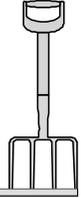
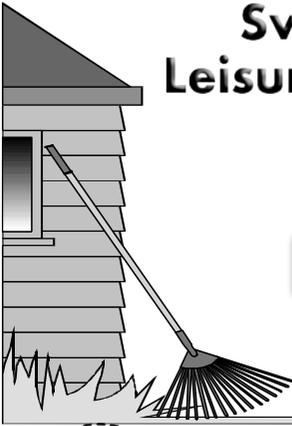


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& lots more!

Chairman's Report

What an amazing summer we have had! It has been lovely for sun worshippers - however both our farmers and the keen gardeners have struggled with the lack of rain.

Our Horticultural Show was a credit to both the Committee and entrants for all their hard work. The numbers may have been down this year, but there was nevertheless a good display.

For the first time ever, I acted as runner. Jeff Bolton was keen to show me the finer points of judging. He is pleased that Jo Baker will be taking over from him next year. Jeff can then have a well earned rest.

Also standing down is Doug Martin and his wife Maureen. They have both worked tirelessly on various roles connected with the horticultural show since long before I joined SALGA. Michael Carter has agreed to take on chairing the show committee while Barbara Rawle will add catering for the helpers to her present role of providing refreshments.

Both the show and the main committee continue to work hard, as do our other volunteers, for which I am very grateful.

Feedback from visitors to the Pickards Field members' shop suggests that allotment plot holders in the central area are getting an improved service now that they are being managed by the newly created Parish Councils. It's certainly noticeable at Pickards itself that many more plots are now let and under cultivation.



The visit to the SS Great Britain on 3rd October is our final trip for this year. It will then be time to plan the trips for next year.

I hope to see some of you at our meetings or on a future trip.

Marilyn Stott

Managing Waysides and Verges

How our roadsides and verges are managed has become a 'hot topic' of late and with councils under pressure with funding, the discussions continue. One of our SALGA members has provided information distributed by Plantlife which outlines its guidelines for road verges and management. Verges are under considerable pressure. Priorities for safety and access, along with budget constraints means that the value of wildlife is often low on the list.

Across the length and breadth of Britain, road verges encompass many important habitats, from woodland and scrub, through dry and wet grasslands, heathlands and even rock outcrops. The importance of verges providing refuge for plants and other wildlife has increased considerably with the loss of meadows and pastureland. Road verges are hugely important for the diversity of flowering plants and are also of particular importance to rare plants and species that give a distinctive character to different parts of our islands.

Road verges act as an important refuge for key pollinating insects particularly bees, butterflies and moths. Their importance cannot be underestimated. These verges also provide wildlife corridors across Britain, linking habitats and allowing wildlife to re-colonise. Britain is a country noted for its veteran trees and those of road verges and hedgerows are important for fungi, moss and liverworts. Road verges are also one of the most viewed habitats in the country giving millions of people direct contact with changing seasons and colours of the countryside every day. For many, the flower filled verges are their only contact with nature.

Some form of verge management is essential to maintain flower-rich habitats. Without regular management, studies have shown that grassland flowers rapidly disappear and the land will ultimately turn into scrubland. Plants need to complete their full cycle and generally flowers take 6-8 weeks from flowering to set and shed viable seed. Cutting plants when flowering deprives insects of nectar and pollen and stops plants reproducing from seed.

If we get the plants right, all other wildlife has a chance of thriving. Road verges are not subject to any protection and it's down to each local authority to decide how to manage them. The only exception is where a

specifically mentioned protected species is present. There is a lot more information to be found online regarding management of verges, ditches etc. and guidelines for creating a wildflower meadow on the Plantlife website – www.plantlife.org.uk. The articles make very interesting reading.

Sue Stevens

Little jobs for the winter

In winter when the weather was bad and the ground un-workable, I used to retreat to the shed or garage instead, to make preparations for the coming growing season. Mary just called it “fiddling about”.

First up, old nylon tights or stockings. These can be easily cut into strips with a Stanley knife if laid out on a piece of board, whereas it’s a nightmare cutting them with scissors. The strips are brilliant, (for example), for tying in raspberry canes or new growth on trained hard fruits. They don’t rot, have a bit of “give” to accommodate growth and don’t chafe new wood. Another use for stockings and tights is to use them to store onions. Put an onion in the foot and tie a knot, then another onion and another knot and so on. Ideally the onions should not be touching each other and should be hung somewhere cool, like the shed. To “harvest” just cut them one at a time from the bottom.

Clear plastic bottles with the base cut out make handy individual “cloches” for bringing along single lettuce plants and the like. While loose fertilizers like Growmore can be stored in plastic milk containers. With a few very fine holes in the screw tops, milk containers can also be used for “controlled” watering of seedlings and the like. Or, finally, they can be sliced up to make plastic plant labels, saving a few pence.

The collars that go round cabbages to deter root fly can easily be cut from thin card. Ideally it should be gloss on one side at least. Christmas cards are very suitable. I cut circles and then, using a Stanley knife, made a single cut to the centre where I cut an additional +. A sharpened pencil pushed up through the centre then shapes it to fit the cabbage stem. I always put a little Jeyes powder, (Bin Fresh?), round the plants before putting the collars on and I always escaped the root fly that my neighbour suffered.

Because my garden was on a one-in-five gradient, facing north on the Okus ridge, I had to start a lot of stuff under cover. Even onion sets and shallots could be knocked back by cold winds that shrivel the early green shoots. The cardboard tubes from toilet rolls are ideal for starting the sets and are also about right for sweet corn. Filled with potting compost quite a lot will sit in a seed tray and can be prevented from toppling over by tying round with a piece of string. It's actually easier to make a string loop incorporating an elastic band kindly left by the postman and just slip that over the array of tubes.



The 1 litre drink cartons with the tops cut off and a couple of holes punched in the base are ideal for starting broad beans or runners in a cold frame. They provide room for a really good root to develop.

Garden canes should be stored out of the weather when not in use. The seven and eight foot ones don't come cheap now and they'll also last a bit longer if each end is plugged with putty to prevent damp penetrating. I don't know why I'm telling you this really, it will probably reduce sales from our Pickards Field members' shop!



Finally, winter is also the time for cleaning all the tools and getting the mower serviced, (unless you're skilled enough to do it yourself). It's not only the mower that needs sharpening. Saws, secateurs, scythes and hooks, or anything like spades that you have to push into or through the soil will be easier to use if it's sharp, clean and free from rust. So the task includes a wipe over with oil before they are put away. Wooden handles may also benefit from a wipe with linseed oil, but also need to be checked over for jagged bits or splinters which may otherwise snag your hand.

Don Reeve

Autumn & Winter speakers at Gorse Hill Community Centre

Will you be packing up gardening for a while and can you come to hear other subjects of interest?

We have a programme of local speakers, who are keen to raise money for their own charities. Luckily these people will turn out on a winter's evening. Garden speakers from further afield are much more tender plants: difficult to raise through the winter!

October 18th Tax, Care and Toy Boys from CO-OP estate planning
I hope the title is enough to appeal to you!

**November 15th Old Churches and their historic connections from
John Hickman**

John has had a lifelong interest in old churches, some now demolished or unused and the history of the people that attended there. (No, not church architecture!)

This is a change of programme because due to his health, Malcolm Brownsword is unable to show us his "Pick and mix" photos from famous gardens. We wish him well and hope to see him in 2019.

January 17th The What? Where? and Why? of Thamesdown Hydro-therapy Pool A talk by the manager, Neil Montgomery.

This is the organisation to which Jeff Bolton donates his judge's fees.

February 21st subject awaiting final confirmation

March 21st Swindon's Railway Village from Mike Stubbs

Mike is an experienced speaker, interested in local history, who supports the renovation of the Mechanics' Institute.

Doors open at 7.00 p.m. and all meetings start at 7.30. Refreshments and a raffle conclude the evening.

Irene Cooke

The Schools Gardening Competition

This year twelve schools entered the competition and it's always extremely difficult to select a "best" because of differing features. East Wichel, Mountford Manor and Lydiard Tregoze entered for the first time this year and the standard of each school was very high. All the children we met were very enthusiastic.

Some schools' curricula include a garden activity of some sort while others just have an after-school gardening club. Some have both. Even when it's a curriculum subject the schools' objectives differ and, of course, the ages of the participating children range from pre-school through to age eleven. Colebrook Infants spend three hours every Friday in the garden with infants/reception classes and first year. This involves up to about fifty children, although not all at once. Goddard Park was also good, scoring high on a number of the things we were looking for. Nythe School had incorporated "Digging for Victory" along with learning about World War Two. Then, of course, we have the Chalet School, doing wonderful work with special needs children which would earn a "certificate of merit" in any competition. However, this year's winner was Mountford Manor Primary School.

Mountford Manor's gardening club was only set up in the last twelve months by the School Caretaker and his wife who also works as a classroom assistant. At this stage it's only a garden club, not a curriculum subject, and it has just eight members, all eight year olds. The garden was simply what you would expect to see on a well-managed vegetable plot with manageable rows of peas, beans, beet etc. The "wobbly nature" of the runner bean supports persuaded the judges that the children had been very involved with the garden. They'd had crop failures, notably their strawberries, but the children knew what they were growing, including why they'd planted some French marigolds among the vegetables. They took the produce home for the parents to cook and apparently at least one of the eight had never opened a pod to take out a pea until he joined the garden club. The school had also been very fortunate in receiving gifts of some very useful cold frames and sheds.

Sue Stevens

The SALGA Holiday 10th June 2019

Our next holiday will be five days, (four nights), based on Tenby in South Wales. We shall be staying at the Clarence House hotel on the cliff top above the town with stunning views of the coast and Caldey island. The hotel is a two star, grade two, listed building and is “restricted mobility friendly” with lifts to all floors. We have been allocated a number of single rooms free of supplement. The itinerary is as follows.

Monday, we leave Swindon bus station at 8.30, with a stop for lunch and a visit to Swansea National Waterfront museum en route. Happily, for the rest of the holiday all the starts are at 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday, we spend the morning at Aberglassney House and gardens in Carmarthenshire, returning to Tenby at lunchtime. You then have free time in the afternoon to explore Tenby and its two beaches or perhaps visit Caldey Island. The boat fare to the island is £13.

Wednesday, we visit Cardigan Castle and gardens in Ceredigion in the morning. In the afternoon we move on first to St. Dogmael’s church for a brief stop to view the Ogham Stone which bears the first written example of the Celtic language. From there we go on to the Scolton Manor museum and country park at Haverford West.

Thursday, we start the day with a visit to the National Botanic Gardens of Wales at Llanarthne and then on to the Gwili Railway at Bronwyn Arms station for a steam train ride on their four and a half miles of track.

Friday, our first port of call on the way home is Newport Transporter Bridge, finally we move on to Tredegar House and gardens, (NT), at Newport, which has a restaurant. We expect to reach Swindon at 6 p.m.

The holiday price of £405 per person covers half board, all travel and entry fees plus the driver’s and hotel staff gratuities. Don will refund the Tredegar House group rate entry fee to any National Trust members who remember to bring their card on holiday. A deposit of £40 per head is payable to SALGA by the 30th October, with the balance of £365 due in April, 2019. For more information or to make a booking contact me on 01793 523048 or at janetb.flanagan@btinternet.com

Jan Flanagan

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The sum of £5.00 (In words, five pounds).

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**Please complete and send this form to the Treasurer,
D. Reeve, 7, The Pinnacle, Horder Mews, Swindon, SN1 3ED,
together with the form headed
SALGA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2018.**

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Giant Sunflowers



I recently received an email from the Rushey Platt allotment members with a photograph of a 12 foot sunflower. This had been grown by our member Derek Miles who is their allotment co-ordination officer. The email went on to say the plan for next year is that each of the Rushey Platt members will buy three seeds taken from a collective pot of seeds, and enter a competition to grow the tallest specimen. The money raised from the sale of the seeds will go to a charity chosen by Derek.

I really like the community spirit that this allotment site has and it led me to wonder whether other allotment sites have similar challenges. If you do, please let me know and I can include it in a newsletter.

Sue Stevens

Coach Trips for 2019

The committee is already looking at possible day trips for 2019.

Malvern Spring Show – Sat. 11th May Leave Gorse Hill C. C. at 9.00 a.m. Depart Showground at 4.30 p.m. Approximate price £34 to include show admission and driver's tip.

The Mary Rose, Portsmouth – Wed. 18th Sept. Leave Gorse Hill at 9.00 a.m. Leave the dockyard at 4.00 p.m. Approximate price £30 to include admission and driver's tip. Marilyn may investigate the possibility of adding a boat trip to this one nearer the time.

Don Reeve would like to run one to the National Trust house and gardens at Mottisfont during the rose season. Watch this space!

Fertilizers pre-orders

Keeping the Pickards Field members' shop stocked can be quite a challenge. For a start, tastes change and different products seem to fall out of favour. So whereas sulphate of ammonia used to sell really well, in the last couple of years we've sold very little. By contrast we've sold more manure compost this year than ever before and I know many members had to wait for the next delivery which arrived on 7th September.

That brings us to the next problem, order quantities. Too little and we either incur carriage charges or, in the case of Oaktree peat products, we have to wait until the haulier has another customer to "make up a full load" coming to our neck of the woods. That's why we're still waiting for the manure compost. I ordered a half-load, because a full load would be 640 bags which might leave us short of space for potting compost next February.

If you place a Kings Seeds order with Glenys then there is a list of fertilizers you can order at the same time, for collection when Pickards Field opens towards the end of February. Otherwise you may order any of the products listed below along with your membership renewal **so long as Denis Matthews receives it by 20th January, 2019, to meet my deadline.**

Blood, fish and bone 20kg	£16.00	Bloom booster 20 kg	£18.50
Bonemeal 20kg	£18.50	Calcified seaweed 25 kg	£28.00
Compost activator 20 kg	£15.00	Garden lime 20 kg	£8.50
Growmore 20 kg	£16.00	Hoof and horn 25 kg	£32.00
Magnesium sulphate 25kg	£22.00	Potato fertilizer 20 kg	£17.00
Rose fertilizer 25 kg	£21.00	Sulphate of ammonia 25 kg	£17.00
Sulphate of potash 25 kg	£37.50	Superphosphate 25 kg	£23.00
Trench fertilizer 25 kg	£25.50	Turbo fruiter 20 kg	£21.00
Lawn weed , feed and moss killer, (spring/summer use) 20 kg			£21.80
Autumn lawn weed and feed, (without moss killer) 20 kg			£19.80
Groworganic 40litre	£6.90	Pelleted chicken manure 20 kg	£9.80
Horse manure compost approx. 45 litres			£2.20

Don Reeve

Kings Seeds Discounts for SALGA members

Kings Seeds has been our preferred supplier for many years and some of you may have heard Les Day, the Company M. D. speak at one of our Thursday evening monthly meetings. I have now received their catalogues for 2019 and the discount available to members on all packet seeds plus onion sets and shallots is 45%. There is no discount on asparagus crowns, artichoke tubers, mushroom spawn, fruit trees and bushes or seed potatoes, but 10% for the remainder of the catalogue, loosely described as “sundries”. However, asparagus and fruit can also be purchased along with potatoes at our aptly named Potato Day. This next takes place at Gorse Hill community centre on Saturday, January 12th 2019.

Previously, our volunteers have delivered catalogues to all those members who have shown an interest in taking advantage of the scheme. However, our volunteers are getting fewer in number and longer in the tooth so this year we are asking members to collect them from Pickards Field shop. The shop is open every Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10.00am until 12 noon right through to the last Monday in October, (the 28th), and there's a catalogue reserved there for everyone who ordered seeds last year plus for those who have let Denis Matthews know they want one. We also have a few spare copies at the shop for anyone who hasn't spoken to Denis. I plan to make arrangements for any member on the list who **really can't** get to the shop to still receive one.

All completed orders and payments need to be in the shop or direct to me by Sunday 25th November 2018. Don Reeve will also accept them at the October and November meetings on the third Thursday at Gorse Hill community centre.

The more you order the higher the commission earned by the Association. I look forward to receiving your orders.

Glenys Dingwall

SALGA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2019.

Membership renewals are due on 1st January, 2019. Subscriptions remain unchanged at £5 per household. Those who don't intend to put in a Kings discount seed order this year can renew by completing the form below and sending it with a remittance to Denis Matthews at 28, Tithe Barn Crescent, Swindon, SN1 4JX. **Please make sure it reaches me by 20th January if you are including an order for fertilizers.**

Cheques must be made payable to SALGA but, better still, an on-line banking payment to the credit of SALGA account 00020536 sort code 40-52-40 will help the Association avoid bank charges. Membership cards will be available for collection at Pickards Field members' shop. If you prefer you may renew at Potato Day, or the Pickards Field shop or the monthly meetings at Gorse Hill Community Centre, when you will receive your card at the point of sale.

Name: _____

Membership Number (if known) _____

Address: _____

Contact telephone number _____

E-mail address (please write this very carefully)

Allotment site and plot number(if applicable): _____

I am a UK taxpayer and would like SALGA to treat all subscriptions I make from the date of this declaration until I notify otherwise as Gift Aid contribution, (Delete if not applicable).

Signature _____

Please add first name in full if signing this declaration.

Veggie friends coming for supper?

I turned vegetarian in my early 20's. Without giving too much away that was over 30 years ago! It's amazing how much has changed in those 30 years. I'm no longer considered odd (well, not for being vegetarian anyway!) and there are many convenience foods now 'suitable for vegetarians' plus a myriad of Vegetarian cook books with enticing recipes. However, sometimes you just want to use ingredients you're likely to already have in house rather than do a 'special' shop. Here are a couple of our 'staples' - ones I have made up myself - which don't require any specialist ingredients.

Pasta and Veg

Put some pasta on to cook (I do this in the microwave). Put chopped onions in a frying pan in a small amount of Olive oil, add a spoonful of garlic and a generous portion of paprika pepper. Cook for a few minutes to soften. Add any of the following, or a combination of them - all chopped: white cabbage, courgette, pepper, mushrooms. Sprinkle with black pepper. Cook for about 10 mins. Drain the pasta and put on plates, cover with the veg, place some chopped or baby tomatoes on the top and serve with grated cheese. Goes nicely with some Garlic Bread.

Pasta Bolognese

Fry onions and garlic in Olive Oil with a sprinkle of Paprika pepper. When softened add a nice lot of chopped mushrooms and 2 or 3 rashers of Quorn bacon, chopped, with a pack of Quorn mince and a jar of Bolognese sauce (I use the Seeds of Change one). Add some chopped carrot. Leave to simmer for 20/30 mins. Then stir in a pack of fresh noodles (not the dried ones) and cook for 3 mins. Serve with grated cheese on top.

By the way, this page was a blank one, a 'leftover' after having put all the other articles in. Irene very kindly gave me some incredibly interesting tips about mashing up banana skins to put round seedlings and putting used teabags around the base of plants - both inside and those in pots - as they love the tannin from the tea which then drains down into their roots when they are watered. However, we weren't able to include the article for copyright reasons. So, I hope the above has provided a suitable, appetising filler!

Barbara Aftelak

The Annual Horticultural Show

A fine day and another impressive display. The annual Horticultural Show took place on Saturday, 1st September with a display of produce that inspired everyone who came along to Gorse Hill community centre. It was great to see some new faces both exhibiting and visiting in the afternoon. Numbers across all classes were well down on previous years with the exception of the dahlias section. This had more flowers on display than we have seen for a long time and what a beautiful display! In part I suppose the unusual growing weather was to blame for fewer entries but it can't explain the dearth of entries in many of the domestic classes as well.

Our first year for community groups saw only one group entering, but they were worthy winners of the two new trophies that we have introduced. I hope more groups will be entering next year. Please tell anyone you know who is involved with a community gardening project about our show and how they might enter it. If we need some new classes to encourage this, let us know and the committee will consider your suggestions. It's already been decided to introduce a fruit class in the groups' competition. This, in part, was inspired by Marilyn Beale from Penhill Community Orchard who kindly donated some apples from their orchard as a raffle prize.

Only four children made entries this year. Where are all the children and grandchildren gone? Do we not have any younger members of the Association with children under the age of sixteen? They are our future and without them enjoying and taking part in gardening, cookery and handicraft, there will be no show in future years.

Mountford Manor Primary School was the proud winner of our schools garden competition earlier this year and collected the trophy at the show prize giving. It would be nice if we could encourage children from the various schools around Swindon to also get involved in the horticultural show itself. Next year's show will be held a few days after they return for the autumn term, so perhaps some will prepare an entry in their first few days back after the summer break.

We have three retirees this year. Doug Martin has been on the show committee for many years and has worked with several past show chairmen before taking over the role himself in 2008. The show has

grown considerably since then, with new classes added and the venue moved first from Pinehurst Community Centre to All Saints Church Hall then to Headlands School and, finally, to Gorse Hill Community Centre.

Doug's wife Maureen has worked alongside Doug at the show, preparing lunch for the judges, selling raffle tickets and numerous other jobs over the years. She too will be relinquishing her responsibilities. We wish them both well for the future. Our thanks go to Doug and Maureen for all their hard work over the years and we hope to see them again next year both exhibiting and visiting the show.

Last but not least, we are saying goodbye and thank you to Jeff Bolton. Many of you will know Jeff for his popular and varied talks at members' meetings especially those on the best ways to prepare your produce for showing. Or you may have visited his garden and his brother's next door, which they have opened in aid of charity for many years. Jeff has been our fruit and vegetable judge at the show for a long time. This is his final year for show judging and we wish him a very happy retirement.

Our thanks also go to all those who made the day possible:

- the people in the kitchen,
- the judges – particularly Pete from Wanborough Herbs who stepped in at the last moment to judge the flowers section,
- the judges' runners,
- Brian Reynolds who brought a set of scales along that was capable of weighing Jim Manley's giant pumpkin at 214lbs
- those who helped set-up the hall on Friday and those who cleared away on Saturday,
- Denis and his laptop for recording the scores to award the trophies,
- Wanborough Herbs who sell plants and Mike Carter who sold his own honey,
- and of course, you, the exhibitors who made the show so special.

We are pleased to announce that at our recent committee meeting, Michael Carter agreed to become our new Chairman with immediate effect.

Please put the date of our next year's show in your diary. It's Saturday 7th September 2019 and we all look forward to seeing you there.

Glenys Dingwall

AWARDS Winners 2018

R.H.S. BRONZE MEDAL <i>Awarded to the most meritorious exhibit in horticultural classes F1-F58 & V1-V50</i>	Paddie Adams
R.H.S. BANKSIAN MEDAL <i>Awarded to winner of highest amount of prize money in horticultural classes F1-F58 & V1-V50. (Past winners in 2017 and 2016 are not eligible in 2018)</i>	Albert Persaud
N.V.S. SILVER MEDAL & CARD <i>Awarded to the most meritorious exhibit in vegetable classes V1-V50</i>	James Manley
PERPETUAL ROSE BOWL <i>Highest number of points in 'Show'. All classes</i>	Albert Persaud
THE VEGETABLE CUP <i>Highest number of points in 'Vegetable Section' classes V1-V50</i>	Albert Persaud
THE ERNEST BRIGHT ROSE BOWL <i>Highest number of points in 'Dahlia Section' classes F1-F10</i>	Colin Hall
THE EDDIE JEFFRIES CUP <i>Winner of Chrysanthemum Class F11</i>	Not awarded
GLADYS PLUMLEY SHIELD <i>Highest number of points in 'Flower Section' classes F20-F28</i>	James Manley & M Salter
THE REMEMBRANCE CUP <i>Highest number of points in 'Pot-plant Section' classes F31-F40</i>	Paddie Adams
W. RIMER PERPETUAL SHIELD <i>Highest number of points in 'Domestic Section' classes H1-H14</i>	Elizabeth Hall
SWINDON ALLOTMENT SHIELD <i>Highest number of points in 'Handicrafts Section' classes H31-H41</i>	Sue Stevens
SKIPPER CUP <i>Highest number of points in 'Fruit Section' classes F51-F58</i>	Cindy Matthews
SMALL CUP <i>Highest number of points in 'Wine Section' classes H21-H23</i>	Michael Walker
TOOMER CUP <i>Best exhibit in 'Floral Art' classes H51-H52</i>	Dianne Slater
GREEN-FINGER TROPHY <i>Winner of Novice class V61</i>	Paul Cowling
D & T BROWN CUP <i>Awarded to Children's classes C1-C7</i>	Archie Sampson
CHAIRMAN'S CUP <i>Winner of Salad Class V39</i>	Albert Persaud
ALICE MORROW POSY BOWL <i>Winner of Posy Class H53</i>	Dianne Slater
THE SCHOOLS TROPHY <i>Winner of the Schools Garden Competition</i>	Mountford Manor
GROUP VEGETABLE CUP	Open Doors
GROUP FLOWERS CUP	Open Doors

Photo Competition prize donated by T4 Cameras

Liz Strange

Squash and Green Bean Coconut Curry

1tsp cumin seeds
1tsp coriander seeds
2 tbsp vegetable oil
1 onion, chopped
500g winter squash, peeled, deseeded and diced
1 red chilli, deseeded and chopped
½ tsp turmeric
400g tin coconut milk
300ml hot vegetable stock
100g fine green beans, halved
200g cauliflower florets, trimmed and cut into small florets
2 handfuls baby spinach leaves



In a small frying pan, dry fry the cumin and coriander seeds for 1 minute until lightly toasted. Grind together in a mortar and pestle.

Heat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat, add the onion and cook for 5 minutes. Add the squash, toasted spices, chilli and turmeric and cook, stirring, for a further 5 minutes. Pour in the coconut milk and stock and bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes, or until the sauce had reduced and thickened slightly.

Meanwhile, blanch the beans in boiling water for 1 minute, drain and refresh under cold water. Set aside.

Add the cauliflower florets to the curry and cook for 5 minutes. Add the spinach and cook until wilted. Stir in the beans and season to taste.

Serve with rice.

Taken from the Allotment Seasonal Planner & Cookbook

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