



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

Christmas 2019

Message from the Chair

It's that time of year again, so may we wish you A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This being my first Christmas message, may I suggest a good way to lose any excess from the season is.... guess what.... Gardening!

It will set you up very well for the season just about to start.

For me, this time of year is all about digging and burying manure. The advantage being that it keeps you fit and warm. If you have a greenhouse, get it in use as soon as you can; if it's not being used already.

By the time you read this, lots may have changed; Government, Brexit, etc. Nearer home, I bet we will still have no news on the future of the Seed Box.

I hope to see you soon, either to collect your potatoes and onions, or when we re-open for the first Saturday in February. If you have not already put in your potato/onion order and would like some, please send in your order via email to enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk and we will do our best to meet your requests.

In case you have forgotten, we open Friday evening (7.30-9'sh) and Saturday afternoon (2-4) from February.

Great Gardening
Jim Godden
FGA Chairman

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

2019 Autumn Show Report

Once again the hall was a riot of colour from all of the flowers being exhibited which were again some high quality exhibits and these were nicely offset with some great vegetables and fruit. However, “good looking” would not be a phrase I'd use for some of the heaviest and longest vegetables. Nobody was volunteering to eat the 71.5lb marrow, whilst the heaviest parsnip would have taken ages to peel based on the 10 or so tap roots - but in these classes it's not the beauty that wins the prize.

We had the highest number of exhibitors showing that I can remember for an Autumn show and the second highest number of exhibits - thanks to all of you that entered.

As usual there was a great selection of cakes for sale to people looking around the show after judging was complete.

Thanks to everyone that helped in whatever capacity in this show and all of the shows that we've put on during the year.

Colin Stennett
Show Secretary

2020 Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 4th April - Spring Show

Saturday 22nd August - Annual Show

Saturday 10th October - Autumn Show

Thursday 26th November - FGA Quiz

Photographic Classes - Annual Show 2020

103 - Red 104 - Green 105 - Blue 106 - White

The children's photographic class is Food

Flitwick Gardeners' Association
Telephone - 01525 - 717289 (24 hour answerphone)
Pre-Season Potato and Onion Sets Order Form – 2020

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 2019 will be telephoned to advise when they are ready for collection.

Number of Packs	3 Kg (10)	Total cost
3kg	10 seed	

“First Earlies”

.....	Duke of York (RED)	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Epicure	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Casablanca	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Foremost	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	International Kidney	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Maris Bard	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Lady Christl	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Pentland Javelin	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Rocket (EARLY)	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Swift (VERY EARLY)	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Winston	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....

“Second Earlies”

.....	Charlotte	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Kestrel	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Marfona	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Wilja	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....

“Main Crop”

.....	Cara	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Carolus	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Desiree	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	King Edward	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Majestic	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Maris Piper	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Picasso	£ 3.75	(£1.60)	.....
.....	Setanta	£ 3.75	(£1.60)
.....	Vales Sovereign	£ 3.75	(£1.60)

Salad variety

.....	Pink Fir Apple	£ 2.35
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“Onion Sets and Shallots”

.....	Golden Gourmet Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 1.70
.....	Red Gourmet Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 1.70
.....	Red Sun Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 1.70	.....
.....	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)

BALANCE DUE **£**

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