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Dear all

This is what is happening at Fibrex over the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of June  
I will be at Fibrex with a BPS stand both Days and it will be a fascinating weekend  
It is fun to visit Fibrex with there wide range off named varieties of ferns at any time but to meet at Fibrex with loads of Fern lovers will be great fun and with all the talks they have organised what a choice.  
Let alone all the interaction between plant lovers you can learn a lot from other people with other interests.  
Regarding the talks please pre book were you can they are £5 per talk as space is limited

For those of you who are staying over night there is the opportunity to see Alistair Urquhart's garden which is wonderful, and it just so happens to have wonderful ferns as well!

He is opening it for us on the Sunday morning especially for us at 10 am

Alistair and Margaret are at

82 Banbury Road, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 2BX

Can you please let me know by the 12<sup>th</sup> June if you are planning on visiting Alistair's garden?

Look forward to seeing you at Fibrex

Take care Julian

## The Big Show

Yes, in June 2018 we are holding our very own plant party and if you like your flowers as much as we do you should really come! A great line up of talks, some helpful workshops and some amazing food. What could be better? And @Pelliecake will be the nominated birthday cake for the nursery so if you haven't tried it yet, this will be your chance..



**Yes, in June 2018 we are holding our very own plant party. A Flower Show here at the nursery. Although this will have a different feel to your regular large flower show. Primarily this is all about Fibrex and the plants we love. We will be spending the weekend sharing our combined knowledge with you, bringing in friends and experts from across the field to help celebrate our 60 years in business.**

Over the course of the weekend we will be joined by PAGS, the Pelargonium & Geranium Society, the Pteridological (Fern) Society & David Staines of the Begonia Society with some of the best growers in the world being on hand to give advice and tips on growing the best Pelargoniums & Ferns & Begonias that you possible can! On Sunday Afternoon you will have the chance to visit the PAGS Annual, National Pelargonium Show & Competition and see exactly what a perfect Pelargonium looks like.

All of the Fibrex Plant Collections will be open to view free of charge. This includes the National Pelargonium Collection, the largest of its kind in the world. The Fibrex Fern Collection, one of the most comprehensive collections of ferns in the UK. The National Collection of Hedera, the largest of its kind in the world including our beautiful show Ivies. Our collection of conservatory plants & tropical Hibiscus. The Bottlebrushes and even our large flowered, named tuberous Begonias may have started to put on a show for you. That's always a sight to behold! We are also delighted to say that we will be joined by Rob & Helen, Chelsea Gold Medalists from Pheasant Acre Plants, who will be adding their fabulous Dahlias & collection of bulbs to our already extensive selection of plants for you to buy.

## Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plant Party 16-17th June 2018

Here is a full list of the talks and our workshop schedule for the weekend.

### SATURDAY 16TH JUNE

*Gates open at 10.00am*

#### **10.30 am - 11.30am Compost**

When growing plants, the most fundamental element to get right first is the compost they are growing in. Our first talk is, therefore, an in-depth lecture on different types of compost, feeds & their relation to plants types, covering water, PH and different substrates. With Steve Hughes of Everest.

#### **11.30am – 12.30 A workshop on fern propagation**

This will cover areas such as Fern Spore Sowing, Hands on Fern Splitting, Frond Base Propagation, various other forms of vegetative propagation. With Julian Reed from the Pteridological Society and our very own Angela Tandy.

*Break for lunch*

There will be refreshments available all day to buy from both the local WI (tea, coffee and the very best homemade cakes) and our local genius of the kitchen, The Food Genie.

#### **1.00pm to 2.00pm A Brief History of Ferns**

350 million years in the making. With Martin Rickard

#### **2.30pm – 3.30pm Pelargoniums**

A talk on extending their life for both show and for personal enjoyment followed by a Q&A session. With David Taylor of the National Pelargonium Society.

#### **3.30pm to 4.30pm A workshop on Pelargonium Propagation**

With Ursula Key-Davis President of the National Pelargonium Society and Curator of the National Pelargonium Collection.

#### **3.45pm - 4.45pm Zonartic Pelargoniums**

From their very beginnings 'til now. How the Zonartic Pelargonium came to be, how to grow them and what to expect. This most unusual group of pelargoniums has set tongues wagging globally. Here you will get the full story from one of the hybridisers himself. Followed by Q&A. With Stephen Pollard of the National Pelargonium Society.

*Gates close at 5.30pm*

### SUNDAY 17TH JUNE

*Gates open at 10.00am*

#### **10.30am - 11.30am Cooking with Pelargoniums**

A talk & demonstration on the wonderful flavours of Scented-Leaf Pelargoniums and the diverse ways they can be used in the kitchen. With Heather Godard-Key

**11.45am - 12.45pm Compost**

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**11.00am - 12noon A workshop on fern propagation**

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*12noon - The PAGS Annual Show & Competition will be open to View free of charge*

**12.15 noon to 1.15 Container Gardening**

Harriet Rycroft's gardening journey took her from Hidcote Manor Gardens to Whichford Pottery and the Cotswold Wildlife Park. As Head Gardener at Whichford, Harriet planned, planted and looked after hundreds of potted displays. Now a writer & teacher Harriet will be giving us a practical demo of how to create mixed planters for the summer. The how-tos and how not tos, using a range of plant material including Pelargoniums, Ferns & Ivies as well as other plants. With Harriet Rycroft

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**2.30pm – 3.30pm 65 Years in Horticulture with Jim Buttress**

We have the pleasure in welcoming Jim Buttress to the nursery on Sunday afternoon. Jim's joy of gardening has been with him his entire life and his career in horticulture has been a fascinating one. From training at RHS Wisely and starting at a local nursery, he moved to Croydon Parks, on to the Greater London Council, and ended up with the Royal Parks in London, where he was responsible for Hyde Park, St James Park, Clarence House and Buckingham Palace. He ended his career as the Superintendent of Greenwich Park. Jim went on to be a judge on the BBC's Big Allotment Challenge and has since written his book, 'The People's Gardener'. Jim has been head judge at most of the major flower shows in the UK for many years and we're quite sure has many tales to tell...

The Pelargonium Society's National Show will be open to view from 12 noon once judging has finished. Free entry. The National Collections of Pelargoniums and Hedera will be open to view throughout the weekend. Free entry.

**Presentation of the National Show Awards will take place at 4pm**

*Gates close at 5pm*

As seats for talks are limited, all talks will be pre-booked at £5.00 each.

BOOKING WILL OPEN ON JANUARY 31ST