

JAA NEWSLETTER

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Data Protection Document

This document was sent to all plot holders and it is important for everyone to sign in person so that we comply with this requirement. Please contact Vicky if you still need to sign.



Plot Inspections

The team carried out inspections recently to check the current state of all plots and catch up on any outstanding issues.

Strimming alone is not sufficient; your plot must be cultivated and nurtured. Sometimes situations arise unexpectedly and can be temporary or you may feel that perhaps it's time to reduce the plots you have. Please let the Committee know the situation via email or speak to Vicky.

Use of Equipment

For the use of equipment by plot holders, a charge of £5 to cover fuel, wear and tear is collected.

20 May Maintenance Morning/ Plant Bring & Buy/ Security Marking and Royal Wedding Event

Maintenance tasks including finishing mending the holes in the fencing, repair water station (again) at the bottom of the plot. Also, the tap had been left on at the top water station so almost empty. Mowing, strimming, tidying and litter picking were done.

A Police security marking team came on site during the Maintenance morning and a number of plot holders took advantage to get their property marked.

There was a good selection of plants on sale. We managed to raise £65 on the plants/royal wedding lunch.



The arrangements for catering and games at the Royal Wedding event 'was nobly attended by persons of the greatest quality and advanced very well'.

Water Storage Containers

There are still a couple of IBCs (£50) and blue barrels (£5) for sale. Help with moving them onto plots is available.

Contact the Committee to secure one — they can also give advice on how to set up. It's always good to be self-sufficient with water, as this latest bout of good weather has proven and the price is offset in the reduction of time and hassle otherwise expended.

Security Measures

Following the introduction of plot holders keeping the entrance gate shut at all times, it is reported that this is being well observed.

HDAF Allotment Show 19 August 2018



Jubilee Allotments are joining forces with other allotments in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon to raise

funds for Forest School (who have allotments with us). This event is being held at Valley Gardens in Harrogate and you can enter your own fruit, vegetables and even carrot cake to be judged. There will be a cake, book and raffle stall.

Jubilee Allotments have been asked to run the book stall, so we are asking for your help to do this. We require people to man the stall on the day (mainly in the afternoon) for hour slots. If anyone can help, please contact Vicky on vickyc.newell@btinternet.com

Application to Harrogate Local Fund

Committee members have put together a funding application to enable the re-surfacing of the track to ensure better access for all to the site.

Gardening Tips

May usually brings us warmer weather and wow what weather it has been to contend with. Now first sowings of Runner Beans and Dwarf French Beans should have been made and planted outside. Further sowings of peas, radish, carrot, lettuce, spring onions, turnip, swede, cabbage and beetroot can be made into drills outside to ensure a continuous supply. As we pass the longest day, June is the last month for sowing many crops before the days shorten again.

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Hardy annual seeds can be sown direct into where they are to flower. These will reward you with a colourful summer display. Try sowing Nasturtiums, Sunflowers, Cornflowers, Calendulas and Tagetes to distract insects and draw them away from your vegetables.

Sow herbs like Dill, Coriander, Rocket and Parsley direct into shallow drills or containers. If you are growing Strawberry plants, to encourage a good fruit harvest, feed them with a high potash granular feed worked into the soil between the plants. A straw mulch around the plants and a cover of netting is beneficial to protect developing fruit as it grows.

Edible Flowers

Edible flowers add colour, flavour and texture to savoury and sweet dishes, as well as cordials, oils and butters. Try nasturtium leaves and flowers for a peppery taste.

Calendula petals are similar and can be sprinkled into salads. Sow

these two now and they will self-seed for you.

Borage, rosemary and chive flowers in sauces are a mild alternative to the leaves. Chives, leeks and garlic are all delicious in green, potato and pasta salads and dips. Remove the central stem from the flower cluster to release the separate florets.

See the RHS website on Edible Flowers for a detailed list.

Other things to take into consideration include:

- Avoid old, faded or dusty flowers from roadsides and areas visited by livestock or dog walkers
- Look out for bees and remove small insects from flowers by dipping them in a bowl of cold salt water and dry on a paper towel

People susceptible to allergy, especially pollen, should not eat flowers.

New Twitter Account

A Twitter account has been created

@JAllotments



Follow for news about JAA.

JAA Summer BBQ Sunday 5 August

Please make a note of this date in your diary. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Remaining Event Days 2018 for your Diaries

24 June – Maintenance Morning
29 July – Maintenance Morning
5 August – Annual Summer BBQ
9 September – JAA Autumn Show
and Maintenance Morning
7 October – Maintenance Morning
4 November – Maintenance
Morning, Bonfire and Pumpkin
competition.

