## **Bristol East Allotments Association**



Starts 1st January 11.00am to 3.00pm Continues every Saturday & Sunday 9.00am to 12.30pm whilst stocks last.

Over 35 varieties of seed potatoes available, take a look inside!

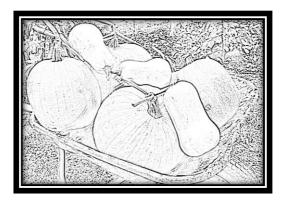
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# Pumpkin Challenge Can you grow the heaviest Pumpkin?

Hallowe'en may seem a long way off right now, but growing your own pumpkin display for the ghostly night is great fun, particularly if they are large. You'll amaze your neighbours and the kids will be thrilled, they just love watching them grow, especially as they start to get huge!

Just before Hallowe'en we'll have a pumpkin show that you can enter your achievements, there may even be a small prize!

There are several varieties that you'll find in our shop, but if you want to grow the biggest, Atlantic Giant is the one to choose. Given the right conditions these can grow enormous, our best so far is a mere 30kg, can you do better?



First Early	
Variety	Description
Arron Pilot	Very early traditional potato, bred on the Isle of Arran and the most popular variety in the UK in the 1930s. Excellent yield and flavour.
Colleen - Organic	Has a good resistance to potato blight so is good to grow organically. Excellent all-rounder with light yellow skin and yellow flesh. Good pest resistance.
Foremost	Foremost remains popular as a new potato with slightly waxy, firm white flesh and an excellent flavour.
Home Guard	Very popular heritage variety. Offers high yields of great tasting potatoes.
Lady Christl	Very early salad type with high yields, good taste and nice bright skin finish. Grown commercially in Cornwall and Pembrokeshire.
Maris Bard	First early variety that bulks early. It is high yielding and has high potato numbers.
Pentland Javelin	First early variety with good eelworm (golden) resistance. Very bright with a mild flavour.
Rocket	Recent variety, throws a large number of round whole potatoes. Early variety with good disease resistance.
Sharpes Express	Great tasting variety bred in Lincolnshire in 1901. This first early has a bright white flesh with a smooth skin. A favourite of gardener Percy Thrower.
Swift	Exceptionally early variety which produces lots of small round potatoes. It has partial resistance to both golden and white eelworm.
Winston	An early variety that produces large potatoes and has very good drought resistance.

Second Early	
Variety	Description
Estima	Very popular variety with farmers. Large yields with early bulking properties and good drought resistance.
Kestrel	Attractive whole skins with purple eyes. Makes excellent chips and roast potatoes. Good resistance to blackleg and slug damage.
Marfona	Very popular with farmers due to its ability to produce baking potatoes very early. Good bright skin finish and a nice flavour.
Maris Peer	Popular second early potatoes with a very good flavour. Are good as salad potatoes. Plant produces large clusters of pretty purple flowers.
Nadine	Exceptionally high yielding variety with bright white skins and a good entry for the show bench.
Vivaldi – Albert Bartlett	Very versatile second early, with a unique texture. Vivaldi has a sweet taste, making them an ideal baked potato without any added butter! A healthy choice, Vivaldi is perfect for mashing, steaming or baking. Award winner.
Wilja	A high yielding variety with a russetted skin. Will grow successfully in any type of soil and makes very nice tasting mash, baked and boiled potatoes.

Salad	
Variety	Description
Anya – Albert Bartlett	A salad with a distinctive flavour. Unique in the UK potato market. Anya has a distinctive chestnut and hazelnut flavour with a firm texture and knobbly appearance. Award winner.
Charlotte	A must have in the garden for an early salad potato crop. Very attractive long potato with an unbeatable creamy flavour straight from the garden to the pot!
International Kidney	Exceptionally good eating salad potato straight from the garden.
Nicola	High yielding salad crop with a bright yellow flesh. Makes a very tasty salad potato with a waxy texture.
Pink Fir Apple	Popular in Victorian kitchen gardens this knobbly salad potato has an unrivalled nutty flavour. Cooking with the skin on will retain its pink skin colour.

We also have a selection of top quality Onion sets		
Red baron		
Sturon		
Stuttgarter		
Turbo		

Main Crop	
Variety	Description
Cara	Big-yielding variety with an attractive skin.  Good resistance to blight and is good for long term storing. lenty of size and is a good one to grow for a baker crop.
Carolus	Fully blight resistant variety that has an attractive appearance. It is ideal for growing in an organic plot. It has a good level of dry matter making tasty roast potatoes and fluffy mash potatoes
Desiree	The most popular red-skinned variety in the UK giving great crops of large potatoes. Regularly seen on TV being used by celebrity chefs. A good culinary potato which boils well and has a delicious smooth texture
King Edward	A well-known favourite in the potato world. Attractive white skins with bright splashes of red. Makes the ideal roasts and baked potatoes but is also good boiled with a strong, aromatic flavour.
Kingsman	Kingsman is brand new for 2017. It produces big, bold, uniform tubers. It has good disease resistance including golden potato cyst nematode. These potatoes make great home-style chips.
Majestic	A very popular variety in war-time Britain. It produces lots of potatoes with plenty of size.

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Maris Piper	Probably the best known potato in Britain and one of the most versatile with an attractive plant with purple flowers. The potatoes taste great as chips, mash, roasts or simply boiled.
Mozart	Attractive red skin with yellow eyes and flesh. High-yielding crop with good disease resistance makes ideal mash, roasts and wedges.
Pentland Crown	Bred near to the Pentland hills outside Edinburgh this variety produces large crops of bold potatoes. It has a good resistance to scab which can be unsightly on the potato skins.
Picasso	Bred from Cara but reaches maturity up to 3 weeks earlier. Great tasting variety with good disease resistance. Makes nice roasts and mash.
Rooster – Albert Bartlett	Rooster potatoes have a deep red skin and shallow eyes. The flesh has a lovely smooth texture and it tastes as good as it looks. TV campaigns featuring Marcia Cross and Jesse Metcalfe have helped make Rooster an extremely popular main crop. A unique allrounder. Award winner.

#### **Forthcoming Events 2018**

#### Children's Easter Bunny Trail.

Saturday 31st March at St. Aidan's Allotment Garden.

#### Annual Show at St. Aidan's Allotments.

Sunday 19th August. Pick the best of your allotment and enter our Show. Wide variety of classes to enter for everyone including children. Whether you are a novice or seasoned grower you are welcome to compete and if you've never exhibited at a Show before, this is a great place to start. But be wary, you may just get hooked and be inspired for greater things!

# Pumpkin Show Hallowe'en Saturday 27th October.

Who has grown the biggest, most attractive or the weirdest pumpkins and squashes this year? Enter yours we want as many as possible on show. Bring your children in Hallowe'en dress as a trial for the spooky night to come!



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