



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

Christmas 2022

Message from the Chair

*Another Year has passed, so may I wish you all
A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

The building site now surrounds the Seed Box, but most of you seem to have found us. A special thanks to all of you who have already visited and re-joined for 2023.

Thanks to all the committee for their hard work on behalf of the members and in particular to Dan, who is gradually getting to terms with taking over as Trading Secretary; which I have been trying to pass on for several years. I'd like to give special thanks to everyone, but realise that there just is not enough space, but I must mention all the helpers at the Seed Box, as they really are the lifeblood of the FGA. **Thanks to all helpers.**

Three highlights of every year are the shows, which in spite of the weather, have again been of excellent quality and quantity. Do support them in 2023 if you can, even if it's only by coming along to have a look.

2023 should be the last year when peat compost is available. I know many of us are worried by this, but producers are continuously improving their products, so I hope they come up trumps with some good and reasonably priced peat free products at reasonable prices. I'll be starting a lot of my veg in the ground this spring and then transplanting the young plants, so why not join me and see how it works!

If your preference is for flowers and shrubs why not look for ornamental vegetables to grow amongst the pretty stuff; they can add shape and colour. Perhaps I'll do an article for the next magazine on some alternatives. The way prices are rising nearly free food must be good!

So here's hoping for much better gardening weather in 2023; rain over night and wonderful sunny days would work for me.

Please all keep well and enjoy your gardening in the coming year.

Jim Godden FGA Chairman

Seed Box Opening Hours (first Saturday in February – last Saturday in November)

Friday	Closed until further notice
Saturday	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

General enquiries enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

Dates for 2023

Seed Box re-opens Saturday 4th February 2023

Spring Show - Saturday 25th March 2023

Annual Show - Saturday 19th August 2023

Autumn Show - Saturday 14th October 2023

FGA Quiz – Thursday 23rd November 2023

No date has been set for the AGM.

Committee Positions

If anyone is interested in taking on the role of FGA Magazine Editor, or Membership Secretary and would like to know more about what's involved, please contact us by email: -

enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

As Always.....

We are still in need of more volunteers to help at the Seedbox.

If you feel able to assist, please contact us by email: -

enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

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Telephone - 01525 – 717289 (24 hour answerphone)

Pre-Season Potato and Onion Sets Order Form – 2023

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

Number of Packs	Variety	Total Cost
3kg 10 seed		
	“First Earlies”	3 Kg (10)
.....	Duke of York	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Duke of York (RED)	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Casablanca	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Foremost	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Maris Bard	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Pentland Javelin	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Rocket (EARLY)	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Swift (VERY EARLY)	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
	“Second Earlies”	3 Kg (10)
.....	Acoustic	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Charlotte	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Kestrel	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Marfona	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Wilja	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
	“Main Crop”	3 Kg (10)
.....	Cara	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Desiree	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	King Edward	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Maris Piper	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Picasso	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Organic Setanta	£ 4.50 (£2.00)
.....	Vales Sovereign	£ 4.50 (£2.00)

Salad Variety

..... **Pink Fir Apple** **£ 2.80**

“Onion Sets and Shallots”

.....	Golden Gourmet Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.30	.....
.....	Red Sun Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.30	.....
.....	Yellow Moon Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.30	.....
.....	Biztro Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.30	.....
.....	Red Baron Onion Sets (0.25 Kg)	£ 2.00	.....
.....	Snowball Onion Sets (0.25 Kg)	£ 2.00	.....
.....	Sturon Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.00	.....
.....	Stuttgarter Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.00	.....
.....	Hercules F1 Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.00	.....
.....	Pink Panther Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.00	.....

Total Due £.....

Less Deposit Paid £

(Minimum Deposit 50p per pack)

BALANCE DUE £

For F.G.A. use Telephoned

Our potato tester pack next year will be Caledonian Rose.