

Jubilee

ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



Hello & Welcome to the March 2023 E-Newsletter



A very warm welcome to our newest plot holders!

Welcome to our newest plot holders, Fran McCluskey, Jacob and Kirsty Thrall, Chris and Heather Challenger, Conor Maguire, Jamie Atkinson and Kellie Steele happy allotmenting!

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.

Site fees are due in Feb, and it would be helpful if you could let the committee know before then if you do intend to leave. Thanks.



Site Maintenance

Thank you to all who have helped out on our maintenance mornings this year. It is greatly appreciated. They are always cheerful occasions and is a nice opportunity to meet other plot holders and compare notes.

Please note for next year that it is part of everyone's agreement with JAA to help out on at least one maintenance day during the year.

A massive thank you to Simon & Richard who have done far more than their fair share of grass cutting & fence mending this year.

Also, many thanks to Open Country who continue to support us with various site maintenance tasks, the most recent being the great machine they brought on site that helped take down the wildflower area to ground level ready for next year.

We are very grateful to you all!



Fires

Thanks to everyone for complying with the fire restriction over the summer this year. This has now been lifted but please ensure you adhere to our site regulations:

16.1 Fires are only permitted in bin incinerators or similar units

16.2 The plot holder shall ensure that any fire does not cause annoyance or danger to anyone or damage to any property.

16.3. The plot holder must be in attendance while the fire is alight and shall ensure that it is extinguished and safe before leaving the plot.

Please be considerate of your neighbours, if there are people nearby, check with them if it's okay to have a fire. If the weather is particularly windy, consider choosing another day.



Sustainability

It is worth thinking about the negative environmental impact of fires and considering other options such as recycling at the tip or composting to create your own free compost.

This is a fascinating read about sustainability on an allotment:

[Living a Sustainable Allotment Life – Steve's Seaside Life](#)



Recipe corner

If you still have leftover pumpkins and squashes to eat try these delicious recipes. Alternatively, if they are no longer fit to eat, you can hang them up for the birds to enjoy.

SPICY PUMPKIN/SQUASH & APPLE SOUP

2 tbs oil

1 onion

1 or 2 tsp curry paste

2 tbs chopped coriander

600 g pumpkin, cubed

1L veg stock

1. Heat oil in a large pan, add onion & cook for 5 mins. Stir in curry paste & cook gently for 4 mins.
2. Add pumpkin & mix in.
3. Stir in apple & coriander
4. Pour stock in, bring to boil.
5. Reduce heat to simmer for approx. 25 mins till pumpkin is tender.
6. Puree till smooth
7. Season to taste.

Serve with freshly ground black pepper, croutons & coriander leaves.



Pumpkin Pie

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/13711/homemade-fresh-pumpkin-pie/>



Pruning

Now is a good time to have a look at pruning any overgrown trees or bushes on your plot. If you weren't aware, the height restrictions on site are 3m for trees and 1m for hedges, this is largely so they don't get too big to cut and out of hand.

The RHS has a good site for useful hints, tips and guides:

[Getting started in pruning | help & advice on how & when to prune plants / RHS Gardening](#)



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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.](#)



The rules? What rules?!

The [JAA Rules](#) are here for reference. If you haven't read them in a long time, please have a look. They have changed over the years so may differ from how they were when you took on your plot.

If you have any questions or are unsure please do [contact the committee](#) for clarification.

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