

# OTFORD GARDENERS' SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

October 2004

"There is no such thing as an instant garden, and those who want one do not understand what a garden is. Gardens develop and grow - that is their nature. An instant garden is a contradiction in terms"

*Alan Titchmarsh*

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This **NEWSLETTER** is a reminder that the next meeting will be our

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2004**  
at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall,  
entry to which is **FREE** and will  
incorporate our

### **SEASONAL SHOW**

for Chrysanthemums, other flowers,  
pot plants and fruit, together with  
craft items.

**Please Note** that Class 12 is a  
**Flower Arrangement**  
entitled "Moonlight" and is an exhibit  
incorporating a candle. You may use  
fresh or dried flowers.

The photographic section includes the titles "Autumn Colour" and "Pampered Pets" and we would ask you ladies **NOT** to include your husbands in this category as it may make other husbands jealous!!

Please see your Schedule for further information.

As **YOU** will be the judges at this Seasonal Show please make sure that your pockets are full of copper coin of the realm to place alongside your favourite classes.

Your Committee have drawn up a number of items for you to think about and discuss at the **Annual General Meeting** and so please make every effort to attend. It is **YOUR** Society.

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Would you like to volunteer to become a member of the Gardeners' Society Committee and give the benefit of your experience to the members of the Society? At least one member, who has served for about 20 years, will be leaving us this year. New blood will be very welcome.

Many of you will have noticed that we are selling garden sundries such as labels, bean sticks, etc., at our Shows and Meetings. We have decided to produce a small catalogue of these sundries and so if there is anything that you would particularly like to see in it, **please let Janet know**. (Address in front of schedule).

Among the items that we have noted have sold well are:

labels, swell gel, vermiculite, osmacote and fertilizer for hanging baskets.

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Our first meeting in the New Year will be the

**CHEESE & WINE EVENING  
AND  
INDOOR BULB SHOW**

**On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2005**

When we will be distributing our schedules for the 2005/6 season and showing our bulbs.

**And so now is the time to start obtaining and planting your bulbs ready for the Cheese & Wine Evening.**

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We propose to have another

**Grand Quiz Evening**

in February next year, when we will again be inviting teams from other Horticultural and Garden Societies to join us. This year's Quiz was a great success and we hope that we will have number of teams entering from this Society. Further information will follow later.

The Quizmaster will be your Chairman because, not only does he not know the answers to anything but, he doesn't even understand the questions!!

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In order that you can all be prepared, the photographic subjects for the **Spring Show in 2005** will be:

"Wild Weather"  
"ASS Statue or Monument"  
"A Candid Shot of a Child or Children not looking at the camera"

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We are thinking about having a coach trip to the Hampton Court Show next year. Are you interested?

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Your Committee look forward to seeing you at the

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

Doug Dickerson  
Chairman.