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Trading Secretary. All Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

7.Committee: The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by an Executive Committee of not less than eight members. A quorum shall be of not less than five members. Vacancies arising may be filled by co-option on the authority of the Executive Committee. All members shall retire annually, and a fresh Committee be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

8.General Meetings: An Annual General Meeting shall be held during March or April each year. 14 days' notice shall be given, and a quorum shall be ten members. At the meeting shall be presented the Reports from the Officers and a set of Examined Accounts and the Officers and Executive Committee Members elected for the coming year. The Financial Year shall be from the First of January until the Thirty-First of December. The Secretary shall have authority to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time after giving the due notice, but he shall always do so if so, requested by no less than ten general members in writing.

9.Discussions at Meetings: No party political or sectarian discussions shall be raised, or resolutions proposed, at any Committee, sub-committee or General Meeting of the Association.

10.Funds: The Committee shall open an account with a Bank selected by the Executive Committee in the name of the Flitwick Gardeners Association and all monies received from any source on behalf of the Association shall be passed through the Treasurer or their nominee to be paid into the account. Payments of value over £100 should be authorised by two members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall always be the Treasurer or their nominee; payments below this value can be authorised by one Officer only.

11.Association Accounts: The end of year accounts shall be examined by an examiner who is not a member of the Executive Committee and submit their report to the Annual General Meeting.

12.Affiliation: The Association shall affiliate itself to any suitable Group providing it is non-political or non-sectarian and shall pay such annual affiliation fees as may from time to time be prescribed. Nominees may be appointed to represent the Association at the various organisations as determined from time to time.

13.Offences: The Executive Committee may terminate the membership of a member whose conduct is proved to their satisfaction to be detrimental to the Association or to the interests of their fellow members. Any charge against a member must be communicated in writing. An appeal from a decision of the Executive Committee may be made to a Special General Meeting on the requisition in writing of three members to the Secretary who will convene an Extraordinary General Meeting as soon as possible to hear the appeal.

14.Conversion, Dissolution, Etc: The Association may be converted into a registered society, or may be dissolved, or these rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present at a General Meeting convened with the due fourteen days' notice. The notice convening the General Meeting shall list the reason(s) for calling it.

15.Matters arising not covered by these Rules: Any matter not covered by the rules may be dealt with by the Executive Committee at its sole discretion.

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 6th April 2024 at the Village Hall.

Staging of exhibits 12:30- 2pm
Judging 2 - 3pm
Public admitted 3pm – **No admission charge**

RULES

1. All classes are open to members of the Association, their partners and to their children or grandchildren who are 16 years or younger.
2. Entries can be made at the show when brought in for staging or **Email entries in advance to: FGASHOW@Flitwickgardeners.co.uk**
3. There will be no entry fee for exhibits.
4. **Each Exhibitor may enter up to 2 entries in any one class**
5. Classes 1 - 14, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25 and 27 to be shown as cut flowers in vases to be supplied by the FGA.
6. Entries for Classes 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26 to be shown as grown.
7. All exhibits in classes 1 to 25 (inclusive) and 27 must be grown by the exhibitor in their garden or allotment.
8. Pot Plants must be exhibited in terracotta or plain plastic type pots and for class 26 must have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 6 months.
9. **NO Exhibit should be removed from display until after the raffle has been completed** (approximately 16:00).

TROPHIES

- Flitwick Gardeners Association Spring Show – Best Vase in Show
- Flitwick Gardeners Association Spring Show – Best Bloom in Show

NARCISSI (DAFFODILS)

See page 19 for further information on the classification of daffodils.

CLASS No. DIVISION 1 TRUMPET DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 | One Bloom Yellow Petals |
| 2 | One Bloom White / Cream Petals |
| 3 | One Vase, Three Blooms of one Cultivar |

DIVISION 2 LARGE-CUPPED DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

- | | |
|---|--|
| 4 | One Bloom Yellow Petals |
| 5 | One Bloom White / Cream Petals |
| 6 | One Vase, Three Blooms of one Cultivar |

DIVISION 3 SMALL-CUPPED DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

- 7 One Bloom, any colour
8 One Vase, Three Blooms of one Cultivar

DIVISION 4 DOUBLE DAFFODIL CULTIVARS

- 9 One Bloom, any colour
10 One Vase, Three Blooms of one Cultivar

MULTI-HEADED DAFFODIL CULTIVAR

- 11 One Stem
12 One Vase of Three Stems of one Cultivar

Any Other Daffodil Cultivar not mentioned above, including miniatures

- 13 One Stem
14 One Vase of Three Stems of one Cultivar

Pot of Daffodil – from any of the Divisions

- 15 One Pot of Narcissi, any number of bulbs, one Cultivar (Pot not to exceed 300 mm (12 Inches) diameter)

CHILDRENS' BULB COMPETITION

- 16 One Pot of Narcissi (Daffodils)

TULIPS

- 17 One Bloom
18 One Vase, three Blooms of one Cultivar
19 One Pot of Tulips, any number of bulbs, one Cultivar (Pot not to exceed 300 mm (12 inches) diameter)





MISCELLANEOUS

- 20 One Pot of growing Polyanthus or Primula
21 One Stem of Hyacinth
22 One Pot of one or more Hyacinths
23 One Vase of Flowering Shrub of one or more varieties
24 One Pot of growing bulbs, excluding anything mentioned above.
25 One Vase of Mixed Flowers – at least 6 different types of flowers
26 Any Other Pot Plant (Flowering or Foliage)
27 One Vase of 4 stems of Daffodil from 4 different Divisions
28 One Decorated Hardboiled Egg (Children only)

COOKERY

- 29 A Baked Bedfordshire Clanger with a savoury filling at one end and sweet at the other.
30 A Chocolate Cake

Horticultural classification of Daffodils

Division 1: Trumpet	
	One flower to each stem. The cup or trumpet is as long or longer than the petals.
Division 2: Large Cupped	
	One flower to each stem. The cup or trumpet is more than one third but less than equal to the length of the petals.
Division 3: Small Cupped	
	One flower to each stem. The cup or trumpet is NOT more than one third the length of the petals.
Division 4: Double	
	One or more flowers per stem, with doubling of the petal segments or cup / trumpet or both.

ENTRY FORM

Flitwick Gardener's Association Spring Show Entry Form. Ring the classes you intend to enter (and put a '2' next to a class if you intend to put 2 entries in that class)

Members Name Membership No.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Spouse's Name

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