



BLOOMING MARVELLOUS FOR MAX APPEAL

John awards Max Appeal

John Bawden, Head Gardener at Coombe Lodge, Bladgon (where Max Appeal has an office) has kept the extensive gardens in 'tip top' form for many years....in fact John started working at Coombe Lodge when he left school and he became Head Gardener at the age of twenty-six.

Encouraged by the Wills family in particular, he pursued his passion for hot-house plants and flowers, especially chrysanthemums. He used to show them at Weston-super-Mare and the RHS halls in London, winning the national championships in 1976 and the international championship in 1977. He became the chairman of the National Chrysanthemum Society (NCS) and led a team of NCS members to win 10 gold medals at the Chelsea Flower Show. Following this he was presented with the Associate of Honour award by the NCS in 2009.

John is still very busy in the garden and in the summer and autumn the greenhouses are full of beautiful chrysanthemums. John has agreed to put together a special collection of chrysanthemums just for Max Appeal.

We will be taking orders for the collection and John will grow the cuttings over the winter ready for dispatching the plants to you in the spring. They can then be planted and grown during the summer months and by next autumn you should have beautiful blooms in our own gardens. The collection will contain the growing instruction to ensure you get the most out of these lovely plants, so you won't need to be an expert gardener to undertake the project. (says Ed...)

All proceeds are in aid of Max Appeal.

The Max Appeal Chrysanthemum Collection will include ten rooted cuttings. Plants will be selected by from well known and tried varieties. The collection will contain at least one plant named after Max Appeal. The chrysanthemum named Max Appeal will be a yellow mid season in curved flowering chrysanthemum, bright yellow in colour.

The plants will be dispatched during the first two weeks of April.

Please complete the order form below with your requirements.



On John's birthday last year local artist Martin Bentham saw another of his wonderful oil paintings put on display at Coombe Lodge. The paint was commissioned in appreciation of the contribution John has made over many years.

Thank-you John for undertaking this project for Max Appeal.



The Chrysanthemum Collection Price is £13.50 plus £3.00 for postage and package.

I wish order the Max Appeal Chrysanthemum Collection. Number of Collections required - Quantity:

Name Address

Post Code

Telephone No:

Payment Details: Cheque (payable to Max Appeal) Amount Enclosed £ . Please send order to: Freepost Max Appeal

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