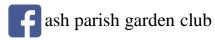
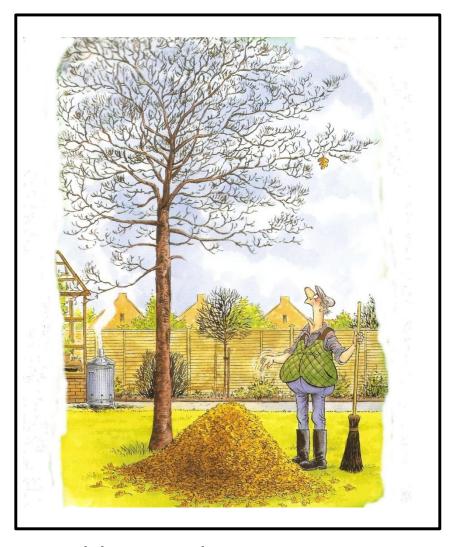
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R.H.S. LONDON AND WISLEY

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.

THIS MONTHS RECIPE

CASSEROLE OF BEEF IN RED WINE

Cooking time: 2-3 hours on top or in oven. Gas mark 1 or 2

You will need

4oz butter

2 Oxo cubes

6oz onion

2 tablespoons red wine

6oz bacon

salt and pepper

21b beef

8oz mushrooms

4 level tablespoons

bouquet garni

1 pint hot water

To do

Cut the beef and bacon in small pieces

Peel and slice onion

Wash the mushrooms

Crumble the Oxo cubes and dissolve in hot water

Melt the butter and brown the onion and bacon

Remove and brown the meat

Sprinkle in the flour and brown it

Add the Oxo stock, fried onions and the bacon

Add the wine, mushrooms and flavourings, being careful not to add too much salt because of the bacon.

Cover and cook slowly using the longer time, if possible

When re-heating casserole should be brought to the boil before serving.

Mrs. P. Ludgate

POETS CORNER

from The Winter Evening

What are the casements lin'd with creeping herbs, The prouder sashes fronted with a range Of orange, myrtle, or the fragrant weed, The Frenchman's darling?* are they not all proofs That man, immur'd in cities, still retains His inborn inextinguishable thirst Of rural scenes, compensating his loss By supplemental shifts, the best he may? The most unfurnish'd with the means of life. And they that never pass their brick-wall bounds To range the fields and treat their lungs with air, Yet feel the burning instinct: over-head Suspend their crazy boxes, planted thick, And water'd duly. There the pitcher stands A fragment, and the spoutless tea-pot there; Sad witnesses how close-pent man regrets The country, with what ardour he contrives A peep at nature, when he care no more. **WILLIAM COWPER (1731-1800)** *mignonette

WINKWORTH ARBORETUM

The Unsung Hero Awards shine a light on the hard work that staff and volunteers of National Trust strive to providing on a daily basis, work that is often overlooked, but late in 2019 our own Hero Kathy Wagstaff who helps at the Winkworth Arboretum received her award along with a bottle of Champaign and a large box of chocolates, **WELL DONE KATHY**.

Spectacular Autumn colour at Winkworth Arboretum

This year the autumn colours at Winkworth started in mid October, with the maples putting on a great show. The different species meant that we were treated to a range of multi red, orange, yellow and dark pink leaves. As these leaves began to drop the colour was as good both on the trees as on the ground. The photographers came flocking with their tripods and cameras.

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Halfway down the azalea steps the Katsura trees puzzled the visitors with the strong small of burnt toffee which carried a fair distance. I was often asked about this and I explained that it was the leaves creating the smell which continued long after they had fallen. Another Katsura tree grows at the top of the arboretum near the lookout. This one is a County Champion.

Kornus Kousa trees at this time of the year are covered with masses of large fruits which look like strawberries, much loved by birds. More food for wildlife may be found on Sorbus Hill where Dr Fox, the previous owner of Winkworth, planted many species of rowan trees. The red, pink, yellow and white berries attract flocks of Redwings and Fieldfares. The gardeners continue to replant this area with new trees when necessary to keep his dream of planting the hillsides with colour.

As the bright colours of the more exotic trees start to fade it is time for the native trees to colour up. Beech, oak, larch, hazel, sweet chestnut and sycamores change to the deep gold, yellow and brown. Adults and children arrived with bags and small buckets to collect their treasures and happily went home to create pictures and to eat the chestnuts. Another draw for the children was that there were a great many puddles and much time was spent wading through them and jumping up and down. Luckily parents were prepared for this and didn't mind the mud.

Even now, in November, there is still a good deal of colour although it is softer now. The rolling hills which surround the arboretum make a superb backdrop to the views of the lake and meadows. Visitor numbers have been higher than ever this year, keeping the staff and volunteers very busy. Kathy Wagstaff

2019 YEAR END SHOW RESULTS

Most Points Section 1 FLOWERS:

1st 99pts Hazel Chant, 2nd 73pts Penny Slack, 3rd 57pts Beverley Ames

Most points Section 1 FRUIT & VEG

1st 63pts Penny Slack, 2nd 32pts Rowene Munn, 3rd 31pts Brian Cresey

Most points Section 1 FLOWERS+ FRUIT & VEG

1st 112pts Hazel Chant, 2nd 83pts Brenda Winton, 3rd 73pts Beverley Ames

Most Points Section 3 Cooking & Craft

1st 45pts Hazel Chant, 2nd 39pts Laura Chant, 3rd 33pts Brian Cresey

Most Points All Sections All Shows

1st 158pts Penny Slack, 2nd 157pts Hazel Chant, 3rd 93pts Laura Chant

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MOSS-COVERED WALLS INSTALLED TO CLEAN CITY AIR

Ruby Prosser Scully

WALLS blanketed in moss are popping up in major cities, along with promises that they can help reduce air pollution -but can a few square metres of plant matter really tackle the smog?

Berlin-based Green City Solutions believes so. Its moss walls, called CityTrees, are about 4 square meters in size. It says they can filter up to 80 per cent of pollution particles out of the air, including the tiny ones linked to respiratory and cardiovascular diseases.

The walls collect rainwater, which is pumped through an irrigation system to the plants, powered by solar panels. These also drive fans to increase airflow through the plants. As a result, the firm says its product filters 3500 cubic metres of air an hour, which is equivalent to the total volume of air breathed by 7000 people in that time.

Around 50 City Trees have been installed in European cities in bus stops and busy streets where people are exposed to harmful particles emitted from passing traffic one of the biggest sources of air pollution. The European Commission is interested in the idea and is funding a dozen moss walls in Berlin over the next year. Each CityTree costs about \$60,000.

CLUB EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES -

8th Lightwater AGM and Mini Show

Jackie Hayler 01276-475622

11th Hardy Plant Soc. Adapting perennial planting for the 21st Century A.

Humphris Sandra Hartley 01372-727715 14th Worplesdon Winning Water Gardens, with John Negus

Sheila Dyke 01483-481841

15th Onslow Village The Gardens of the War Graves Commission, by R. Dowling

Anne Bradbeer 01483-563421

15th Sandhurst Planning and Planting a border, with Geoff Hawkins

Chris. Dresler 01420-768965

22nd Dorking Gardeners Best of British, with Paul Whittle

Anne Cole 01306 740710

22nd Horsley Herbaceous Borders, with Geoff Hawkins

Terry Lazenby 01483 284232

28th West End Garden Inspiration, with Mark Saunders

Judith Douch 01483-475133

GARDENING CALENDAR JANUARY

January may seem like the dead of winter, but there is a lot to be done in your garden during this month.

Plants

Your plants will need protection and maintenance during this time of year. Brush snow from evergreens and conifers to stop the branches from bowing, breaking or splaying out under the sheer weight. If wet weather conditions have made ornamental grasses and other perennials fall flat, start cutting these back to give them a fresh start.

Protect

After plenty of rain, mulch beds and borders with leaf mould, manure, compost or shredded bark – a layer of around five to 10cm is ideal. Check protective fleece and straw is covering still-tender plants such as tree ferns.

Feed

Feed new plantings in late January with slow-release fertiliser such as Blood, Fish and Bone, and water, but leave the application of faster-acting organic fertilisers such as Growmore until the beginning of March.

Wildlife also will benefit from your help at the beginning of the year. Start putting food and water in your garden for hungry and thirsty birds. To stop ponds and bird baths freezing over, leave a tennis ball to bob on top of the water.

Tidy

January is also an appropriate time for tidying your garden and maintaining and repairing your garden furniture and decking. Recycle cut trees by shredding them for mulch or compost. Repair and stain or paint fences, pergolas and wooden furniture if weather conditions permit. Scrub slippery garden decking and paving with hot soapy water; Patio Cleaner is useful for dirtier surfaces. Ventilate greenhouses and conservatories on hot sunny days, and wash the glass of the greenhouse to let in more light.

Be sure to put out feed for birds throughout the winter months

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING SHOW	11 April
PLANT SALE	9 May
RHS Malvern (spring)	7 - 10 May
RHS Chelsea	19 - 23 May
SUMMER SHOW	6 July
Gardeners World Live	18 - 21 June
RHS Hampton Court	6 - 12 July
RHS Tatton Park	22 - 26 July
AUTUMN SHOW	12 Sep
RHS Malvern (autumn)	26 - 27 Sep