

## FROM THE POTTING SHED

It's lawnmower month! Now the grass is growing like mad you need to have the right type of lawnmower for your lawn, especially with all the rain we're getting.

So to help anyone thinking of investing in a new mower here's my guide:

**Cylinder:-** (petrol,electric or unpowered) only worth considering if you have a really flat and fine- leaved lawn and you are prepared to mow twice a week to keep it short.

**Rotary:-** (petrol or electric) this type is the mower of choice for the average domestic lawn. For a normal sized lawn (up to about 30'x100') an electric model will be adequate but you'll need a long extension lead. Larger lawns will benefit from using a petrol mower but avoid a rear roller unless you pay a lot for a heavy model as the stripe isn't effective.

**Hover types:-** take my advice and avoid these like the plague. All those ghastly orange vacuums are worse than useless as they are heavy, unwieldy to use and don't pick up the clippings properly. The only one to use is the classic rotary "Flymo" when you have a bank or steep slope but use a light-weight one or a petrol one for larger areas.

### Plant of the Month

Your intrepid reporter is just back from a gruelling visit to Chelsea and can report on a trendy "must have" plant of the month. Alliums (ornamental onions) are all the rage and were everywhere. They include some lovely summer-flowering bulbous perennials such as *A. campanulatum*, *A. christophii*, *A. caeruleum*, and *A. giganteum* as well as herbs such as chives. They like a sunny site and prefer well-drained soil, where if left undisturbed they will form clumps. Many have pink, mauve or purple flowers in clusters or balls. Plant them in the autumn with other spring bulbs for a great show.

Happy Gardening and God Bless!

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## Newsletter

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### **London Men's Convention**

The London Men's Convention was an event held at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April and described by its presenters as, a Bible Convention. This has become an annual event and was attended this year by a party of ten from Trinity, including our Minister Geoff.

We all met up at East Grinstead Railway Station to catch the 8.07 train for London and this started a full day of fellowship together, which proved to be not only very pleasurable but also full of inspiration from the Convention itself.

The Chairman's welcome set the tone for the day emphasising why the Bible is central to the London Men's Convention, quoting and expanding on 2 Timothy 3:14-17, it is about salvation, it is from God and it is for good works.

The three teachings through the day were on the Spirit of Life, the Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Holiness. The quality and clarity of all of the speakers was excellent and so much was

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covered in such a comparatively short space of time. In addition to the speakers there was a session of question and answer in the main hall, which was varied and interesting; at the same time six small seminars were taking place in different locations. (to attend these it was necessary to pre book).

The whole atmosphere at the Convention was exceptional, not only the teachings which were thought provoking, but also to see some 3,600 men all there to praise and proclaim Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, it was wonderful. We so often hear these days that Christianity is dying in this country, but having attended this event, I can believe, that in time, the reality will prove to be the opposite. I must mention the beautiful sound created by 3,600 male voices signing praises to the Lord, this was emphasised during the last song, as instrument by instrument the band stopped playing, there followed a memorable sound which I for one will remember for a long time to come.

Our fellowship continued after the Convention as we dined together before travelling back to East Grinstead, - a day very well spent. Our thanks go to Mike Bartrop for organising the day on our behalf, well done Mike.

For those of you unable to attend this year, the date for next year's Convention is Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007, again to be held at The Royal Albert Hall.

**Diary Dates**  
**7th July 2006**  
**Ramble and a pint**

## **Prepare Your Car**

With finer weather just arrived, you're likely to be preparing to take to the road and see the sights in comfort. However, the wear and tear your car has endured over the winter months could easily spoil your fun. Everyone knows that prevention is better than cure, so here are some easy steps to make sure your car gets to you destination without any fuss...

### **OUTSIDE – Washing Your Vehicle**

Start by washing your car to remove all traces of salt from the bodywork which will cause damage and corrosion if not properly removed. Take extra time to wash along the door seals and under the bumpers to remove all traces of grime.

### **OUTSIDE – Protecting Your Vehicle**

Add wax polish to protect the bodywork and be aware of any scratches, bumps or bangs that you may not have noticed in winter light. It's easier to mend a small problem than let it deteriorate. Clear windows of de-icer and grime and ensure windscreen wiper blades are not worn and need replacing. Clean washer jets to removed dirt and/or unblock them.

### **OUTSIDE – Safe-Guarding Your Vehicle**

Check tyre pressures – they expand when hot so check them first thing in the morning. Tread depth should be 1.6mm (legal minimum). Check the tyre for dangerous bulges and/or cuts.

### **UNDER THE BONNET**

Check all fluid levels, especially the radiator's as summer temperatures increase the risk of overheating. Oil change – is it due? Is there enough in the engine?

### **INSIDE**

Check all the electrics are working – windows, interior light, warning lights, sunroof. Monitor your mileage – is a service due? Is in doubt, ask a garage.

**THESE SIMPLE CHECKS WILL HELP KEEP YOU MOBILE AND PROVIDE YOU WITH PEACE OF MIND.**

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