

# Jubilee

ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER



### Hello & Welcome to the May 2022 E-Newsletter



**A very warm welcome to our newest plot holders!**

Welcome to our newest plot holders, Patricia on 71A, Meera and her family on 82C & 83C, Helen & Sam on 34B & 34C and Miles & Malagonata on 51B & C, happy allotmenting.

# Site Maintenance Day



## **Maintenance Day**

The next Maintenance Morning will be on Sunday 29th May 10:30 -12:30. We would also like to combine this with a seed or seedling swap. So, if you have any spare seeds which you will not be using, or an excess of any type of baby plants please bring them along to share with other plot holders.

If you can't come along but have anything to donate, please contact us at [JAACommittee@gmail.com](mailto:JAACommittee@gmail.com)

A huge thank you for the fantastic turnout of volunteers on 24th April. It was a super morning, with a happy band of helpers and we got an amazing number of jobs done. Many hands certainly do make light work! (see photos below).

A special thank you to Simon Crawford, who is currently doing the vast majority of the site mowing between maintenance days. It is very much appreciated.

















### **New Tool**

We have purchased a fence post driver, this is to help hammer fence posts into the soil, it is very heavy, however, it is free to use for everyone, if you wish to borrow it please email the committee [jaacommitee@gmail.com](mailto:jaacommitee@gmail.com)



### **Bonfire Reminder**

Just a reminder about bonfires, if you must have fire please be considerate to nearby plot holders. Only burn dry items because this produces much less smoke. If other plot holders are present, always check if smoke is a problem for them. Many of us go to the plots for the pleasure of fresh air and some have health conditions, e.g. Asthma, which means smoke is a hazard. Lastly, please ensure fires are put out fully before you leave the site.

It seems fewer and fewer people are having fires on their allotments, which is much better for the environment. Finding alternate ways of disposing of excess plant material, e.g. having compost bins or taking it to the Tip for composting is a much more eco-friendly solution.





## **Foraging Recipes**

### **Dandelion Bhajis**

#### **Ingredients**

150g of Gram (chickpea) flour  
1/4 tsp of chilli powder  
1/2 tsp turmeric  
Small green chilli finely chopped  
40 Dandelion heads, picked from clean site

You can also add in one small finely chopped onion for increased texture if you wish.

#### **Cooking**

1. Mix flour and spices with 100ml of water
2. Wash Dandelion heads and pat dry with kitchen towel
3. Add chilli and dandelion heads to the mixture
4. Deep fry spoonful's in medium heat vegetable oil for 3-4 minutes until golden brown. (Alternatively make the mixture a little thicker and shallow fry in frying pan).
5. Drain bhajis off on kitchen towel, salt and serve immediately.





We have recently re-joined the HDAF (Harrogate and District Allotment Federation). This allows us to share ideas and information with other local Associations and means that you will be allowed to enter into the Harrogate and District Annual Show. (details below)

<https://thehdaf.co.uk/allotment-show/>



### **Water**

Just a reminder that the main water stations on site are really intended for use on the communal areas and for those who are new to the site and have not had the chance to set up their own water catchment system. Please use them only when absolutely necessary.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Toilet**

Apologies that the toilet was out of action for a couple of weeks, we were waiting for it to be professionally cleared by a specialist firm. It is now in use again.

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## Facebook

(click on the image to open)

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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