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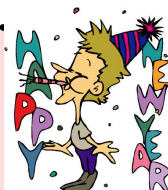
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Newsletter JANUARY 2018



from
the
chairman



Hi All,

Happy New Year – and here's hoping 2018 will be a great year!

The Store opened on Tuesday, 9th January, after a few weeks break - during that time David was able to organise the annual stocktake – so thanks David – and to all the members who came to help.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to renew your membership, either at the store, club night or by using the form on page 4 and sending a cheque in the post.

There was a definite decline in children's show entries during 2017, so if you have children or grandchildren who would like to have a go, now is the time to look in your yearbook as there are a variety of children's classes ranging from cake and sweet making to crafts for them to choose from, and some also have instructions at the back of the book.

Our first Club Night of 2018 is with Badger Price on Tuesday, 23rd January (not 29th as has been mentioned in the yearbook). Badger always gives us an entertaining evening, so please try and brave the cold, wintry evenings and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Colin Andrews



Can we do even better ?

Here we are at the start of another growing season, scan the year book - open to pages 15-16 & 17 which is the spring show on Sunday 8th of April - enter, support and challenge your fellow members. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the shows in 2017 a success the sponsors, entrants and workers. *Of course we can do better in 2018!!!*

Peter Noble, Show Manager



SUNDAY 8th APRIL SPRING SHOW

Mill Hall, Rayleigh

Every member welcome to exhibit Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Craft & Cakes

(If you have not shown before? — maybe now is the time, if you need help phone a committee member, call in the store or just turn up on show day, we are only too pleased to help)

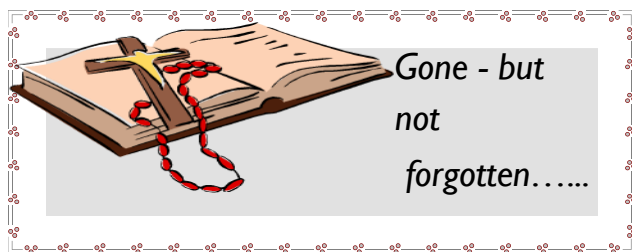
Children's Competition Make 3 Paper Flowers

See page 11 of the year book
ALL AGES UP TO 16 YEARS
1st PRIZE £5.00 2nd PRIZE £3.00 3rd PRIZE £2.00

Sponsored by Pat and Charles Hill

Bring it along to Mill Hall on the morning of the show before 11.30





LEN YOUNG

We are sorry to report that long-standing member, vice chairman, life member and volunteer in the trading store, Len Young, passed away in June 2017. Our sincere sympathy goes to his wife and family at this sad time.

ROY SWAIN

We are sorry to report that long-standing member, chairman, life member and volunteer in the trading store, Roy Swain passed away on 6th November 2017 aged 91 years. Our sincere sympathy goes to his family at this sad time.



I WON A TRUGGIE.....

A happy Chris Steyne receiving his prize at the store from show manager Peter Noble after being declared the winner at the November club and trophy night.



CUP WINNERS & RUNNERS UP 2017

Banksian Medal

Laurence Chapman	133
John Sharp	104
Mike Jollands	100
Ken Holland	80
Norman Holland	71

Floral Cup

Dave Golding	14
Sheena Booth	12
Norman Holland	10
Robin Alabaster	9

W Gale Ladies Trophy

Danielle Neadley	33
Jean Golding	19
Val Watson	17.5
Barbara Oliver	15

Society Challenge Cup

Geoff Blower	166
Laurence Chapman	143
Mike Jollands	116
John Sharp	104
Ken Holland	80
Norman Holland	71

F A Enders Cup

Carole Noble	41
Annette Fox	29
Stephanie Fox	16
Barbara Oliver	15
Pam Barwick	12

Children's Cup

Sophie Mcready Cole	10.5
Hannah Lydford	10
Amber Dawn Lydford	8

Rayflower Cup

Ron Coutts	15
Robin Alabaster	11
Geoff Blower	10
Danielle Neadley	9

A Fox Cup

Val Watson	31
Stephanie Fox	13
Valerie Mitchell	5

Joyce Winship Shield

Geoff Blower	18
Peter Noble	7
Danielle Neadley	5

Sweet Pea Bowl

Peter Hayday	24
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New Competitors Cup

Alan Howells	22
Norma Withers	22
Christine Oliver	5

Howard Cup

Geoff Blower	90
Ken Holland	75
Norman Holland	30
Tony Rogers	27
Peter Noble	22
Rod Watson	22
Mike Jollands	19
Laurence Chapman	18

Foley Rose Bowl

Mike Jollands	38
L. Chapman	16
Lesley Gregory	4

Britten Cup

John Sharp	98
Val Watson	4
L Chapman	3
Dennis Ford	3

E H Travers Shield

Mike Jollands	16
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Anfilogoff Cup

Geoff Blower	19
Mike Jollands	15
Tony Rogers	13
Peter Noble	10
Martin Rivers	10
Laurence Chapman	10

Fowler Cup

Joy Rodrigues	54
Carole Noble	45
Janet Andrews	16
Sheena Booth	15
Annette Fox	14

W L Raw Cup

Laurence Chapman	72
Robin Alabaster	40
Terry Babbage	32
Mike Jollands	24
Richard Gillings	20
Peter Hayday	18

Rayleigh Whopper Cup

Wallace Garnell	34
Danielle Neadley	4
Norma Withers	4

E P Rand Cup

Not awarded

CUP WINNERS & RUNNERS UP 2017

Photo by Colin Andrews





Picasso

NEWS

FROM THE

TRADING
STORE

Welcome to our first 'store report' of the year. We should have our new stock of potatoes and onions in by the end of January. The varieties are: First earlies: **Foremost, Red Duke of York, Casablanca, Pentland Javelin, Rocket and Winston.**

Second earlies: **Kestrel, Nadine, Nicola (salad), Charlotte (salad), Marfona, International Kidney (salad) and Wilja.**

Main crop: **Desiree, King Edward, Maris Piper, Cara and Picasso.** All potatoes will be at our new lower price of £1 per kilo

Onion varieties will be **Rumba, Stuttgarter Giant and Turbo.**

Shallot varieties are **Golden Gourmet, Pikant and Red Sun.**

All shallots and onions will be at our new lower price of £3.45 per kilo

Also in stock we hope to have our Spring planting bulb varieties which will include **Gladioli,**

Begonias, Lilies, Dahlias, Freesia, Ixia, Nerine Bowdenii, Iris and Alstroemeria.

You will also find our newly stocked **Humax multi purpose compost**, price to remain at the 2017 level.

Before opening in January, we carried out a major stocktaking exercise in-store. My thanks go to all the team who helped me on the day, namely, Janis, Patricia, Ann, Janet, Alan B, Alan G, Alan W, Colin, Ron, Mark, Peter and Geoff. What a team and what a help it was! I could not have done it without you.

As usual, you can renew your membership in-store because as you know, we cannot serve you without seeing your membership card. From February, we will be reverting to six days a week trading times. Opening hours Tuesday to Saturday 10-12.30, Sundays 10-12 noon. Looking forward to seeing you there soon.

Best wishes for 2018.

David Baughen, Trading Store Manager



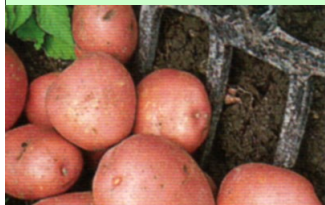
Foremost



Charlotte



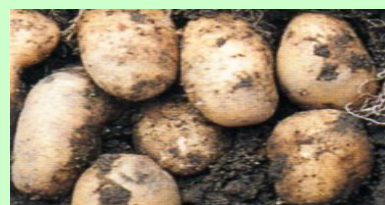
Cara



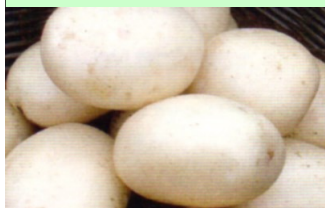
Red Duke of York



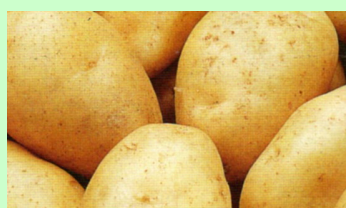
Winston



Nicola (salad)



Casablanca



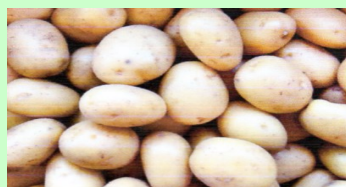
Wilja



International Kidney



Pentland Javelin



Nadine



Rumba



Rocket



King Edwards



Golden Gourmet



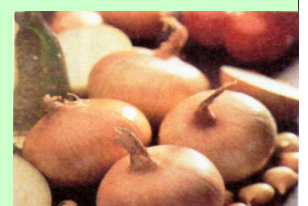
Kestrel



Maris Piper



Red Sun



Stuttgarter Giant

WERE YOU THERE?

I'm remembering our coach trips in 2017 as I sit in my living-room wrapped up in jumpers, woolly socks and other relevant warm clothes! It's warm enough in here not to have to wear a hat and gloves, but only just. I hope you are 'weathering' the cold in good spirits and some of you will remember the coach trips too.

Bressingham Gardens was the first trip on Sunday 11th June. It wasn't exactly tropical weather as I recall, a little breezy but fine and it didn't rain at all. It was my first visit to the gardens and I was very impressed. Beautiful borders, well kept lawns and a comfortable feel to it. I loved Bloom's Foggy Bottom Garden I had heard so much about. We found a lovely little rustic shelter in the garden to sit and have our picnic and watch the world go by. As well as the beautiful blooms we had rides on the steam locomotives too and we spent a very interesting hour or so looking at the Dad's Army Collection in the steam museum. (I noticed lots of 'big kids' having a go at the model railway set up in there!).

In September we paid another visit to **RHS Wisley Flower Show**. Again, no rain and we had a most enjoyable day. Wisley is a very relaxed day and a very simple one for me to arrange but I feel we have been there for several years past so I am looking at something different for 2018. Keep your eyes on the next newsletter and in the store for further information. Of course I will also be talking about the next trip at the forthcoming Club Nights. You will see the dates in your Membership Year Book. That's if you have renewed of course, but if you haven't, you can do so in the store or at Club Nights or if you have any difficulty with either of these options give Colin/Janet a ring.



Spring Show 2017

Special Club Nights

All meetings are held at St Michael's Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh. SS6 9JB
Starting at 8p.m.

23rd JANUARY

'BADGER' PRICE known locally as The Tree Man of Great Wakering will be speaking about the Shaping and Pruning of Trees in our gardens and plots. Although, as ever with Badger, I know there will be more than just trees on his agenda.



(We may be able to include in this session a general Q&A with **Geoff Blower**).

Everybody welcome Members £1.50 — Visitors £2.50

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM for 2018

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Telephone number.....

Email.....

MEMBERSHIP FEE £5.00

Per household per annum.

Send this form with a cheque made payable to "Rayleigh Horticultural Society"

If you would like a copy of the Year Book then please enclose an A4 stamped addressed envelope with £1.22 stamps on it.

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**Children's
Potato
Challenge
THE SUMMER SHOW
Sunday 24th June
2018**

See year Book page 11

