



## Newsletter April 2018

### Marlow Town Council's neglected plot inspection

Later this month a representative of the Town Council will inspect plots at both sites with a view to identifying those which appear to be neglected. Letters to tenants of these plots will follow, reminding them of their obligations under the terms of the Tenancy Agreement. Neglected plots are a frequent cause of annoyance from neighbouring tenants and they may at any time address their complaints to the Town Council on 01628 484024. Plots which have received complaints will be inspected alongside all the others applying the same standards. The Town Council will always consider extenuating circumstances such as illness or family problems and deal with them sympathetically. If you are likely to be unable to look after your plot for an extended period for the above or related reasons please inform either the Association or the Town Council.

### Date Protection Legislation.

Some if not most of you may be aware of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that comes into force on 25 May. We think it may apply to Marlow Allotments Association in so far as we will probably have to ask your permission before we contact you by email, phone or post, including sending you a Newsletter. Once we have established if this is required we will be contacting you.

### Membership

It is very important that we maintain a high level of membership to protect the allotment sites and to show our commitment to their future. Those of you who have not yet joined or renewed this year will receive a membership application form along with this newsletter.

### Woodchips

Woodchips delivered to Hanging Hill are available free of charge for all tenants of both sites. Foxes Piece tenants are requested to contact a committee member if they wish to collect woodchips from Hanging Hill.

### Bonfire

A bonfire and barbecue will be held at Hanging Hill on Saturday 28 April. We plan to start around 5pm. Tenants of both sites and their guests are invited. Everyone is welcome to bring along food or drink that they have produced to share with others. The purpose-built barbecue will be available for all to use. We request a small donation of £1 for tenants who attend, to go towards covering the cost of the insurance policy we are obliged to have. Access to the site will be facilitated for Foxes Piece tenants.

### Discount

Hunts in Station Road continue to give discount on gardening items to Association members. Hunts have reminded us that onion sets are now available as well as 21 different varieties of seed potato. All varieties are available loose - so you are not restricted to purchasing a set weight. **Please ensure that your membership is up to date, as it is essential that you present your membership card if you wish to claim the discount.**

### **Newsletters by e-mail**

More than 190 tenants now have their Newsletters delivered electronically, which still leaves more than 50 delivered by hand. Thanks to the volunteers who do this. If you do not yet receive the Newsletter by email and would like to do so please contact Peter England.

### **Change of Address**

If you change your address or contact details please remember to let us know.

### **Hops**

Our own local brewery (Rebellion) are happy to leave their spent hops in neat white bags just near the shop area for all local gardeners to help themselves to. These are good activators for the compost bin, just empty a bag every now & then into your compost, mix it up a bit & it will help with the magic of turning garden waste into compost.

### **Surplus Crops**

The One Can Trust hand out food twice a week to families in crisis at a church in High Wycombe. They welcome donations of fresh vegetable or fruit. If you would like to donate any surplus crop to the Trust please contact either Sylvia 07939 097771 or the Trust directly on 07584 637697.

### **Allotment History**

In our previous Newsletter we mentioned that we were gathering information on the history of Marlow Allotments. Thanks to Fred Tillier and Martin Blunkell for providing us with further information. Once we have collated all the information we plan to publish it on our website [www.marlowallotments.org](http://www.marlowallotments.org)

### **Chicken Manure Pellets & Rabbit Manure**

20kg bags of chicken manure pellets are available to members for £10.00. Rabbit manure is free but donations to the Association are appreciated. Contact Sylvia on 01628 473946.

### **Website Forum**

Follow the link below to exchange news and information with other Marlow allotment holders.

[www.marlowallotments.proboards.com](http://www.marlowallotments.proboards.com)

### **Your 2018 Committee**

Committee Members can have several roles but perhaps most importantly in keeping an eye open for matters of concern at both sites and ensuring that the Council is informed. Committee Members attend five meetings a year to discuss on-going issues and ideas for projects and events.

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