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EDITORS NOTES

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R.H.S. LONDON AND WISLEY

We are affiliated to the RHS who's benefits include competitive insurance cover, free gardening advice, a free group visit to an RHS garden, (54 members to visit Wisley *club trip in Summer*) access to medals (*Banksian medal*) and show stationery and a free monthly copy of The Garden magazine (*see Brenda Winton if you wish to view*). Our membership number is 10564709.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- SUMMER SHOW 2nd JULY
 - RHS Chatsworth Flower Show – 6–10 June 2018.
 - RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show – 2–8 July 2018 (Preview 2 July)
 - RHS Flower Show Tatton Park – 18–22 July 2018.
 - AUTUMN SHOW 8th September
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THIS MONTHS RECIPE

GOOSEBERRY CREAM FLAN

You will need

5oz Digestive biscuits
1 teaspoon lemon juice
3oz butter
Half oz powdered gelatine
14oz tin gooseberry pie filling
2 tablespoons cold water
One & half oz castor sugar
Half pint double cream

To do

Crush the biscuits with a rolling pin melt the butter in the saucepan and add the biscuit crumbs stir until thoroughly blended. Grease a 7 inch cake tin with a removable base and press in the biscuit mixture firmly. Sift the pie filling reserving 8 full gooseberries for decoration and stir in the sugar and lemon juice. Dissolve the gelatine in the water in a little basin over a saucepan of hot water. Stir into the fruit puree.

Whip the cream to form soft peaks set aside enough for decoration. Fold the puree into the remainder of the cream and blend well. Pour into biscuit case and chill in refrigerator until set. Remove flan from cake tin with great care.

Miss. H. Maunders

ORCHID TYPES**Cymbidium**

One of the most popular orchids for a house plant or as a cut flower is cymbidium, producing 4-5 large spikes of 60-70cm long lasting many weeks. Grown indoors they require bright light in winter, dappled shade in summer.

They like a cool night temperature so position in a kitchen or hallway. They require watering all year: do not allow to dry out. Feed regularly, but reduce feed in the darkest winter months.

In summer they can be put outside as long as they are protected from the hot sun & well watered. As the flowers develop tie them to a bamboo cane to look their best. Remember high night temperature & poor light will lead to poor growth and bud drop.

Ludisia

This house plant is easy to care for and very robust. Grow in a mixture of fine bark, peat or leaf mould with some coarse grit or sand to keep the compost open. Pot loosely in a shallow pot to accommodate the creeping rhizome. Shade well from direct sun, but keep in good light. This is a forest floor plant and therefore should not become completely dry.

Never spray the leaves with hard water or insecticides as it will spoil the foliage. Ludisia grows well on a sideboard or windowsill and flowers for more than two months just make sure after flowering you prune the branch 3cm above the uppermost leaf to ensure it flowers again.

Water regularly but do not allow the house plant to stand in water. Feed often with either Fito's concentrated feed for orchids or Chempack orchid fertilizer.

Vanda

These are the nearest orchids to air plants. They get all their nourishment from the air. They should be grown in small wooden baskets or glass vases & can be hung up. They should have their roots sprayed daily with some orchid food mixed into the water. They do not thrive in the dry, warm atmosphere of a centrally heated room and are better in a conservatory or cool greenhouse.

Phalaenopsis

Excellent in centrally heated homes (not below 18c). Will grow in poor light, where most houseplants normally suffer, provided you water and feed regularly. Position in a well lit room without direct sunlight, possibly with a net curtain to give dappled shade.

Keep the orchid moist at all times but do not stand permanently in water or this will rot the roots. A little fertiliser added to the water weekly will keep the plant fit & healthy. Mist the leaves not the flowers.

When the orchid has finished flowering, cut back to the strongest eye on the stem. If the stem has started to wither cut the flower spike right at the base and a new spike should appear from the opposite side of the plant in a few months.

Miltonia (Miltoniopsis)

These orchids do not make enormous specimen plants & seldom grow at the same time as they flower. Each pseudo bulb consists of 2 basal leaves & one or two terminal leaves from the top, the flower spike coming from the base or the side of the pseudo bulb.

Due to their origins, living in almost perpetual spring-like weather these orchids know little or no seasonal change & therefore grow continuously without a definite flowering season.

In fact most plants flower on a nine month cycle so they seldom bloom at the same time 2years running. Best grown with minimum night temperature of 15C. They should be shaded from hot summer sun and given an even humidity. Feed regularly during the growing season.

APGC TRIPS 2018

Sunday 8th July East Lambrook Manor Gardens. Cost £24 each (transport and Entry Fees) Leave Hall at 9am, returning approx 6pm. Non Returnable Deposit £10.

<http://www.eastlambrook.com/pages/>

Saturday 18th August Great Dixter. Cost £25 each (transport and Entry Fees) Leave Hall at 9:30am, returning approx 6pm. Non Returnable Deposit £10.

<https://www.greatdixter.co.uk/>

On all the above trips a comfort break will be made in both directions.

Sunday 9th September RHS Wisley Gardens. Cost £4 each (for those using minibus only) Leave Hall at 1pm, returning approx 5pm. Free for those who meet us at Wisley at 1:30pm. <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley>

PLANT SALE UPDATE

Many thanks for all those people who helped at the Plant Sale in May. Those that put notices up and delivered leaflets through peoples doors, those who came on Friday evening to unload, those who helped set up from 9am, those who helped sell the plants, those who bought plants and finally those who helped clear up afterwards. Without you the Plant Sale would not be the success it is.

Currently we have a profit of £400. Well done everyone.

GARDENING CALENDAR JUNE

Container Gardening

Container gardening makes it possible to have a garden where plants wouldn't otherwise take root and gives those of us without a "real" garden a chance to flex our green thumbs! A balcony or deck can be easily transformed into a lush oasis. We've all seen spectacular displays of flowers overflowing pots but now it's time for vegetables to take center stage. Don't think vegetables can be attractive? You'll be surprised! Not only will you have a striking garden you'll have some delicious produce as well.

Here are a few tricks to keeping your container garden healthy:

- Choose large pots. The sun can heat the edges of pots potentially damaging the roots. Larger pots give roots more room as well as keeping the soil moist longer.
- Paint a clear varnish over clay pots to keep moisture from evaporating through the sides. (Once you start you may find want to get creative with touches of color and patterns.)
- If you're using plastic pots the soil can become quite warm. A great solution is to place a smaller pot within a larger one leaving at least half an inch between them. The outer pot will become a heat shield by providing shade.
- One summer I decided I'd had enough of mosquitoes and went to the hardware store and bought some screen mesh and built a simple frame. When I was done I found myself with extra mesh. It turned out to be a great way to keep small bugs from crawling into my potted plants through the drainage holes at the bases. Fifty-cents worth of mesh was all it took to keep those pesky sow bugs from taking up residence! Cut out a piece of mesh at least twice the size of the drainage hole. Add small rocks on top as usual for drainage.

The Best Edible Plants for Containers

You can find plants that will grow to all heights, shapes, colors and sizes. It is a good idea to choose some sort of pattern employing any of these elements. This will keep your garden from looking like a jungle of haphazardly placed plants. You may decide you would like to arrange plants from low to high making a gradual step from one end of your deck to the other. Or you could have low-, medium- and tall-sized plants within the same container.

Great ground cover plants include basil, oregano, parsley, mint, thyme, purple sage, and garlic (garlic often begins sprouting from the bulbs-check out your local grocer you're bound to find one with a green shoot). With the exception of basil all of these are nearly indestructible.

Strawberries, violets and pansies are sweet choices. Yes you can eat violets and pansies-they are often candied and used to decorate special cakes. Ounce for ounce, violets have more Vitamin C than oranges!

Medium-sized plants that take well to containers are beet, chamomile with its delicate white and yellow flowers, and everyone's favorite-tomatoes! The great thing

about growing tomatoes in containers is that you can prevent rain from falling on the fruit and causing blight if you position your container beneath an awning.

Tall plants will lend an exotic look to your garden. Choose from blueberry (it grows to approximately 3 1/2 feet and the foliage turns a deep red in autumn) green, yellow or Italian beans or Snow peas wrapped around a pole, sunflowers or even corn.

Sounds strange but when you see corn outside of a field it is quite striking.

If you want to add more color to the great shapes and displays of vegetables you can add flowers. Tried and true varieties include Gerbera daisy, pink and purple wave petunia, begonias, Calla lilies (great if your space is partially shaded) fragrant heliotrope and stock.

Get digging!

LOCAL CLUB EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES – JUNE 2018

2nd Leatherhead Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, 19 The Mount, Fetcham. 10 am
For details please contact Euan Niven 01372-279079

4th Ash Parish History and Prop. Of Hardy Geraniums, with Jacqui Aviolet
Beverley Ames 01252-686303

4th Esher/Molesey Tales from the Minutes, with Anthony Barnes.
Ann Beauchamp 0208-9791415

5th Lightwater Growing for the kitchen, with Paul Patton
Lynn Bull 01276-502497

7th Aldershot Floral Design Demo: Summer Scentsations, by Alison Penno
Dee Kelly 01252-350944

7th Sunningdale The many uses of Heathers, with John Hall
Pat Bond 01344-623891

9th Cobham SUMMER SHOW Marg. Burton 01932-865395

10th Peaslake/Shere Peaslake Open Gardens then Shere Open Gardens on 24th
June Scilla Roe on 0790-155-4415

11th Elstead Enjoy Your Flower Shows, with Richard Bailey
Alison Gravett 01252-703318

11th Yateley National Garden Scheme, with Angela O'Connell
Hazel Goddard 01252-874532

12th Ashford ROSE SHOW, 8.30 pm St. Matthews Church Hall then talk.
B. Baghapour 01784-247907

12th Merrow EVENING SHOW, open 8 pm Jenn. Bayley 01483-572781

12th Worplesdon Getting the most out of baskets and tubs, by Mark Dobell
Sheila Dyke 01483-481841

13th Grayshott From seed to the plate, with Paolo Arrigo
Ros. Henshall 01428-607879

13th Virginia Water Windsor Great Park & Crown Estate, with John Anderson
Linda Gillham 01932-564834

- 16th Banstead EARLY SUMMER SHOW 2-5 Community Hall, Banstead
Diana Beck 01737-271243
- 16th Dunsfold/Hascombe EARLY SUMMER SHOW, 2.30-4.30 Winn Hall, Dunsfold
Sue Simper 01483-200286
- 16th Sandhurst SUMMER SHOW, Visitors 3 pm Chris Dresler 01420-768965
- 20th Cheam/Cuddington Huxley's Birds of Prey, with Julian & Steph Ford
Nick Clarke 0208-644-9291
- 20th Onslow Village SUMMER SHOW, & Herb Growing with Belinda Allen
Anne Bradbeer 01483-563421
- 23rd Peaslake/Shere SUMMER SHOW Memorial Hall, Peaslake
Scilla Roe 0790-155-4415
- 23rd Wokingham SUMMER SHOW 2.00 pm St. Pauls Parish Rooms, RG41 1EH
wha-general@outlook.com
- 24th Jacobs Well SUMMER SHOW Pam Lomax 01483-767225
- 10th Peaslake/Shere Shere Open Gardens Scilla Roe on 0790-155-4415
- 26th Milford Wisley through the Seasons, with Linda Dolan
S. Miskimmin 01483-421509
- 26th West End Fascinating Fungi, friends or foe? Dr. Peter Herring
Judy Douch 01483-475133
- 28th Woking Gardening Land of the Giants (Veg.) with Ian Clemens
Joy Leach 01483-837359
- 29th Banstead Tea with David Hatcher, The Millennium Wood 2-4 URChurch
Diana Beck 01737-271243
- 30th Chiddingfold SUMMER SHOW Georgia Lacey 01428-683120
- 30th Elstead SUMMER SHOW 2.00-4.00 Village Hall
Kathy Deaville 01252-702630
- 30th Ewell SUMMER SHOW 2.30-4.30 Blenheim High School
Lynne Mason 0208-393-9257
- 30th Headley Hants. SUMMER SHOW 2.30 pm Village Hall
J.Howard-Duff 01428-714073
- 30th Milford SUMMER SHOW 2.30 pm Village Hall
S. Miskimmin 01483-421589
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JUST FOR LAUGHS

Quotes for Gardeners

1. Remember that squirrels also need to make a living; preferably in somebody else's garden.
2. When all the chores are done, the avid gardener will invent new ones.
3. Knee: a device for finding rocks in your garden.

4. Gardening is a Sport. Hoe for It!
 5. Never underestimate the power of those that like things neat and tidy.
 6. I once read about the dangers of gardening, so I quit reading for two weeks.
 7. If you need five tools to solve a problem in the garden, four of them will be easy to find.
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GROWING SMALL TREES & SHRUBS IN CONTAINERS

Some areas of your garden could probably do with more height and structure, but not have the soil space to take a tree or a shrub. The answer could be to grow one or two in large containers, that way keeping them down to a manageable size and giving more interest

Many trees and shrubs do well in containers, provided these are large enough and have good drainage, with crocks or stones in the base of the container. From acers to rhododendrons, from crab apples to olive trees, there is plenty of choice. Japanese maples are particularly good in large containers, while rhododendrons can have the acid soil they need and which is not naturally available in all areas

Container specimens can be planted at any time of year, although autumn is a good time. The dormant season from autumn to spring is best for bare-rooted trees, and these are almost always deciduous, while root-balled plants are often evergreen and have their roots and surrounding soil wrapped in a material such as hessian which is removed before planting.

You must get a suitable container. For a tree or shrub choose a tub or pot twice the width and depth of the root ball, which will give plenty of space for the roots to develop, and will also hold enough moisture and nutrients to keep the plant growing healthily. For stability, as these containers will stay outside all year, choose something substantial and avoid containers that are too lightweight or have a narrow base that will topple over in windy weather.

Use a soil-based potting compost, and a lime-free type for those trees and shrubs that need it, which includes Japanese maples. Add a slow-release fertiliser. When you buy, get advice on the best compost and fertiliser for your plant. If you are to grow it as a standard, it may need staking. Insert the stake before planting and secure it to the tree with a good quality tree tie. Put low supports under the container so that water drains freely, using either purpose made pot-feet or bricks

Long term care of container-grown trees and shrubs is vital. You may need to move your plant into a new container every two or three years as it grows too big for its container and the roots can become congested. Move it to one that is one and a half times the size of the old one. Use fresh soil-based composts (ericaceous for plants such as rhododendrons) and add a slow-release fertiliser.

Mature specimens may need their roots cut back. Lay the container on its side to ease out the plant then discard the surface potting compost and tease out the roots to cut back those that are non-fibrous by about a half to even two-thirds. Repot the plant using fresh compost and water thoroughly. To put back nutrients for trees and shrubs not repotted, top-dress in spring by adding fresh compost on the top of the container, again with a slow release fertiliser.

Above all, keep up the watering in dry periods as even large containers dry out quickly.

Japanese maples

Hydrangea paniculata

Yew (*Taxus baccata*)

Sweet Bay (*Laurus nobilis*)- clipped into 'lollypop' shape, gives a smart look by a door

Hollies

Camellias

Smaller rhododendrons such as hybrids of *R. yakushimanum*

Crab apples or dwarf eating apples such as 'Sunset'

NOTHING CAN BEAT UK'S STRAWBERRIES!

I'm a great believer in eating fruit and veg that are in season - it tastes better and also reduces food miles - Martin Fish

STRAWBERRIES are one of my favourite summer fruits and I always look forward to picking the first berries of the summer. I emphasize the word summer because nowadays it is possible to get strawberries all year round, even in the middle of winter.

These strawberries aren't grown in the UK and although they resemble a strawberry, in my opinion they don't taste of anything! Perhaps I'm being a bit harsh, but I'm a great believer in eating fruit and vegetables in season. When you can get produce such as strawberries, French beans and asparagus at any time, you don't appreciate them as much.

I like to grow the first strawberries of the season in my greenhouse to get an early crop and we've been picking them for the past couple of weeks. I grow them in hanging pots and being able to pick the fruits and enjoy them within half an hour with some fresh cream is the way strawberries should be eaten.

In the rest of the garden I've been busy finishing planting my tender vegetables. Because of the late season and cool weather, held back planting squashes, dwarf French beans and courgettes, and opted to keep the plants growing in pots in the greenhouse where I could feed the plants to keep them growing. I've now planted out good-sized plants that should establish quickly.

Cool, showery weather also helped the planting of two island beds. I started to prepare the ground when it was fairly dry, but gradually the rain has softened the soil to create lovely planting conditions and I'm now well on with the planting.

Because I'm planting some choice plants in the beds, I'm giving them plenty of growing room to fill out and develop their natural shape, but under-planting with perennials should help to fill some gaps in the short term.

One plant that I'm very excited about is *Cornus controversa* 'Variegata', the wedding cake tree. It's a lovely large shrub or small tree that has cream and green foliage and branches that develop in tiers, hence its common name.

I've wanted one for years, but I knew it wouldn't like the heavy clay soil that we had at Meadowfield, but in our new garden I'm sure it will do really well on the lighter soil.

I had a reminder of heavy soil the other day when Jill and I went to visit our daughter and her partner. Dad was called in to help with the garden and when we got there, we discovered areas of heavy clay soil. Fortunately, it's only a small garden and in the day we got the borders re-shaped and planted with a selection of shrubs and perennials. However, a day digging in clay and an aching back really made Jill and I really appreciate the lovely soil in our garden.

ASH PARISH GARDEN CLUB RULES

Revised October 2017

(1) NAME

The name of the Club shall be the Ash Parish Garden Club

(2) OBJECT

The object of the Club shall be to promote the good cultivation of gardens & allotments by :-

(a) Holding meetings for lectures, discussions, demonstrations and some social activities.

(b) Holding Horticultural shows and competitions.

(3) MANAGEMENT

3.1 The Officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Secretary, Social Secretary, Program Secretary all of whom shall be elected at the Annual general Meeting.

3.2 The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee composed of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Secretary and four other members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

3.3 The committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees and to co-opt additional members as they may consider necessary.

3.4 The Chairman shall preside at all Management Committee Meetings during the ensuing year. If at any Committee Meeting the Chairman is not present, the Committee shall elect a Chairman to preside at that meeting.

3.5 A quorum of the Committee shall be five including at least two Officers.

3.6 The Ordinary Meetings of the Club shall be held in accordance with a Programme which shall be formulated by the Management Committee and issued to all members of the Club in January.

3.7 The Chairman shall preside at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

3.8 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held at the November club meeting of every year for the purpose of:-

(a) Receiving the Management Committee's report on the work of the Club during the preceding year and a financial Statement signed by the Auditor.

(b) The election of Officers and Members of the Management Committee and the appointment of the Auditor who shall not be a member of the Club.

(c) Motions, of which seven days notice has been given to the Secretary.

(d) Determining the Annual Subscription for the following years

3.9 Annual subscriptions are due on 1st January each year and any member whose subscription for the current year is unpaid by the last day of March shall lose all privileges of membership until such subscription is paid.

3.10 Voting shall be by a show of hands unless the Chairman of the meeting shall direct that a ballot shall be taken.

3.11 The Management Committee may convene an Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the Club at any time. They may also do so within four weeks at a written request signed by a minimum of ten members of the Club. A written notice must be sent to all members not less than seven days before such a meeting, setting forth the date, time, place and purpose of such meeting and no other business other than that mentioned in the notice shall be transacted.

3.12 The funds of the Club shall be applied solely to the objects stated in Section 2.

3.13 A banking account in the name of the Club shall be held in an Cheque Account all monies not required for Administrative purposes shall be Deposited therein. Cheques must be signed by not less than two officers, i.e. Chairman and/or Treasurer and/or Secretary. In the event of a dissolution of the Club any remaining funds shall be devoted to a Charity approved by the Management Committee.

(4) AUDIT

The financial statement of the Club shall be prepared to the 31st August each year and Audited.

(5) ALTERATION TO RULES

These rules may be amended only at the Annual General Meeting or Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Club and only, if notice to the proposed deletion or addition has been posted, not less than seven days before the Meeting and voted by a show of hands

Sunday 24th June 2018 to SHALFORD HOUSE,

Kingsley Green, West Sussex, GU27 3LW

(By very kind permission of Sir Vernon and Lady Ellis)



This private garden will be open on this day exclusively for SHF Clubs.

Garden open from 2.30 to 4.30 pm

Teas Available @ £2.50 pp

Entry £5 each which will be donated to the Multiple Sclerosis charity.

In a south facing bowl, reclaimed from a wilderness to the current sloping lawns, borders, terraces and pergolas. A stream runs down to ponds; there is a 30 acre arboretum and a prairie garden. Sorry, not suitable for wheelchairs, and no dogs in garden, but they can run in the woodland parking area.



To find it : Kingsley Green is on the A286 from Haslemere to Midhurst. Turn left into Square Drive, then left again after approx 500 yds by the list of houses name boards, and go right to the end of the (very narrow) lane – parking signed.

Bookham Open Gardens 2018



A variety of gardens for all
to enjoy

Sunday 17th June
10 am – 5 pm

Old Barn Hall (Church Rd, KT23 3PQ) open
for tickets, garden maps, refreshments,
stalls and raffle

Free minibus service between gardens
courtesy of Bookham Scouts & Manor House School

Tickets: £5 in advance from 19th May at The Vineries Garden
Centre, Wishing Well, Bungalow Stores,
Bartons Bookshop (Leatherhead), Old Barn Hall office
(Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30-12) or on Village Day

£6 on the day at the gardens or the Old Barn Hall

Free for under 16s

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