

# WYKE REGIS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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Founded 1925  
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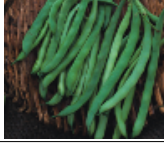
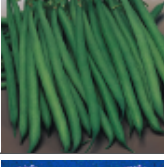

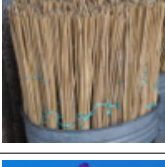


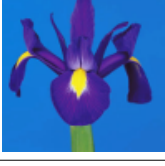





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10p

OPENING TIMES  
WEDNESDAY 2pm – 4pm  
SATURDAY 9.30am – 12.30pm








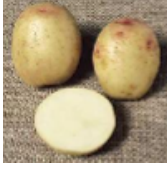



## MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

### AT THE TRADING POST

Ambassador Pea 50p/100g		Douce Provence Pea 60p/100g		Hurst Greenshaft Pea 60p/100g		Kelvedon Wonder Pea 70p/100g	
Meteor Pea 50p/100g		Sugar Snap Pea 70p/100g		Onward Pea 60p/100g		Bunyard's Exhibition Broad Bean 80p/100g	
Masterpiece Green Broad Bean 80p/100g		Sutton Dwarf Broad Bean 70p/100g		Witkiem Manita Broad Bean 60p/100g		Aquadulce Claudia Broad Bean 50p/100g	
Moonlight Runner Bean £2.25/100g		Polestar Runner Bean £1.15/100g		White Lady Runner Bean £1.45/100g		Red Knight Runner Bean £1.35/100g	
Painted Lady Runner Bean £1.10/100g		Enorma Runner Bean 95p/100g		Cobra Climbing French £2.20/50g		Cosse Violette Climbing French £1.10/100g	
Hunter Climbing French £1.25/50g		Blue Lake Climbing French 60p/50g		Sprite Dwarf French 84p/100g		Canadian Wonder Dwarf French 85p/100g	
Safari Dwarf French 95p/50g		Tendergreen Dwarf French 50p/50g		6 foot Canes £2.50/10		Pea & Bean Netting 2m wide 50p/metre	
Indoor Hyacinths £2.50 for 3		Gladolus Several varieties 20p each		Iris Hollandica Blue Magic 15p each		Lilium Oriental Mix 20p each	
Red Karmen Onion Set 50p/200g		Red Sun Shallot £2.00/500g <b>ALMOST GONE</b>		Golden Gourmet Shallot £2.00/500g		Lilium Asiatic Mix 20p each	

## SEED POTATOES

Select your own tubers. Buy just the quantity you want. 14 varieties – Salad - 1st Early - 2nd Early - Main Crop  
Sold by weight. All varieties £1.30 per kilo - **well below normal retail prices**

<b>Charlotte</b> Salad Waxy variety		<b>International Kidney Salad</b> Scab resistant		<b>Pentland Javelin</b> 1st early Scab & eelworm resistant		<b>Red Duke of York</b> 1st early Scab resistant	
<b>Rocket</b> 1st early Eelworm resistant <b>ALMOST GONE</b>		<b>Lady Christl</b> 1st/2nd early Scab & eelworm resistant <b>ALMOST GONE</b>		<b>Estima</b> 2nd early Scab resistant		<b>Kestrel</b> 2nd early Scab resistant <b>ALMOST GONE</b>	
<b>Marfona</b> 2nd early		<b>Wilja</b> 2nd early Scab resistant		<b>Cara</b> Main crop Scab, blight & eelworm resistant <b>ALMOST GONE</b>		<b>Desiree</b> Main crop Waxy red variety	
<b>King Edward</b> Main crop Scab resistant <b>SOLD OUT</b>		<b>Maris Piper</b> Main crop Eelworm resistant <b>ALMOST GONE</b>		<b>Picasso</b> Main crop Red-eyed variety <b>ALMOST GONE</b>		<b>Sarpo Mira</b> Late maincrop Blight resistant <b>ALMOST GONE</b>	

## EVENTS

### Floral Table Decoration Workshop

Richard & Angie Williamson will run a Floral Table Decoration Workshop on Wednesday 12 April 10.00am to 12.30pm  
Bring your own flowers and foliage.

£5.00

**BOOK EARLY**

The Christmas Wreath Workshop was heavily oversubscribed, and we expect this new Workshop to be in great demand.

### WRHS Calendar Photo Competition

Get those shutters clicking for the WRHS Photo Calendar Competition  
The 2018 WRHS Calendar will feature gardening, horticulture, & local scenes, all photographed by WRHS Members.

Please email your entries to [calendar@wrhs.org.uk](mailto:calendar@wrhs.org.uk)

### Pumpkin Competition

Can you grow the heaviest pumpkin?

WRHS is hosting the **Hangers Heroes Pumpkin Competition** in aid of local charities

Open to Members and non-Members.  
Entry £2.50 including seeds,  
Entry forms will be available from April.

The weigh-in will take place on Saturday 7th October during a Harvest Supper of Pumpkin or Vegetable Soup.

### The WRHS Summer Show

will be held on Saturday 15th July 2017

The emphasis is on fun!

Classes for all ages, not just in Horticulture:  
Arts and Crafts, Photography, Cookery,  
Flower Arranging and Potato Competition.  
Schedules are available at the Trading Post or on the Website

<http://wrhs.btck.co.uk/events>

**Start now!**



## A RECIPE FOR MARCH



### Macaroni Cheese

Serves 4

Contributed by The Kitchen Gardener

A quick family dinner that everyone will love, this macaroni cheese can also be made with vegetarian cheese. For the non-veggies among you, this can be made even tastier by adding some lightly cooked bacon and softened leeks.


















#### Ingredients

250g macaroni  
40g butter  
40g plain flour  
600ml milk  
250g grated Cheddar  
50g grated Parmesan

#### Method

1. Cook the macaroni in a large saucepan of boiling salted water, 8-10 minutes; drain well and set aside.
2. Melt the butter over a medium heat in a slightly larger saucepan than used for the macaroni.
3. Add the flour and stir to form a roux, cooking for a few minutes.
4. Whisk in the milk a little at a time. Simmer until you have a smooth, thickened sauce.
5. Preheat the oven to 180°C (Gas Mark 4).
6. Remove the sauce from the hob, stir in 175g of Cheddar cheese until it is melted and well combined.
7. Add the macaroni to the sauce, mix well and transfer to a deep oven-proof dish.
8. Top with the remaining Cheddar and Parmesan.
9. Cook in the oven for about 30 minutes until the cheese is browned and bubbling. Serve straight away.

## WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

-  Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes. If you haven't bought yours yet, get to the Trading Post **quickly** !
-  Plant summer-flowering bulbs
-  Lift and divide perennials that have formed thick clumps
-  Protect new spring shoots from slugs
-  Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early
-  Prepare vegetable seed beds
-  Plant cranberries and lingonberries and cold-stored strawberry runners
-  Plant asparagus crowns and Jerusalem artichoke tubers.
-  Top dress containers with fresh compost
-  Apply a nitrogen feed to plums, cherries, blackcurrants, cooking apples and pears
-  Sow indoors: sweet peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines, celery, salads and globe artichokes.
-  Sow outdoors in light soil once the weather is fair: broad beans, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, onions, lettuces, radish, peas, spinach, summer cabbage, salad leaves, leeks, Swiss chard, kohlrabi, turnip and summer cauliflower.
-  Cut back *Cornus* (dogwood) and *Salix* (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
-  Prune bush roses and climbing roses
-  Keep putting out food and water daily for hungry birds. The Trading Post stocks bird food and feeders.
-  Keep mice away from stored produce. The Trading Post has mouse traps.
-  Remember to keep notes throughout the year - which varieties you plant, and when, and how well (or badly !) they fare. Take a few photos to go with your notes. If we all pool our experiences, we can all help each other. Local knowledge is worth more than the generalisations you can get from gardening books!

**Remember to pick up your free copy of the March edition of Country Gardener from the Trading Post**

## **OBITUARIES**

We have been advised of the recent decease of three WRHS Members.

Colin Giles wrote the obituaries for Roger Cheetham and Richard Price, with whom he was well acquainted.

The obituary for Terry Butler was compiled from the personal recollections of a Committee Member, augmented by details culled from the public announcement.

### **Terry Butler (Died 14 February 2017)**

Terry Butler died peacefully on 14th February at Dorset County Hospital, survived by his daughter Jayne, his wife Margaret having predeceased him.

Terry was a WRHS member for many years. He was a regular visitor to the Trading Post and will be remembered for his cheerful, friendly presence as he relaxed in the café area, or tended to the many fine plants he grew for sale. His enthusiasm for gardening will live on in the gardens of many other members who bought his plants.

Some of us remember a sunny August afternoon about three years ago when WRHS Volunteers enjoyed tea and cake sitting in Terry's own colourful and abundant garden.

Terry was an inspiration to us all.

### **Roger Cheetham (1941 - 2017)**

Roger was a freelance accountant who for the last 20 years worked from home to enable him to support his crippled wife June. He lived at the top of Sunnyside Road in Wyke and followed a regular routine. Every weekday lunchtime he could be found on his allotment at Sandsfoot and at weekends in the Wyke Regis Working Mens' Club always with his dog. He was a likeable and friendly chap with a dry sense of humour who worked at a slow but deliberate pace. His allotment and his shed were always neat and tidy and in all the time that I knew him he never complained except occasionally about the horsetail weed.

As a member of the WRHS he used the shop on a Saturday and got to know other members, eventually using his skills in accounting by taking on the duties of Treasurer, a position he held until he suffered his terminal illness.

Roger died on 30 January 2017 aged 75, just days after his beloved wife June.

### **Richard Price (1948 - 2017)**

Richard served 22 years as a Radio Communicator in the Royal Navy, rising to the rank of Petty Officer. His later jobs were as PO "Sparker" at Portland in charge of HMS Osprey and Flag Officer Sea Training's Communication Centre. On retiring from the RN he continued in Signals with the Army at Bovington.

His leadership ability led him into politics where he was a local representative in the Trade Union movement and a local Government Councillor for the Labour Party.

He had a very pleasant manner, always friendly and polite with a good yarn to tell.

He lived with his wife Rita, sons Neil and Elliott and daughter Claire in Rylands Lane next to the Scout HQ.

As a member of WRHS, he could be relied on to help lift and shift, rig and unrig our annual horticultural shows.

Richard died on 13 February 2017 aged 68.

His funeral is to be held at Weymouth Crematorium at 1215 on Friday 17 March 2017.

## **NEWS**

There have been a few changes on the WRHS General Committee. Richard Miller has resigned from the post of IT Manager. The Society is grateful to Richard for all his hard work, especially in setting up the EPOS system.

Cliff Elliott has been co-opted onto the Committee to serve as IT Manager.

Rachel Waldock has been co-opted onto the Committee as Summer Show Organiser.

We are grateful for their willingness to serve the Society.