

# Cheltenham and District Allotment Holders' Association

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## NEWSLETTER

## Summer 2016

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### Usk Open Gardens Event

At the time of writing there are just 6 places left for the visit to the Usk Open Gardens Event.

Date: Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

Return coach travel and entry ticket cost £18 per person.

Depart from Cheltenham race course at 9.00am

Depart Usk at 3.00pm arriving in Cheltenham at approx. 4.30pm

Book now to avoid disappointment; contact Claire Plowright on 07761584390 or 01242 530762.

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See <http://www.uskopengardens.com/index.htm>

### ?? Success at the Show??

On Sunday, April 3rd the Cheltenham Horticultural Society held its Spring Show at which members of the C&DAHA were invited to exhibit in certain classes. I decided to enter so spent a few months protecting my best leeks and stored potatoes from premature consumption. At 9.15am I carefully set up my entries and left in high hopes when we asked to leave so that the judges could consider the entries.

After lunch I returned feeling optimistic about the possible outcomes.

It started quite well as I was awarded 3rd for my 3 stems of daffodils in the large cupped cultivar class. There were more than 3 entries in this class. (See

later) No award for my other two entries in the daffodil classes.

On to the vegetables.

In the stored vegetable class my three Sarpo Mira potatoes lost out to another exhibitor's 3 onions. So I was awarded a 2nd but there were only two entries!

I was also awarded 2nd in the class for a pair of Leeks but, again, there were only two entries!

On to the forced Rhubarb - a 1st!, but "Guess What", - only one entry - mine! (I do think my entry would have challenged any competitors if there had been any - over 18 inches long, sturdy and tender - as we discovered when we had rhubarb tart in the evening).

My final entry was the tray of pricked out seedlings - a green (Webb's Wonderful) and a red variety (Nymans) of lettuce in my case. Genuine success at last! I had been awarded a 1st and there was another competitor. So this was a genuine win.

However I did convince myself that the other three awards for vegetables were given because my specimens matched the criteria for the classes. There was a previous occasion at a different show when I was awarded a 3rd and mine was the only entry. Now that is salutary.

The real message that I want to send to members is that we need more of you to participate in the shows so that there is real competition. I am sure that many of you would have vegetables well worthy of entering so look out for the notice of the CHS autumn show in which there are more classes for you to enter. The prizes are modest but taking part is fun.

Dennis Sutton

## Website Password

The new password for access to the members' area of our website is **Winston**

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## C&DAHA Competition

Due to lack of entries in previous years it has been decided not to hold a competition this year.

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## Information on the Internet

We have recently been advised about a website that contains a wealth of information about allotments.

Visit <http://www.allaboutallotments.co.uk/>

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# Dates for Your Diary

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## The Summer Show of the Cheltenham Horticultural Society

The show takes place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August in Pittville Pump Room from 12.00 pm to 3.30 pm.

Admission is £2.00 for adults with free admission for children under 16. Schedule to follow.

<http://www.cheltenhamhorticultural.co.uk/>

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## Next C&DAHA Open Meeting

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7pm in the Municipal Offices.

The speaker will be Mr Bob Smith an expert on moths.

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## BBC Gardener's World Live

June 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the NEC Birmingham.

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## Malvern Autumn Show

September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

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## Newsletter

This is my last edition as newsletter editor and the job will pass to Kate Smith who has kindly volunteered. Due to the lack of contributions the layout may change to a simple diary format. Stuart

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## Vacancy

The Cheltenham and District Allotment Holders' Association is looking for a new secretary. If you would be interested in taking on this role as Acting Secretary with a view to being elected at the AGM in December please contact Chairman, Mike Hunt, 6 Arle Close Cheltenham GL51 8JZ Tel: 01242 230609.

