

West Byfleet Allotments Newsletter

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Introductory Note

It is only a few months since March, the date of our last newsletter, but these are busy times for us plot-holders and so a fresh issue was called for to keep you up to date with what's going on.

To reiterate a point made in our first issue - the newsletter is meant to be a two way communication so do feel free to email the Secretary with any points/ideas/grumbles etc.. If we can get a sufficient response to publish your comments directly in future Newsletters as a form of "letter to the editor" - don't keep your thoughts to yourselves send your comments.

Trading Hut

Provisions

We mentioned in our last Newsletter the new stock ordered in, particular that we were getting some heavy duty netting and some fleece. This is now in the Trading Hut and generating much interest. Those of you troubled by pigeons in your brassicas or root fly in carrots help is at hand. Come and buy the new netting and/or fleece and keep them out.

Bill our Secretary is helping Mike in the ordering new stock for the Trading Hut. We are sticking very much to established lines and yes, in answer to one known grumble, we are looking for a supplier of cheap 25kg bags of Growmore. Please support your Trading Hut by turning up on Sunday mornings and buying what you need.

Assistance

We need some members to volunteer to help with the stocking of the Trading Hut. This will involve helping to deciding what is required, helping with unloading/storing new supplies and in the general stock management.

We don't and won't stock a large range of items, but choose items that – sell well, have a reasonable shelf-life and are easier to buy from the hut than travel to a garden centre. Thus things like manure, and fertilizer, netting and fleece are all popular, as are slug pellets and chemicals to deal with blight and weeds etc. Unfortunately we don't have any growbags this year due to not having a trading hut secretary and a muddle of different suppliers. The good news it that we have now found a supplier who has a large range of items and doesn't insist on us ordering a pallet at a time.

So if there are things you would like to see stocked that we don't have and that would fit with our loose policy, then let us know.

If you would like to become our trading hut secretary or even just find out what that means, please get in touch. Our email/phone numbers listed at the end of the Newsletter.

Site Maintenance

Memorial Garden

We hope to get the memorial garden, created in honour of George Noblett, completed by Autumn. We need volunteers to help with weeding, collecting up rubbish, levelling and raking ready for sowing with grass seed.

If you would like to help please let Rob Moore know (contact details later in Newsletter).

Ditch Maintenance

To prevent flooding we need to remove the accumulation of leaves from the ditch on the Dartnell Park boundary and also cut back the vegetation. We hope to undertake this in Autumn when the growing season is over.

We have also had a complaint from one resident of Dartnell Park about items being thrown into the ditch. Please can you make sure that the ditch bordering your plot is free of bits and pieces so we can clear it of leaves and other debris – and if needs be in a hurry if the wet season continues. I know some of you have already cleared your section of the ditch – thank you.

Summer BBQ

Sunday 8th July, 12:30 onwards.

The BBQ is open to all ploholders and their families/friends. Tickets are £7.00 a head – we have reduced the price from the £7.50 quoted in the last newsletter having researched the menu some and decided not supplying any alcohol. If you are bringing younger members, then please buy a ticket per adult appetite. e.g. 1 child who eats less than a full adult – £3.50, three children who eat like adults £7.00 each. The idea is that we cover costs, so payment is an honesty system and helps us determine how many mouths we need to cater for.

Your tickets will cover food, welcome fruit punch and soft drinks. If you would like beer/wine etc. then please bring your own. If you have special dietary requirements, then let the Chairman know. You will need to bring your own plates cutlery, chairs etc. and additional personal supplies of drinks. Bear in mind this is the allotments and we will only have what we bring with us!

The menu: Standard BBQ fair - sausages, burgers, chicken pieces, veg. Variety salads, puds
Help on the day is always welcome, please let us know. Also let Sue Booker know if you can help with the food. Please contact her direct on 01932 340885.

To book your place and pay your fees, please go to the Trading Hut on Sundays and register. Do register as early as you can so we can get a feel for numbers.

Diary Dates

Pyrford Flower Show 14th July

Byfleet Horticultural Show 21st July

Judging for the Tunis Cup by Woking BC – week of 9th July

Judging for our own Best Ladies Plot – week of 16th July

Getting In Touch

Key contact points as I know they can be useful.

- Points/issues of a general nature:
Committee: email: committee@wballotments.org.uk
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