

The Pudsey Gardeners' Shop

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Dear Member

In the UK, an estimated 27 million people enjoy gardening as a hobby. Not all of them have the opportunity to join the PACGA, but you do! It's time to renew your membership and take advantage of all the benefits you get from being a member. Here's the outline of our year ahead:

Membership Renewal

Your membership fee is **still only £3**. You can renew in cash when you come shopping or you can do it online at www.pacga.org.uk. We are proud of our heritage; we will be 103 this year and we want to continue to grow (I know I say this every year but we do like to grow things!). Please rejoin and recommend us to all your friends.

Pudsey Gardeners' Shop (The Hut)

The Shop will be fully stocked and you can pay by card or cash. An up-to-date price list is available at www.pacga.org.uk and at the Hut. We have had to change our opening times to:

- **Saturday mornings from 15 February, 10am to 12 noon, until the end of October** (except Show weekends)
- **Friday evenings from 7 March, 4.30pm to 6.30pm, until end of June** (except Show weekend and Plant Sale weekend)

The Spring Show – Saturday 29 March, Pudsey Parish Church

There will be new classes to enter, as well as the usual flowers, veg, home produce, handicrafts, photography, floral art, cactus, etc, with a special section for children. Make sure you pick up your Show Preview from the Hut, or at www.pacga.org.uk, so you can start planning your entries. There will also be plant stalls, tombola and a free flower workshop for children. If you're not sure how to enter, or how to 'stage' your exhibits, lots of help is available, beforehand at the Hut, and on the day at the Shows.

Pudsey Famous Plant Sale – Saturday 10 May, Pudsey Gardeners' Shop

Plants are available all year round and you can browse when you come shopping, but our Plant Sale is legendary. Bargains on home-grown delights, a wide range of bedding, perennials, veg, fruit, cactus, succulents, shrubs, etc. Great atmosphere, amazing home-made cakes, hot drinks, raffle, friendly chat and advice.

Pudsey Summer Show – Saturday 6 September – Pudsey Parish Church

The Summer Show is the highlight of our year. This year will be our 103rd Show so you can tell how good we are at it, and what a great event it is! Put the date in your diary now.

Please consider volunteering!

We need more volunteers and, if you could give us any help at all it would be greatly appreciated. We need people to work in the Hut, to help with propagating and looking after our plants, with the lifting and carrying at the setting up and shutting down of our Shows etc. Even a few hours would make all the difference. Have a chat with us when you next visit, or contact Frank Lodge on 07501122654. We are also happy to accept donations, particularly of plants that we can propagate and grow, gardening sundries, and tombola prizes.

It will be another great year with your support. We hope to see you very soon, and please don't forget to encourage others to join us too.

Best wishes

The Pudsey Allotments and Cottage Gardeners Association.