

Exercise your Brain Cells

ANAGRAMS -ALL GARDEN RELATED ANSWERS

WANTING CARE	
HEED GROANS	
FRANK GORED	
TATTOOS WEEP	
POSTERS SLUR SUB	
A SUGAR SAP	
NEW CORSET	
OCCURS	
DRAINAGE	
TAILOR CURL HUT	

F P U C D O F S F X S N G Y T
 D P F U N L B I R D S O N G T
 W S V C R I C Z U G I V B E W
 E W G K O D W R F T G S L C M
 J P I O H O J P O G V O S B L
 E M V O T F Q X C C I Q E Q O
 L O E L W F T V K V U E C F Q
 L S S D A A H S H P L S B Y K
 E S H C H D F R O G S P A W N
 B O O O A F N E S T U V M E S
 E L O I Q T S N B U R S H H O
 U B T P V G K P R I M R O S E
 L T S U G V J I B J K W B Q S
 B P J E T M O Q N R E U E A V
 H Y A C I N T H N R D T U Q G

Daffodil	Frogspawn	Egg	Shower
Shoots	Bluebell	Crocus	Blossom
Hyacinth	Catkin	Bee	Hawthorn
Primrose	Birdsong	Cuckoo	Bud
Nest	Violet		

SPRING TIME

DIGGING IN

Newton Park Horticultural Society

Spring 2017

Trading shed
Open
10.30 - 12.00
every Sunday.

Chairman's Report

Spring is an optimistic time for us gardeners as we start to plan and begin to sow for the coming season. Do not forget to renew your membership. We would also encourage you to bring a friend or neighbour to the Trading Shed to see what we have to offer.

I am not so optimistic about the future of our Society. This winter we lost a valued member of our Committee. Brian Joy passed away in January and will be sadly missed. Most of you will know Brian as he did come to the shed most Sunday mornings on his mobility scooter. You probably didn't know about all the things that he helped the Society with: the odd jobs, checking and pricing stock (he was our assistant Trading Secretary), and the list could go on.

I am hoping that whatever you are planning for the coming season our Society will be able to help and provide for you. But, the future viability of our Society will be dependent upon new volunteers willing to step up and contribute in some way. I am concerned that the Society is getting very dependent upon a dwindling few without any backup or assistance to learn the ropes.

This year, owing to a family commitment Christine and I will not be able to attend the AGM on the 19th April. No – we are not resigning or retiring. However, there is some doubt (with just two people missing) whether this meeting will be quorate! This just goes to show how vulnerable the Society is becoming.

I am hoping that you will make the effort to attend our AGM on the 19th April and if you can hopefully volunteer to help in some small way. With sufficient active members, anything is possible, so don't sit back and take your Society for granted. We certainly do need more assistants to assist and provide back up for all the main roles.

John Salter Chairman

Society AGM

Wednesday 19th April

7.30pm

Rooks Heath School
EASTCOTE ROAD
CLASSROOM AG12
(but check on arrival)



Cryptic Clues

All the answers are names of plants or flowers

1. A vessel full of cholesterol (9)
2. Miniature stringed instrument? (6)
3. A witch's transport? (5)
4. A sweet baby's drink? (11)
5. A frog's voice for the US (6)
6. A Fancy Feline (9)
7. A hand in your front room (7,4)
8. A ruminants petticoat (7)
9. Lady between the mountains (4,2,3,6)
10. You might find Moses here (9)

Threes

Make three nine-letter words from the three-letter blocks. Each block can be used just once.

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Secretary's Report

Events Past: I understand that despite my absence the Christmas party in the Shed was a raving success as usual! Thanks again to all contributors.

Well, with the Christmas and the New Year celebrations are now behind us, we can look forward to fresh sowing and planting in 2017 from all the fresh supply of seeds, potatoes, onions, Gladioli and Dahlias now in stock.

Our Autumn Show: Still the biggest and the best in the Borough - will be on the 2nd September at our newly established venue of the Roxeth Community Church, Coles Crescent. As previously advised, this is a superb venue in which to hold the Show. Wonderful architecture, roomy and with excellent natural lighting. The Show Schedule is available from the Shed so come down and collect so you can start planning your entries. We are really keen to welcome new entrants, don't be afraid to ask advice its always free and plentiful. Remember we

have a good stock of seeds etc, , so you can ask how and what, buy the necessary, grow and show, and hopefully win a prize! We have several novices classes too.

Exciting news: Yes it's what you've been waiting for to complete one of your New Year resolutions, our AGM! Please Do Attend. This is your Society so do come along and see how we have performed over the past year. Think we could do better? Great! We always welcome suggestions upon how we can improve. Do stand for Office, we always welcome new blood on the Committee and have never knowingly turned any help away. Or volunteer for Shed duty, its only one Sunday in five. We need your help, fresh ideas, and above all your support. So do come along and tell us what you think. N.B. We will be starting prompt at 7pm as we will be ushered out at 8pm!

NOTICEBOARDS: As I persistently emphasise, you do need to regularly check our noticeboards. Remember they are our quickest way of updating you. They will inform you of our latest offers and news of what is going on throughout the year besides giving monthly gardening tips, action lists and other topical news.

OBITUARY BRIAN JOY

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, MAINTENANCE ENGINEER,
ASSISTANT TRADING SECRETARY

It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of Brian Joy on 5th January 2017

Brian had been a loyal and respected member of the society for many years, taking on all three roles above to support the Society. As regular down the Shed every Sunday (barring Navy days) Brian became well known to nigh on to all our members.

After his long battle against cancer, he finally succumbed Thursday 5th January 2017 in Northwick Park hospital.

At his well attended funeral at Breakspeare Crematorium on 1st February, the Society was well represented by most of the Committee and several ordinary members.

Despite his physical handicap, Brian was active on many fronts. Not only fulfilling the roles for us as indicated above, but he also held office at the Harrow British Legion, on several Royal Navy Ship associations, and the Freemasons doing charity work.

He will be sorely missed.

DONATIONS: For those of you who may wish to contribute in memory of Brian we still have a collecting box in the Shed – donations will go to the Macmillan Support whose nurses helped Brian over the past year.



Spring Gardening Checklist

The garden is waking up, it's time to plant, prune, prepare beds, and care for your lawn.

Prep the beds. Remove winter mulch or, if well composted, work into the top layer of the soil. Work in some leaf mould or well-rotted manure, too.

Prune. Now is the time to trim fruit trees if you didn't prune in winter. Prune before buds begin to break into bloom or you'll stress the tree and get a tiny crop

Start seeds indoors. You've spent the winter reading seed and plant catalogues, so try some.

Plant veggies. Hardy vegetables, such as onions, potatoes, artichokes, and some lettuces can be planted now

Divide perennials. Before plants have begun spring growth is a good time to divide many perennials.

Plant hardy annuals. Sow seeds outdoors or transplant seedlings.

Apply mulch. If you mulch now, you'll have next-to-no weeding come summer.

Show Report

As soon as we have caught our breath from last year's Show, planning for the next Autumn Show starts. The hall and Judges are booked and the new Show Schedule is compiled with a few changes to reflect comments received and some updates to give regular exhibitors new challenges. These updates include a new fun class in the exceptional vegetables section with: "greatest girth of a globe radish, grown and displayed in a 3½" pot". In the Handicraft Classes the photograph subjects are: "reflections" and "garden visitors". Full details are in this year's Show Schedule which is available at the Trading Shed or on-line.

I was really heartened last year with the number of new exhibitors. A local society show such as ours is ideal for anyone willing to have a go at exhibiting. We do try to encourage this by having plenty of novice classes. These are designed to be encouraging rather than demanding and ideal for anyone starting out. Everything for your growing needs should be at the shed along with help and advice.

The Show Committee have done their bit so it is now up to you. With no exhibits, there will be no show for anyone! So, you can start planning too and there are really are no excuses for all to have a go at something. In the meantime, I do hope that whatever you are growing or making this year turns out to be successful and if it is something special we don't want to hear about it – we want you to share it with everyone at our **Show on 2nd September.**

Christine Salter Show Secretary

Trading Shed

At the time of writing the Trading Shed is nearly empty although seed potatoes, onions, dahlias, gladioli and our vast selection of vegetable and flower seed are on sale. There is also a new supply of all grades of John Innes compost and a few bags of multipurpose and growbags are still available.

However at the time of reading the Trading Shed should be nearly full as a very large order of bulk goods has been placed and a delivery date is awaited.

On the subject of the bulk delivery if you are not on my list of willing helpers how about getting in touch, or leaving your name and telephone number in the shed to join the "Unloading Crew". As the Chairman has already said in his piece we desperately need some new helpers to keep the Society going as none of us are getting any younger and "Many hands make light work".

It goes without saying that without the Loading Crew there would be no bulk goods and therefore no Trading Shed. This also goes for our Sunday Helpers who are getting thinner on the ground every year.

Looking forward to adding your name to either list.

Tony Racher
Trading Secretary

ANSWERS

THREES TOPARIST SHRUBBERY DANDELION
four Palm, 8 Cowslip, 9 Lily of the Valley, 10 Buttrushes
CRYPTIC 1 Buttercup, 2 Violet, 3 Broom, 4 Honeyuckle, 5 Crocus, 6 Dandelion, 7 Par-
SPROUT, ASPARAGUS, SWEETCORN, CROCUS, GARDENIA, HORTICULTURAL
WATERING CAN, GARDEN HOSE, GARDEN FORK, SWEET POTATO, BRUSSELS
NAGRAMS



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