

Jubilee

ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



Hello & Welcome to the June 2023 E-Newsletter



Waiting List

The site is now fully let and we have a waiting list, so if you have struggled with managing your plot this year, please consider whether now is the time to surrender it and let someone else have the opportunity.

Following the AGM in February your new committee members are (sorry, correct list below):

Chair - Mark Madeley

Vice Chair - Sarah Bosomworth

Secretary - Joy Richards

Treasurer - Jill Martin

Other committee members are: Katy Madeley, Kerri Tucker, Richard Hodson, Wendy Sanderson, Sandra Belovari & Paul Baines-Holmes

We look forward to working, chatting and helping you throughout the year.

IMPORTANT - Closing the Gate

Could you all please ensure when entering and leaving the site that you close the gate, the only exception to this is maintenance days.



Site Maintenance and Update

Thanks to all the volunteers for another super & sunny maintenance morning on Sunday 21st May. Some great jobs were completed, including plenty of strimming and finally clearing out and tidying the sheds, hence displacing the resident mice hotel :-). Bravely done those ladies!

Also, thanks to all those who are not available on Sunday mornings but who do their bit by working on the communal areas at other times, it really is much appreciated.

Overall the site is looking good. Most plots are well maintained with a few exceptions. The site remains fully let and we have a healthy waiting list.

The spring & summer wildflowers are coming along nicely, more varieties should come through as the season progresses. The Yellow Rattle seeds, which were donated last year (thank you to Georgia), are beginning to help suppress the grass as we had hoped. In future years as the Yellow Rattle self seeds it should prevent the wildflowers from being over- run by the grass, which is staging a significant come back this year! The shadier wildflower area at the top of the site has an amazing display of Red Campion at the moment.



Leftover Coronation Bunting?

It has been suggested that some members may have leftover bunting following the Coronation, (we don't think there will be another Coronation too soon!) and we might attach this to parts of the deer fence as a bit of a visible deer deterrent. If you have any unwanted bunting please contact the committee or leave it on one of the picnic tables and we'll see if it helps.

RECIPE CORNER

Baked Green Rice by Jill Martin

Baked Green Rice

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Ingredients

2 Eggs
1 tsp Milk
125g Vegetable oil / or 225g Butter
1 onion finely chopped or grated
1/2 tsp mustard powder
60g chopped parsley
180g grated cheese
185g Dry Rice

Instructions

- Cook rice
- Beat 2 eggs in a medium size bowl.
- finely chop or grate onion and add to bowl.
- chop parsley and add to bowl.
- grate cheese and add to bowl.
- Add salt, mustard and milk to bowl. and mix ingredients together

until well combined ^{DATE}

• Pour into a baking dish

• Bake in the oven at
350° F, 180° C or Gas 4
for 60 minutes

Serve immediately



Strimming your Paths

Just a reminder that all plotholders are responsible for maintaining the paths adjacent to their plots, including the outside perimeter next to the fence. Sometimes we may get chance to do these on Maintenance Days but please don't rely on it as there are plenty of other jobs we need to keep up with. With this in mind, we realise that not everyone has a strimmer. The petrol ones we use on Maintenance Days are difficult to handle so we are reluctant to lend these on other days due to H&S concerns.

The good news is, as a trial, we have now purchased a lightweight rechargeable battery operated Stihl strimmer, which members can borrow from 1st June onwards.

The idea is that members will 'sign out' the strimmer, take it home and charge it (takes approx 3 hours) Members can keep it for a maximum of 48 hours, before returning it to the site shed and signing it back in. The fully charged strimmer gives approx. 20 mins of strimming time but is not suitable for heavily overgrown paths.

It is available to borrow from June 1st If you wish to use it please email the committee or speak to Kate, Mark or Joy when you see us on site.

Hopefully this new piece of shared equipment will be useful. We also have a post knocker you may borrow. Again, please contact the committee to arrange to borrow it.



Biggest Veg Competition

We have recently tracked down the trophy (from pre -Covid times) so this year we will re introduce the biggest veg prize, time to get those pumpkins growing! We will also have a prize for the largest sunflower. More on this in the next newsletter.



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Please feel free to post any hints and tips you think other plot holders would find useful , or anything you have to give away that someone else may want eg excess seedlings, plant pots etc

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Safe Workers

Anyone working on the plots who is not named on the tenancy agreement, or registered as separate members of the association, is not covered by the JAA insurances.

They are therefore working at their own risk.

If you would like to register additional people who work on your plot regularly as members of the association please [email the committee.](#)

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