



## Newsletter September/ October 2019

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### The 75th Annual Flower Show

Well given the weather on the day it proved to be an inspired decision to move to the Winter Gardens for this year's Show. Although the wind howled and the rain bucketed down at regular intervals we were inside dry and warm enjoying a fabulous display of the produce which our skilled horticulturalists had produced in what has been a pretty difficult season. Obviously everything had to be planned from scratch. No file existed of previous year's experiences so our show committee, and in particular John Chapman, deserve special congratulations for producing such an excellent event. Our



society president and vice president (Cynthia and Bert) have messaged me asking to pass on their thanks. Of course it can be the most meticulously organised show but without the exhibitors it would be a pretty poor affair, and you, the exhibitors did us proud. There were vegetables which looked too good and big to be real, there were flowers which looked so perfect with not a petal out of place and of course the handicrafts and baking classes which caused people to want to buy them and pass them off as their own. Exhibitors Thank You—for all your hard work and a wonderful display. One item which caused much favourable comment was a tableau depicting the fashions in gardening through the 75 years of the Society's existence. Sue Jones and Georgina Heathcote produced a charming display which never failed to attract visitor's attention and produced many smiles. Of course there are also a huge team of volunteers who beaver away in the background recording, judging, stewarding, fetching carrying and generally helping exhibitors to display their items.



I acted as steward to the Flower Judge and he was very generous in the tips and advice he shared as we went around. I have also been passed a letter from the Home Craft Judge again full of advice and suggestions I intend to make this the basis for a longer article in a future edition. Watch this space .....

## The Garden Competition

A wide variety of styles and designs of gardens were judged this year. It was very difficult to judge as they were all very good but for very different reasons. As well as the overall winners we



decided to award some Highly Commended certificates because the marks were so close in some cases and we wanted to acknowledge the hard work and flare of creating the wonderful

gardens we visited. Next year we hope to encourage more people to be part of the competition. There are some wonderful gardens around Weston, some created in very small spaces. Gardens are so important to our health in so many ways, from creating a peaceful space where we can relax, to helping with our mental health and well being. They are good for the environment too!! We are looking forward to next year's entries - maybe you would like to join in the fun!!

### Results Highlights

Please excuse me if I have omitted any results it was not intentional but space is limited and I have made a judgement

#### Flowers

The J G Brenner Trophy Most points classes 1—5	Alan Little
The Association Trophy Best exhibit classes 1—5	Amanda du Rose
Ted's Trophy Most points classes 17—23	Carol Wilson
Cyril Airey Trophy Best exhibit classes 17—23	Amanda du Rose
Society Dahlia Trophy Classes 30—33	Graham Mizan
Summer Carnival Cup Most points classes 30—44	Joy Covington
The Martock Trophy Best exhibit classes 30—44	Graham Mizan

#### Vegetables

The George Cole trophy Most points classes 6—16	Steven Ellis
The Barbara Hartree Salver Best exhibit classes 6—16	Steven Ellis
Miss T Hares Trophy Longest runner bean	Steven Ellis
United Press Trophy Most points classes 50—55	Steven Ellis
Society Challenge Bowl Best exhibit classes 50—65	Steven Ellis
The Grand Pier Trophy Best exhibit classes 69 - 70	Keith Jackson
Norton&Herman Cup Master Gardener	Amanda du Rose
The F G Nelmes Trophy Best exhibit in all Horticultural classes	Steven Ellis
The H C Wiltshire Trophy Most points in all Horticultural Classes	Amanda du Rose

#### Home Craft/Handicraft

The AL Carpenter Cup Most points classes 75 - 86	Margaret Brees
The Members Bowl Best exhibit classes 75 - 86	Rob Skeen
The Traders Trophy Most points classes 105 - 111	Janet Wildman
The Society Amateur Bowl Best exhibit classes 105 - 111	Janet Wildman

#### Floral Art

The N Kellaway Trophy Most points class 115	Pawley Tapley
The K Crane Trophy Most points classes 116 - 118	Kay Mathews
The Jackson Barstow Cup Best exhibit classes 116 - 118	Jan Marshman

#### Photography

The J L Baker Cup Most points classes 125 - 131	Jacqueline Caven
The DN & ME Rock Trophy Best exhibit classes 125 - 131	Lucy Stevens

#### Gardens

Flower Power Cup The best Front / Small garden	John Mellish and Mr & Mrs Farrell jointly
The Weston s Mare Cup Best Large / Medium garden	Joy Covington

#### Allotments

The best allotment prize was awarded to John and June Carson at Hutton Moor site

**The Reg Davies Trophy** for the best exhibit in the members horticultural classes 1 - 23 was awarded to Steven Ellis

## Weston-super-Mare Horticultural Society

14 November 2019  
St Peters Church Hall,  
Baytree Road,  
Weston super Mare BS22 8HG  
7.00pm

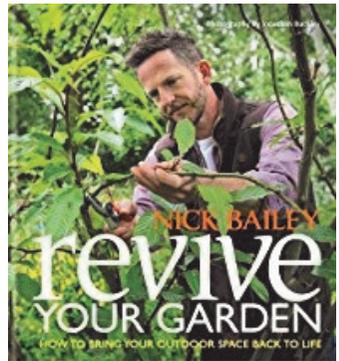
£10 for members £12 for non-members

# Nick Bailey – From Gardeners' World Revive your garden

Nick Bailey is a garden designer, a best-selling author, a columnist and a presenter on BBC Two's *Gardeners' World*.

He has worked in horticulture for 25 years and has created and managed gardens on four continents, including re-designing the gardens and diversifying the plant collection at London's famous Chelsea Physic Garden.

Nick's first book '*Chelsea Physic Garden – A Companion Guide*' was published in 2014, followed by '*365 Days of Colour in your Garden*' in 2015 which has been an Amazon best seller ever since. His latest title, '*Revive Your Garden*' was published in April 2018 by Kyle Books.



Nick is an accomplished communicator and his audiences are very appreciative; Some comments are below:

*Nick's talk was really well thought out.....*

*It connected to the content of our show and the audience were completely engaged at all times. ....*

*He presented in his natural friendly manner making his talk accessible to all levels of horticultural knowledge from the amateur gardener to the seasoned professional." .....*

### Where am I



Last month's challenge proved a bit too difficult I think. Anyway I received no correct answers or indeed even wrong answers.

So come on please have a go at this month's picture. I am sure that many of my readers will have been to this venue. It is in the South West. The first correct response will get a mention in the next issue of the magazine.

[westonhortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:westonhortsoc@gmail.com) Oh and the correct answer to last time's picture clue was Chatsworth.

**On my Plot** When I paste in Ted's tips for the season I read through it to make sure he isn't recommending things we are no longer allowed to use. I am always struck by his confident style and the assumption that crops will be harvested no problem. My own review at this time of the year is more about what didn't succeed and what I won't bother with next year. Once again my potatoes are rubbish, slug eaten and manky - not for me again. Runner beans have had a good season. Onions from seed have been good but from sets not so. Strawberries good, raspberries good, but will need to be moved to allow the bindweed to be dug out. Sweet corn - eaten by badger for the second year - tough luck brock they won't be there next year. I am going to try some saffron crocus bulbs for a challenge I will report back. Cucumbers great, but I did buy the plants at the plant sale - (from Ted). So enough from me over to the Master.

## **TED'S TIPS FOR September and October**

### **September**

Compost from your bin should be spread over empty areas of the plot and around fruit bushes. Cut out old fruiting canes from early raspberries once all the fruit has been harvested. The strawberry bed should be tidied and dug through identifying suitable runners to start new plants for next season.

Repot tulips, daffodils, crocus, etc. Plant out new sweet William plants.

Cut down the haulm of French and first crop runner beans with garden shears, leave *in situ* for a few days, then cover with compost and dig in all material. All the canes used for these crops should be cleaner and their ends dipped in disinfectant.

This month's harvest will include potatoes, runner beans, onions, beetroot, carrots, spinach, cabbage, tomatoes, cucumber, sweet peppers and apples

### **October**

All gladioli, once flowering has ceased, should be allowed to dry off whilst still in the soil. Dahlias and chrysanthemums will continue to flower until the first frosts but require a check on supporting canes. The greenhouse requires cleaning and washing and as soon as this task is completed a row of winter spinach can be sown there. Harvest the last of the mature pods of runner beans, allow to dry off before storing the seed for the following year. Check the shed and repair if necessary ready for winter. Empty areas should be dug over and paths mowed as necessary. Any remaining tomatoes should be cut down and the trusses hung in the greenhouse to continue ripening. Once remaining stems of greenhouse crops have been removed, empty half the soil and replace with soil from the runner bean trench. Cut down the last of the last crop of runner beans, spread muck over the haulm,\* and dig in as before. Once frost has blackened the dahlia plants, cut down the stems and compost, lift the tubers and place upside down in boxes to dry off. Keep them in a frost free shed. Broad beans and peas can be sown.

This month's harvest will include potatoes, spinach, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, parsnips, chrysanthemum and a few late roses.



## **SAD NEWS**

We were very sorry and sad to hear that Cliff Slade has passed away. Cliff ran the Trading Hut in Rector's Way for over 20 years, latterly coming from Bristol every weekend. He was always on hand to give friendly advice to members, carry out bags of compost to their cars and always cheerful and jolly. Our condolences go to his family in their sad loss, he was a much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

We are also sorry to say that Olive Loveridge, one of our oldest members, has passed away. Olive was a loyal and active member of the Society for many, many years. She helped at the Flower Show for a long time, doing the raffle, stewarding the Home Craft and generally helping out, she also went on the coach trips until recently. Our condolences go to her family.