



(Left and above) Temple Fortune Hill allotment site

Augusta Wolf with her trug

Allotments award winners

On the last Saturday in September allotment plot holders held their traditional Harvest Supper with the menu containing not just the Suburb-grown food, but also the awarding of trophies.

During the summer members of the committee carry out a walkabout of the plots. It serves as an inspection of the sites and all the plots, and at the same time the best allotment is chosen. Judging is based on the range of plants, their health, the use of space and on general appearance and tidiness.

The winner receives the Phyllis Young trophy, named after a keen local grower, magistrate, and founder of the Allotments Committee in 1969, 50 years ago. The trophy was first awarded 33

years ago. This year for the first time there was a special award for the best newcomer, which is a reflection of the surge of interest in people taking a plot for the first time.

The newcomer's award went to Augusta and Laurence Wolff of the Big Site, and, indeed, winners of the Championship Vase – the best exhibit in show – at the recent Horticultural Society Autumn Show.

The overall winner of the Phyllis Young trophy this year was Ruth Beedle.

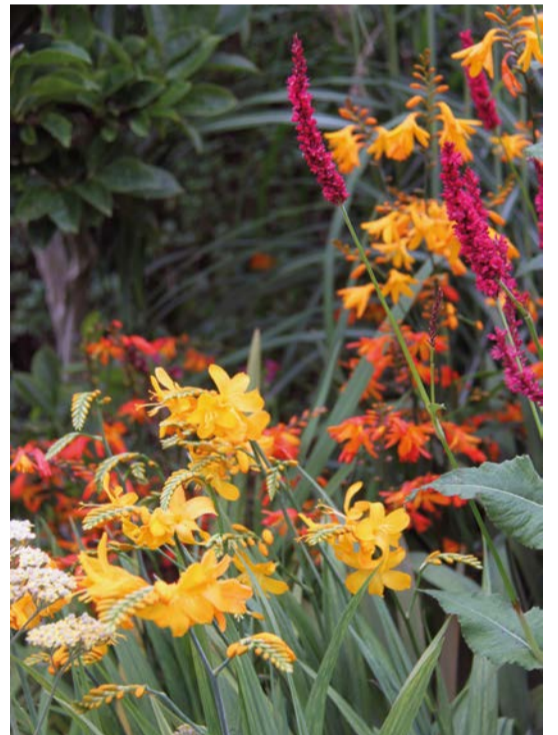
Both winners received Alan Buckingham's latest edition of Allotment Month by Month. Just in case there are things they do not know.



PETER HODGSON Ruth Beedle with her trophy



(Above) Chris & Lorna Page, Wordsworth Walk. Chris took part in the National Garden Scheme, July 7. The NGS donated £3.1 million in 2018 to nursing and health charities such as Macmillan, MS Society and the Carers Trust.



(Below) Caroline & David Broome, Church Lane. (Above) Diane Berger, Willifield Way. Caroline and Diane were taking part in the London Garden Scheme All London Championship. They were winners of the Best Large and Small Back Garden awards in 2016, 2017 and 2018.



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