



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

Christmas 2023

Message from the Chair

Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Another year closer to returning to normal access to the Seed Box. In spite of all the disruption and regular moves of the route into the Seed Box, particularly over the last couple of months, the FGA has survived 2023 in relatively good shape. On a weekly basis we have seen the new care home building take shape, I must admit I'm surprised by how big it is.

Moving to gardening: What an amazing year- too wet, too dry, too hot, too cold. I remember when you had a few wet days and a few dry days now we seem to talk months, droughts and floods. There really must be something to this Global Warming. I'm going to propose to our committee that we jointly present an item to the AGM to adopt green policies wherever practical. Some will say too little too late. Some will say too much too early. Most will be somewhere in between. This will be in addition to those imposed by the latest legislation banning sale of peat based compost at the end of 2024. If you have an opinion do come to the next AGM and add your views (date in April to be confirmed).

Our membership continues to reduce by a few each year. A quick look at our customers ages over any Saturday's trading largely explains this. Also a look at the ages of those actively gardening shows a similar ageing population. Please try and help us by suggesting us to family, friends and neighbours who may be interested.

Personally I have a health issue which has highlighted how rapidly you can go from moving pallets of peat around to struggling to lift 1 bag of compost. So

don't be surprised that I will be a lot less active at the Seed Box for a period (not too long I hope). I'll still be there regularly to offer advice so look out! The main purpose of the newsletter is to wish you all Festive Greetings and thank you for all for using us in what has been a tricky year.

Happy Christmas and let's hope for great gardening in 2024.

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. (Closed on Show Days)

General enquiries enquiries@flitwickgardeners.co.uk

Dates for 2024

Seed Box re-opens Saturday 3rd February 2024
Spring Show - Saturday 6th April 2024
Annual Show - Saturday 17th August 2024
Autumn Show - Saturday 12th October 2024
FGA Quiz – Thursday 21st November 2024

No date has been set for the AGM.

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 – 2024

Name..... Address

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

Number of Packs 3kg 10 seed	Variety	Total Cost
	“First Earlies”	3 Kg (10)
.....	Duke of York	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Duke of York (RED)	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Casablanca	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Foremost	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Maris Bard	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Pentland Javelin	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Rocket (EARLY)	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Swift (VERY EARLY)	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
	“Second Earlies”	3 Kg (10)
.....	Acoustic	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Charlotte	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Kestrel	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Marfona	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Wilja	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
	“Main Crop”	3 Kg (10)
.....	Cara	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Desiree	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	King Edward	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Maris Piper	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Picasso	£ 4.75 (£2.25)
.....	Organic Setanta	£ 4.75 (£2.25)

Salad Variety

..... **Pink Fir Apple** **£ 2.80**

“Onion Sets and Shallots”

.....	Red Sun Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.50
.....	Yellow Moon Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.50
.....	Biztro Shallots (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.50
.....	Red Baron Onion Sets (0.25 Kg)	£ 2.25
.....	Centurion F1 Onion Sets (0.25 Kg)	£ 2.25
.....	Sturon Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.25
.....	Stuttgarter Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.25
.....	Hercules F1 Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.25
.....	Pink Panther Onion Sets (0.5 Kg)	£ 2.25

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 Elland (maincrop).