

West Byfleet Allotments Newsletter

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Welcome to Spring

This message welcoming Spring may be premature but we are now officially in Spring despite what the weather outside our windows tell us. We are all ready, clutching our seed packets and anxiously wondering if our seed potato plantings were a bit early... With luck it will "be alright on the night" and we will have a bumper summer.. All we need is a bit more sunshine and warmth and we can get out there. Bring it on...

Trading Hut order

We wrote to you at the end of last year inviting you to add your own requirements to the Trading Hut order with Interhort, the Agricultural Goods provider, whom we now have a Trade account. Some of you did and our eventual order was just under £1,000 allowing us to benefit from free delivery and a trade discount of 20%.

Trading Hut sales have since been brisk, particularly of Growmore. Indeed the 12, 25kg bags we stocked up with have all gone and we are now selling the 6kg bags that remained from last year's stock (at the same price per Kg).

We're considering putting in another order to Interhort, in particular to stock up on Growmore. We will only do this if we know that there is a likely demand and if the overall order size is over £300 (which entitles us to free delivery and some discount).

Please ask Bill Goodman - (email: sec@wballotments.org.uk) our temporary Trading Hut manager if you want to:

1. Buy a 25kg bag(s) of Growmore this summer (smaller quantities we are likely to be able to meet from our existing stock of 6kg bags)
2. Have any other bulk orders of fertilizer, compost or other existing Trading Hut stock that you think we should be aware of (so we can ensure we have stock to meet)
3. Would like to include your own purchases in the Trading Hut order from Interhort.

On the last point, Interhort offerings can be viewed from their web-site (<http://www.interhort.com/>). The price you pay will be the wholesale price advertised (unless commission earned is over 10% in which case we will pass on the extra). We will only be placing an order if we need to and if it amounts to over £300. As before it will be handled on a cash-in-advance basis.

Work Party

A great deal was achieved by the Working Party on 17 March and we would like to have a final working party of the season. We aim to carry out the removal of debris from the ditch between the main car park and the Dartnell Park culvert and also the other ditch which runs from the culvert to the railway line. If there is time we would also like to tidy the leaf heap so that a separate area for stable manure deliveries can be created. If you can help with either of these activities we would be

pleased to see you on **Sunday 28 April at 10 am**. Wellington boots and gloves are recommended and spades, forks, rakes and leaf grabbers would be useful.

The Bottom Road

Open again - until we get another wet season.

Rents

If you haven't already paid this year's rent for your plots, then please make the effort to do so.

Dates for Your Diary

Next Working Party: **Sunday 28th April 10:00**

Pyrford & Wisley Flower Show: **Saturday 13th July, the Cricket grounds, Pyrford**

Byfleet Horticultural Show: **Saturday 20th July, Byfleet Village Hall**

Tunis Cup

Judging for the **Tunis Cup** will be in **the first or second week of July**. The Tunis cup is run by Woking Borough Council, and includes:

- Best Plot
- Best Ladies Plot
- Best Over 70s Plot
- Best New Plot
- Best Site

If you are interested in being nominated for one of the above categories, or know a plot-holder who is, then please let me know.

Last year the competition was cancelled due to the early drought and hosepipe ban.