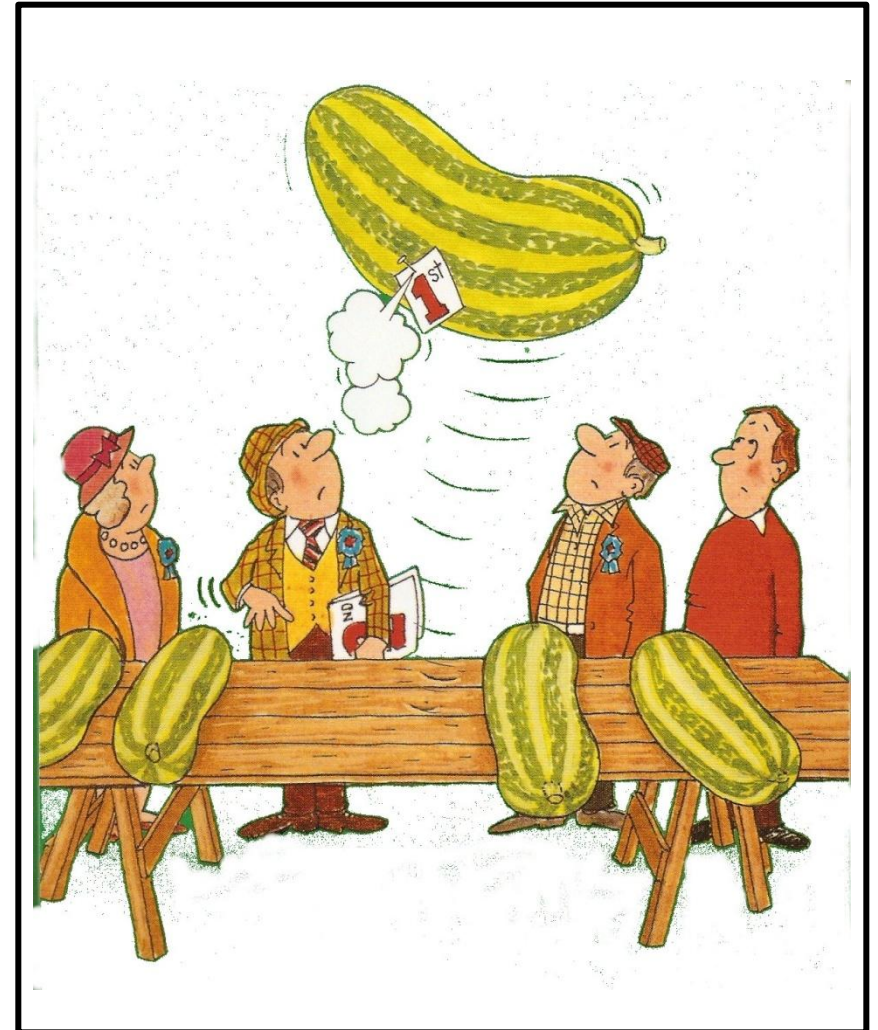
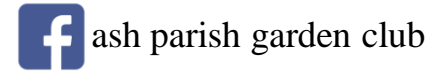


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R.H.S. LONDON AND WISLEY

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.

IT'S A BUG'S LIFE

If you've ever wished you knew in advance when garden pests were heading your way, help is at hand

All gardeners know how devastating it can be to nurture a plant, only to find that it's been attacked by an infestation of insects and, often overnight, the plant has curled up its toes and died. Wouldn't it be fantastic if it were possible to predict an attack like that and take evasive action before it was too late? That could soon be a reality, thanks to The Big Bug Hunt, an international 'citizen science' project (possibly the biggest ever of its kind) that tracks when and how garden bugs appear and spread during the growing season.

Now in its fifth year, The Big Bug Hunt is very close to being able to launch a pest prediction service that will tell you when problems are heading your way, with the first alerts expected to go out later this year. Every gardener who takes part will be helping to make this service as effective and comprehensive as possible - and will be first in line to receive updates too.

The ambitious project is being led by garden app developers Growing Interactive, working in collaboration with researchers at the University Of York, and more than 20,000 people have already participated. All you have to do is report sightings of bugs as you spot them, whether they're welcome visitors or not (including slugs, aphids and bees) at bigbughunt.com, stating where the bug was seen, when, and which plant it was on or near. It takes a matter of seconds to do, and every entry makes a big difference.

As the project's co-ordinator, Jeremy Dore, says, 'The Big Bug Hunt uses real-world observations across often contrasting seasons to identify the patterns behind the weather that predict when a pest will strike. The more reports we get the better, and reports received across multiple seasons help to refine the results so we can make predictions with an even higher degree of confidence.'

THIS MONTHS RECIPE

QUICK MIX LEMON CAKE

You will need

7 inch, tin Oven 325 degrees Gas mark 3/4

4ozs soft margarine

4ozs castor sugar

2 eggs

4ozs self raising flour

1 lemon

2ozs sugar

To do

Put margarine, sugar, eggs, flour, grated rind of lemon in mixing bowl.

Mix until mixture is smooth and glossy.

Place in prepared tin and level top.

Bake in centre of oven for 35/40 minutes.

Test by pressing with finger tips. If cooked will spring back.

Loosen edges with palette knife and turn onto cooling rack.

In the meantime put the lemon juice with 2ozs of sugar in a pan.

Bring to boil slowly, stirring all the time.

Just before it caramelises, remove and pour over top of cake which has

previously been pricked all over the top with a skewer to allow syrup to penetrate.

The syrup should be poured over not more than say 5 minutes after the cake is removed from oven.

Miss T. French

POETS CORNER

The Winter Walk at Noon

The Lilac, various in array, now white,

Now sanguine, and her beauteous head now set

With purple spikes pyramidal, as if

Studios of ornament, yet unresolved

Which hue she most approved, she chose them all.

WILLIAM COWPER (1731-1800)

NECTAR-LOVING FLY LIVED BEFORE FLOWERS EXISTED

TODAY, many flowers make nectar to attract pollinating insects. But a reanalysis of a Jurassic fly suggests that pollinators may have existed long before Earth's first flowers bloomed.

Alexander Khramov and Elena Lukashevich of the Borissiak Palaeontological Institute in Moscow, Russia, have been studying a fossil specimen of *Archocyrtus kovalevi*, a late Jurassic fly, found in Kazakhstan and first described in 1996. When they examined the long, straight structure lying underneath the fly's body, they realised it wasn't a piece of vegetation, as previously assumed, but a part of the fly. The structure isn't enriched in carbon, as would be expected for vegetation, and has what looks like a food canal running through it.

They report that *A. kovalevi* was about a centimetre in length, with a drinking straw-like proboscis nearly twice as long as its body. As it doesn't have any piercing structures, Khramov says the proboscis was probably for sucking nectar, not blood.

But at about 160 million years old, the fly predates the emergence of angiosperms, the group of flowering plants, by more than 40 million years. "Finding a fossil insect of that age with such a wonderfully long proboscis is like finding a caveman with an AK-47," says Khramov.

Khramov thinks *A. kovalevi*'s giant straw was for reaching into the cones of gymnosperms, the group of plants that includes conifers. One candidate is Bennettitales, a now-extinct type of plant with almost flower-like cones that may have lured pollinators with hidden sugar drops.

"For that time and place, members of Bennettitales are the most logical host plant for this fly," says Carol Hotton at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington DC. *Jake Buehler*

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL HANDICRAFT ITEM

Every year during our Christmas social we all judge items made by yourselves, this year we would like you to
"MAKE A CHRISTMAS ADVENT CALENDAR", using any media

GARDENING CALENDAR NOVEMBER

Autumn is a busy time for gardeners.

Plant

Plant up bare-root trees and shrubs throughout November. To enjoy some colour during the winter, plant up tubs and baskets with evergreen perennials, ornamental grasses, winter pansies and polyanthus.

Protect

Trees over 1m will need staking for support, especially in exposed locations. November is a rainy and windy month, and frosts are not uncommon. Protect roses from wind rock by pruning them, and protect any container plants in non-frost-proof pots by wrapping bubble wrap around them. Your furniture will need protecting at this time of year, too – cover any wooden pieces, or move them into the conservatory.

Maintain lawns

November is the last chance to create new lawns from turf; choose a dry day when the soil's not frozen or waterlogged.

Prepare ahead

It's also the time to dig over your veggie patch; leave soil in large clumps and let the weather break it down into a crumbly finish.

CLUB EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES –

Please contact secretaries direct for further details.

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| 2nd | Banstead | LATE AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW, 2-5 PM Community Hall
Diana Beck 01737-271243 |
| 4th | Oakley | Pictures of Peru, with Carol Watson
Maur. Dallaway 01256-780788 |
| 5th | Esher Molesey | Soft Fruit Growing, with Jim Arbury from Wisley
Ann Beauchamp 0208-979-1415 |
| 5th | Jacobs Well | Woodland Industries, with Tim Winter
Pam Lomax 01483-767225 |
| 6th | Wonersh | A talk by our own Hannah Neale.
Val Brockman 01483-893808 |
| 7 th | Aldershot Floral Design | Demo: Tales of Wonder, with Lynne Mackenzie
Dee Kelly 01252-350944 |

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- 7th Nat.Veg.Surrey Within these walls, the kitchen garden, by Steven Desmond
Sally Coleman 0208-399-8809
- 9th Ripley Botanical Art Workshop, with Liz Sherras Clark
Jackie Purrett 01483-222168
- 11th Yateley The Basingstoke Canal, with Geoff Peach
Hazel Goddard 01252-874532
- 12th Ashford Gardeners Question Time with Perennial
B. Baghapour 01784-247907
- 12th Ewell A Royal Garden, Hampton Court, by Vicki Cook. Bourne Hall
Lynne Mason 0208-393-9257
- 12th Merrow AGM then Growing in Raised Beds with Barry Newman
Veron. Plested 01483-569498
- 12th Pirbright Through the seasons at Kew, with Sandra Oldridge
M. Standing 01483-833321
- 12th Worplesdon Wild Britain, Channel Islands to Scotland, by Nigel Choat
Sheila Dyke 01483-481841
- 13th Ashtead Vegetable Gardening, techniques, ideas and advice.
Jennie Pilfold 01372-373348
- 14th Egham Shrubs, the backbone of the garden, with Geoff Hawkins
Chris. Harberd 01784-452146
- 14th Plant Heritage Seed collecting in Japan, with Dr. Timothy Walker
Wendy Bentall 01276-858256
- 20th Sandhurst Fungi, Flora and Fauna, with Nigel Choat
Chris. Dresler 01420-768965
- 20th Whitehill/Bordon Moving and Starting Again, with Geoff Peach
Stephen Miles 01420-478845
- 21st Churt AGM then Polar Extremes of the Planet, by Myra Johnson
Sue Styles 07795-598-982
- 21st New Soc. Camberley Alliums, growing and planting, by Jackie Currie
C. Thompson 01252-837640
- 23rd Hardy Plant Soc. My thirty best plants, with Bob Brown. 10.00 for 10.45
Sandra Hartley 01372-727715
- 26th Ewhurst AGM then Designing a winter border, with Tracey Bull
Anne Dyball 01483-271812
- 26th West End Making the most of what you have, with Ben Pope
Judith Douch 01483-475133
- 27th Dorking Gardeners Shrubs, the backbone of your garden, with Geoff Hawkins
Anne Cole 01306 740710
- 30th Aldershot Floral Design. ANNUAL FLORAL ART SHOW, Normandy Hall
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