

# the GROWER



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Christmas mini issue

## Greetings from The Chair

How to follow in the footsteps of Vince Crompton, Allen Tilbury and Marshall Hall?

Trepidatiously, that's how. Between them they have served many years on the committee and as Chairs (thankfully Marshall is still on the committee) and have created Chesham Allotments Group and the Focal Point and our traditions of coffee, cake and quizzes. I will do my best to keep the good work going, with the support of our great committee.

I don't suppose there has ever been a year where growers didn't talk about the unusual weather - too hot, too cold, no rain... This year was fairly standard until we had the wet, wet autumn. Diggers have struggled to dig and no-diggers have struggled to wheel barrowloads of manure about. Hopefully at least the chalk aquifer will fill up and make threats of hosepipe bans less likely next year.

In the meantime, we can take refuge in our seed catalogues safe and dry inside, because before we know it it will be potato sale time again!

Wishing you all a wonderful festive season.  
Kate

### Allotment judging winners

#### Best large plot - Cameron Road (CR):

1st: Mr S Brooks  
2nd: Mr W Bone  
3rd: Mr R Williams

#### Best large plot - Asheridge Road (AR)

1st: Mr M Malla  
2nd: Mr J Harland-Smith  
3rd: Mr M Titou

#### Best small plot:

1st: Mrs T Hands (AR)  
2nd: Mr B Harding (CR)  
3rd: Mr C Message (AR)



#### Best new plot:

1st: Mr J Smith (AR)  
2nd: Ms S Buxton (CR)  
3rd: Mrs F Mellan (CR)

Congratulations!

### Dates for your diaries

Here are a few key dates. More dates and information will be available in the next larger edition of The Grower.

-  Potato sales: 15, 22 and 29 February
-  Chesham Horticultural Society trading hut: open between 10-11.30 from 7 March onwards.

(Don't forget that the trading hut is now in a new location, adjacent to the Focal Point on the Cameron Road site)

