

# Swindon Allotments & Leisure Gardens Association

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## Newsletter

### Summer 2018



## SEED SWAPPING



## RIGHTS OF WAY

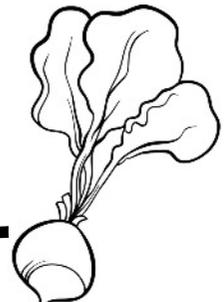
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## MONTHLY MEETINGS



## SHOW & TELL



## & lots more!

# Chairman's Report

We are enjoying another busy year, and it is time for another report. The main highlight in the recent past has to be the replacement of the final 2 containers near to the Members' Shop. All the stock can now be stored safely and after a slow start due to the terrible weather, the shop is now doing good trade.

We are sorry that Gordon Staples has decided to resign from his duties in the shop after over 25 years of service. Thank you, Gordon, for your many years of service both in the Shop and as Minutes Secretary prior to Sue Stevens being appointed. I am pleased to report that Gordon will continue to run the raffle and serve as a committee member.

The Schools Competition is flourishing and this year's entries are very encouraging. It's good to encourage these youngsters, who will become the gardeners of tomorrow.

Our Horticultural Show last year had a record number of entries. This year, for the first time ever, community groups will be invited to participate in a separate category.

The holiday last year, which was led by Jan Flanagan and her team, was very successful. Many of us are looking forward to this year's holiday and this has been organised by Irene Cooke and her team. I am sure that, once again, we shall all have a good time.

We have only booked 3 coach trips this year. The final trip for this year will be our visit to the SS Great Britain and the Brunel Gallery on 3rd October.

The Committee remain very hard working and loyal to SALGA, as do our many volunteers who are not on the committee but undertake many tasks. Their contribution is much appreciated. Like all organisations, we are very much in need of some younger committee members to work alongside us Golden Oldies. We would be delighted to welcome some young blood onto the both the main committee and the show committee.

*Marilyn Stott*

## **The former Pickards Small field site and other land**

Many people have seen the changes to the former Pickards Small Field allotment site and adjoining land and woodland since the Hreod Burna Urban Forest group took over the management of the land from the Borough Council following the thwarted proposals to fill the land with 240 houses in a strongly opposed housing project involving Kevin McCloud. The Hreod Burna Urban Forest group was formed in 2012 and the Borough Council agreed a 25 year lease that includes Pickards Small Field, Kembrey Grass Field (former allotments), Kembrey Copse area of woodland and the public open space of Cricklade Road and Tiverton Road fields.

Donations of native ‘whips’ and standard trees have expanded the woodland and included a community orchard. Six picnic tables were installed for the public to use, although one has recently been stolen. A missing footbridge has been installed to span the brook on the east side of Kembrey Grass and a new bridge and little weir have been created on the west side of Kembrey Copse where it abuts the north side of Southbrook recreation ground.

Various volunteer groups comprising residents, scouts, corporate groups, vets and the Probation Service unpaid workers have helped with general maintenance, surfacing of paths, bulb planting and so forth and the project this summer will be to surface further paths so that they are easily accessible all year round.

The cost of this has come from much appreciated grants from local companies such as the Co-op, Tesco and Honda. At the same time contributions of bluebells for planting in sections of the woodland will result, in many (many) years to come, in a lovely blue carpet of flowers in the springtime.

The latest plan was a pilot project to install a tree mounted, log-shaped, “re-wilding” beehive to encourage bees to the area. The hand-crafted tubular hive was set up a few weeks ago, although it may take a while for it to be colonised.

There are plans for a Celtic tree ring that comprises a different species of tree or vine for each lunar month of the year i.e. thirteen on the Kembrey Grass land. It's also hoped to turn the Tiverton Road field into a wild flower meadow. Those of you who grew up in the area may remember it being like that back in the 1950s and earlier, when the field which is now Tiverton Road and Malvern Road belonged to Walter J. Hobbs and was called Flatlands or the Tabernacle Field (there being the Tabernacle pub, now long gone, in Cricklade Road). It is believed GWR horses grazed in these fields at some point in the past. Certainly I can remember Joey Buckland keeping his horse in the Cricklade Road field when he had the coal yard where Edwards Engineering is now.

Those of you who have never walked the Hreod Burna Urban Forest land might like to do so, or run it if you are more athletic! There is quite a nice 1km loop. There are several paths winding through the woodland and green open space south of the cycle track/bridleway that runs between Cricklade Road and Pineburst Road. The Council Rights of Way Officer is soon to remount the bridleway signs where it meets the metalled road to show people it exists and the direction.

The main route through the woodland is known as the "sarsen bridge path" which used to lead to Southbrook Farm before it became a pub. Don Reeve will tell you there are three sarsen stone bridges along that route although no-one is sure how old they are. The old concrete posts on the farm boundary are still there. Unfortunately the sport pavilion got built over the path where it exits into Pinehurst Road. Before 1923 the route somehow dropped off the definitive map so to speak with housing development. It was a time before Rights of Way had proper protection. Now that the Council are revising rights of way across the Borough to ensure they all have the correct status it is hoped the sarsen bridge path will be recorded on the definitive map.

Hreod Burna Urban Forest group welcomes donations of unwanted native species trees or woodland plants such as English bluebells. We also welcome offers of volunteer help. Our aim is to achieve a 99 year lease on the land in order to achieve a legacy of green open space for the benefit and recreational use of the public for generations to come. The land already has historic protection as either agricultural land or Public Open Space.

*Josie Lewis*

## **SALGA Monthly Meetings for the remainder of 2018**

**21<sup>st</sup> June Rob Bishop** who represents **Greenshaves**, a local firm that works on garden features including wood sculpture, ponds and patios.

**19<sup>th</sup> July Questions and Answers Session.** Members can put questions to our local expert **Jeff Bolton** about getting ready to show their products at the SALGA September show. Also any other gardening questions can be submitted in advance or asked on the night. There will be someone there to answer!

**16<sup>th</sup> August Think you know about Gladiolus?** A talk from Gill Hazell who is a professional grower. It is appropriate that we have gladiolus this month as it is the flower for August. Gill grows and sells them as cut flowers and should have some available for us to buy.

**20<sup>th</sup> September Meadow in my Garden** a nursery from Devizes, who sell seed mixes and plants to develop habitats for birds, butterflies, bugs and bats.

**18<sup>th</sup> October Tax, Care and Toy Boys**, from CO-OP Estate planning. You will soon see that this is not about gardening, but it is a title to catch your attention. Probably there is at least one subject of interest to each of you. SALGA has had grants from the CO-OP towards the improvements at Pickards Field shop.

**15<sup>th</sup> November Audio Visual Show** by Malcolm Brownsword. Malcolm is a keen photographer interested in natural history and horticulture. He has compiled a show made up of a selection of subjects. He lets his audience choose between the titles to show on the night.

**20<sup>th</sup> December Our annual Christmas party.** This year the entertainment will be the U3A dance orchestra.

Monthly meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Gorse Hill Community Centre, Chapel Street. Doors open from 7.00pm and the meetings start at 7.30pm until approximately 9.00pm. They are open to members and non-members alike. Refreshments are available after the speaker has finished.

## 2018 Seed Orders

After the cold and wet start to the year, all plants and seeds seem to be really growing well now and watching Chelsea Flower Show this week, it's amazing how resilient plants are. It made me think of our seed order scheme that I shall again be involved in this autumn. We shall be receiving Kings catalogues around September and will be distributing them to you as soon as they reach us together with my usual letter and order forms. Denis Matthews, our membership secretary, is busy compiling the list to ensure everyone who wishes to receive a catalogue, will get one. Those of you who ordered last year, all new members and anyone of you who contacts him direct to ask for a catalogue will be on his list. So please contact him, without delay, if you feel there is any chance you could be missed.

I'm pleased to let you know that I have negotiated an additional discount for all members who order onion and shallot sets from Kings. These will qualify for a 45% discount the same discount as for all packeted seeds. Potatoes will be charged at the lowest pack price shown in the catalogue. I have been unable to negotiate any discount on Asparagus, Mushrooms, Artichokes or Fruit but everything else in the catalogue attracts a 10% discount. Delivery charges will remain at £1.50 for all orders with the exception of Potatoes (which will attract a delivery charge of £3.50 in addition) and Fruit (which will also attract an additional delivery charge of £3.50). As Kings give the Association a commission on all orders, let's make it a bumper year.

*Glenys Dingwell*

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF SEED CATALOGUES**

Every year, the delivery of the seed catalogues becomes more problematic. They are quite bulky and to save postage costs, we rely on our volunteers to deliver them by hand. This year we are asking members to collect their seed catalogue from the shop. We would appreciate it if as many members as possible could do this. However, if this proves to be impossible for you, please let Denis Matthews know. We will aim to have the catalogues available from the end of September.

# Swapping Seeds

Gardeners waste a lot of seeds because the average seed packet contains more seeds than they can use. There are now several locally-based seed swap schemes where like-minded gardeners can exchange their surplus seeds.

Exchanging surplus packet seeds or those you have harvested yourself is not only environmentally friendly, sociable and economical but can also encourage you to try new varieties and even lead to the development of new varieties suited to local growing conditions.

Saving seeds from your own plants is actually quite simple. There's lots of guidance available from the Real Seeds website at: [www.realseeds.co.uk](http://www.realseeds.co.uk). Saving bean and pea seeds is particularly easy!

SALGA is looking into setting up a seed swap scheme for Swindon. We won't need to start from scratch because we can copy existing schemes and modify them to meet our own local needs. One of the largest existing seed swaps operates in the Brighton area. Have a look at it at: [www.seedysunday.org.uk](http://www.seedysunday.org.uk).

Thinking practically about operating a Swindon scheme, it seems sensible to make use of existing arrangements. So we could think of adding a seed swap stall at the very successful Potato Day and, possibly, at the annual show.

Another possibility would be to combine the seed swap scheme with a plant swap scheme: there's at least one already operating in Swindon.

If you're interested in swapping seeds or would like to help set the scheme up, please contact John Monniot on 01793 490936 or e-mail him on [john.monniot@gmail.com](mailto:john.monniot@gmail.com).

In addition to the seed swap scheme it is worth mentioning that the website now has a sell, swap and donate section. Please contact Sue Stevens on [suestevens48@gmail.com](mailto:suestevens48@gmail.com) if you wish to advertise anything.



# Membership

I will shortly be updating the membership list and will delete those members who are in arrears with their membership. This year membership cards are red. If you don't have a red card, and you have paid your membership through the seed scheme, your card will be at the shop. If you haven't yet paid, you can renew at the shop, at monthly meetings or using the membership renewal form below, or by sending me a cheque, payable to SALGA for £5 – Denis Matthews, 28 Tithe Barn Crescent, Swindon SN1 4JX. We will not be sending future newsletters to those who haven't paid by the end of June.

For the convenience of members there is a standing order form in this newsletter for future membership renewals.

*Denis Matthews*

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# Show news

It's strange how fast time goes by when Spring finally arrives. As this newsletter reaches you we have been through the coldest March for years, which delayed planting out our plants and catching some of us out with extreme frost. Now, as we reach May and I write this piece I am having to water my allotment every night. Joys of the English weather!

Now we start the process of looking forward to the summer months and all the produce and harvest of our hard work.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September is this year's show date at Gorse Hill Community Centre. We hope to see lots of entries and the results of all your hard work on display. Please remember if you are not sure about what to enter just talk to a Show Committee Member as we are only too happy to help. Last year we had lots of new faces and some familiar ones as well, but the more entries we have the better for the overall show.

The show committee can only make all this possible with the help of some very important volunteers which include the judge's runners who will pass the finished score cards to the scorers. This year we are still looking for anybody who has not entered the show to help with this important task. This year we have new classes which we have opened especially for charity gardening groups from any community who would like to participate and are as follows:

- Vase of mixed flowers (any flowers grown by the group and arranged nicely)
- Trug of vegetables (any vegetables grown by the group with as many of the different types of vegetables as possible.)

It would be really great to see a number of entries from our gardening charities in Swindon so please spread the word about these new classes.

We also have removed the size guidelines for the hanging basket class this year. Last year this class was well supported. As always there will be a domestic and handicraft section along with the children's section. We would encourage all parents and grandparents to help the children to enter this section. Entry forms will be available to download from the website free of charge but there is a small cost of 30 pence for hard copies to cover printing costs.

All the prizes will be awarded by Ben Prater, from BBC Radio Wiltshire, and his family as well as the raffle which will round off this year's show. I do hope you will either participate or come and see the fine displays of flowers, vegetables and handicrafts. Any person who was lucky enough to have won one of last year's cups, could they please ensure they are returned to the shop at Pickards field by 23 July or to the SALGA open meeting in July for all the trophies to be engraved.

Remember most people only realise they could have entered when they come and look around and as it's free to look round the hall, so please do come and enjoy a great day.

*Mick Carter*

## Healing Herbs

Alternative remedies appear to be making something of a comeback and have an ancient history stretching back four thousand years to the ancient Egyptians. In Britain the knowledge of healing plants was developed in the gardens of monasteries and convents during the early Middle Ages.

Apple remedies abound in folklore. The juice from apples was said to cure cuts. Modern research has shown that pectin is present in apples, and as pectin has germicidal properties there could be a grain of truth in this.

Borage and basil are added to cold drinks to add flavour. Basil is a nerve tonic and also a stimulant and it settles the stomach preventing nausea. Four hundred years ago basil used to be given as a token of friendship.

The castor oil plant was thought to be good for a variety of ailments and about four hundred years ago adults decided that there was a plausible reason to decide that it was just the thing to cure worms in children and daily doses of castor oil went on until fairly recent times.

When you see "officianale" or "officianalis" in the Latin name of a plant it indicates a pedigree established in the monastic physic garden. The moistened pulped root of comfrey applied to a broken arm or leg set like plaster and therefore hastened the knitting together of the broken bone. It is said this knowledge was brought back by soldiers returning from the Crusades and among the traditional names for comfrey are Saracens Root, Knitbone and Boneset.

Cowslip tea is still used to soothe headaches and to counteract insomnia. The flowers and leaves of the daisy (*bellis perennis*) are still used in homeopathic medicine for alleviating pain and treating bumps and bruises.

Towards the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century the foxglove began to be used in the treatment of heart complaints, being the source of the drug digitalis. As with belladonna and henbane, the foxglove is full of harmful toxins as well as digitalis so it's not a plant to be messed with.

Pot marigold (*calendula officianalis*) is a remarkable plant and a major weapon in the armoury of homeopathic doctors. It is seen as the remedy to excel all others for healing open cuts and wounds. Calendula ointment can be bought from many chemists.

St Johns Wort was used to cure ulcers, internal bleeding, internal and external wounds. Three hundred years ago, Culpeper noted that hypericum "opens obstructions and dissolves swellings" and it seems he wasn't far out!

These are just a few of the more common remedies – the list goes on!

## Rights of Way

### **Protecting Rights of Way that are at risk by 2026.**

Having mentioned rights of way in the Pickards Small Field article I thought you might like to know how you can help protect rights of way.

The Open Spaces Society, British Horse Society and Ramblers Association are all urging people to help protect rights of way by ensuring they are recorded on definitive maps. If they are not mapped, these public highways that people may have used for donkeys years will cease to be public rights of way.

In 2000, Parliament decided that old unrecorded rights of way (RoW) should be extinguished to provide certainty to landowners, but 25 years would be allowed for the legal mapping record to be brought up to date. The shut off date is January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. That date is fast approaching!

Although those routes that are already recorded will retain their public rights, routes not recorded on definitive maps will be deemed as not

existing from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026. This affects all routes from footpaths, bridleways, RUPPS (Routes Used as Public Paths), BOATS, Byways and so forth.

Many rights of way up and down the country have, for one reason or another, been missed off when maps were revised. Sections can end up missing or inadvertently put under the wrong public highway classification or fall into disuse because they are unmarked. A RoW to my understanding must run from one public highway to another. Some may already have been stopped up. For instance the path from Tiverton Road to Cricklade Road was on the council maps but not the definitive ones. As it could be seen and easily proved it existed and was well used for 20 years the Borough as landowner had no objection to it being properly recorded. This means it can't ever be closed or erased or built over. Currently I am aiming to get the sarsen bridge path through Kembrey Copse to Pinehurst Road reinstated as a public right of way as it was clearly on maps in the early 1900s and the bridges are still there. The track went from Gorse Hill to Southbrook Farm, now the pub. It needs diverting round the Southbrook recreation ground sports pavilion.

However, if parts of a right of way are missing, then after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 the whole route would be deemed as not existing if not recorded. I.e. where a route is marked on the definitive map as running from point A – B and from C – D but B – C is missing then from Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 the whole route would not be valid. Alternatively Section A-B and C-D may be a by-way but B-C marked only as a footpath, in which case the classification of the whole route would need to be questioned.

Being a member of the Open Spaces Society, a keen horse rider and a lover of the countryside I am keen to raise this issue locally. What I have that I find most useful is a book entitled 'Rights of Way – Restoring the Record' by Sarah Bucks and Phil Wadey (£25). I attended a training course run by Phil Wadey, Vice Chair of the Open Spaces Society from Corsham and Jane Buck, Rights of Way Officer for the British Horse Society held recently near Cheltenham.

It was a great help, as we were pointed in the right direction as where to check the historic existence of RoWs from evidence sources we would never think of looking at. These included Railway Documents, Inland Revenue Valuation reports besides HM Land Registry and local authority maps.

Quoting from Phil and Jane's book, "Once a highway – always a highway"; once a right of way or highway has come into existence it needs a specific Legal Act to stop it up such as court orders, extinguishment, diversion orders or an Act of Parliament. Lack of use, for however long, does not stop the route from having highway rights.

*Josie Lewis*

## **SALGA Spring Holiday - May 2018**

I have been asked to report on the Spring Holiday and anyone who has spoken to Marilyn will know that my knowledge of gardening is zero. I am allowed to mow the lawn, but I mustn't touch the plants. I can say "That looks pretty" but no more! I am therefore well qualified (or not) to write this!!



En route to Colchester, we stopped at RHS Hyde Hall. We were surprised to learn that this is the largest RHS site. The area previously comprised farmland, and is situated in the driest part of the country – so plants must cope with the climate.

We arrived at Marks Tey Hotel in time for our evening meal.

On Tuesday morning, we visited Gainsborough House in Sudbury, and learnt about the artist and his life. I was pleased to find a cafeteria opposite, and I am sure Mr. Gainsborough would have nipped across the street for a quick Cappuccino and one of their delicious scones when time allowed.

We enjoyed a lunch break in the Abbey Gardens at Bury St. Edmunds, and then visited Lavenham in the afternoon. We had a talk in Lavenham Guildhall and learnt that, when other villages were demolishing old timber framed buildings to make way for new brick structures, Lavenham was too poor – and therefore enjoys an extensive collection of some 320 timber framed buildings.



On Wednesday, we visited Flatford Mill. We went on a guided walk around the key locations that are seen in Constable's paintings. Our guide

pointed out that some features had been “moved” in the paintings to a more advantageous location (in the view of the artist). Flatford Mill is approached via some miles of narrow and winding lanes. I now appreciate that, when the haycart got stuck in the river, there was plenty of time to paint the picture while they waited for the AA man to arrive!!



We then moved on to Sutton Hoo, the site of 18 ancient burial mounds, and Tranmere House – which was owned by the Pretty family in 1939 when evidence of an Anglo-Saxon longboat, and golden treasure was found. We were able to visit both Tranmere House and the Exhibition which included replicas of the treasure uncovered. Some of us also visited the site of some of the 18 burial mounds.

On Thursday, we visited the Beth Chatto Gardens. We had an introductory talk in the Gravel Garden (dry garden). My previous understanding of a dry garden was when I had neglected my duties with the watering can! I was interested to learn about the soil preparation which would enable the plants to cope without watering.

We then moved on to Colchester where there were drop off points for the site of the Roman Circus or the Castle Park Gardens. Some folk visited the Castle Museum.



During our return journey on Friday, we visited St. Albans and had the options of either visiting Verulamium Museum or St. Albans Abbey (now also called a Cathedral). I grew up in nearby Watford, but had not visited St. Albans Abbey for about 50 years – so it was good to revisit the abbey.

A lot of planning and negotiation must have gone into the holiday and our thanks to Irene and her team (Jan, Denis and Cindy, Mervyn and Don)

*John Stott*

# The National Vegetable Society

SALGA is affiliated as a group to the NVS. Our records don't go back far enough for me to be able to say when we first affiliated, so it was obviously many years ago. The NVS was first registered as a charity in 1961 and its main objective is "to advance the education of the public in the cultivation and improvement of vegetables".

The NVS has an hierarchical structure with a national body heading up regional branches and a third tier of district associations. Each of these separate societies puts on its own competitive show, almost exclusively as part of a wider horticultural or countryside event. For instance, the NVS national championships will be a feature of the Harrogate Autumn Show from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Midland Branch is holding its event as part of the Malvern Autumn Show from 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September and the South West England District Association show is being hosted by the Corsley Summer Show on Bank Holiday Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August. For anyone interested in attending this event, the Corsley showground is on the A362 between Frome and Warminster, post code BA12 7HQ.

Sadly, Gill Hazell, the Treasurer, has E-mailed me to say that this will be their last show as the District Association has been forced to close down. Not because of a lack of funds but because there are no members willing to take over the vacant chairman's post and other trustee positions. I doubt it will have any impact on SALGA because I'm not aware of any SALGA member competing in the South West District event. Our only link with the NVS seems to be the Society's Silver Medal and Card which SALGA awards at our show each year "for the most meritorious exhibit in the fruit and vegetable classes", won last year by Alan Ricks.

The demise of this District reminds me of a story Mr. Ackhurst told me. He used to be our wine judge until he succumbed to cancer. He was also the chair of a small wine club. Forty members regularly attended its meetings, but it too folded because no one would take on any management role.

*Don Reeve*

## Show and Tell

For one of next year's monthly meetings, during the winter, we would like to call upon the expertise of our SALGA members.

You probably could not last as long as a booked speaker but you are bound to have knowledge that we have never given you a chance to share. It might just be a tip or advice taking a minute or two. In the Winter Season in 2019 we will have a **Members' Forum** at a Thursday Meeting, with you as experts at an Open Session.

If you could take a photo of a favourite flower, plant or a crop, we could see them to recall the previous growing season. It could be a shot from your garden or allotment or someone else's!

In these days of handy cameras on mobile phones you could do it so easily this summer. If the pictures are stored, shared or even eventually printed, a photo would add interest to any information. At the very least you could have an entry in the photography category at the Autumn Show in September.

Your grand-children do **Show and Tell** at school. Now it's your turn, so please get snapping!

*Irene Cooke*

# Courgette Chocolate Cake

125g soft unsalted butter  
115g soft light brown sugar  
2 eggs  
310g plain flour  
1tsp vanilla extract  
110ml plain yoghurt  
½ tsp mixed spice  
30g cocoa powder  
1tsp ground cinnamon  
½ tsp salt  
340g courgettes, grated  
225g plain chocolate broken into small pieces



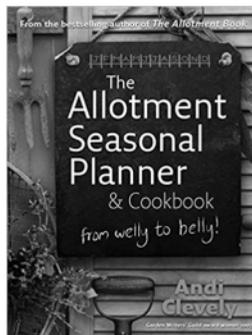
Preheat oven to 170deg/Gas 3. Prepare a 10 inch square tin by greasing it and lining it with baking parchment.

Beat the butter and sugar until light and creamy. Add the eggs, vanilla and yoghurt and mix well.

Add the dry ingredients and stir in the grated courgettes. Turn into the tin and top with grated chocolate.

Bake for 45 minutes or until the centre of the cake is firm and an inserted skewer comes out clean.

This recipe was from the Allotment Seasonal Planner and Cookbook



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