

Members' Newsletter

October 2016

Final Reminder



Photo Competition

1st Prize £30
2nd Prize £20
3rd Prize £10

Photos for the competition should be handed in by Sunday 5th November 2016. Please print them (up to A4 size) and write your name and contact details on the back.

Everyone who attends the Annual General Meeting will be able to vote for up to three photos. The winners will be announced in the December Newsletter.

How Rules Change

Sundays are now the most popular gardening day but in the 19th century it was forbidden to garden on the Sabbath in some Parishes. A tenancy agreement dated 1846 from the Parish of Husbands Bosworth states: "Every occupier is expected to attend divine service on Sundays; and any occupier who digs potatoes or otherwise works on his land on Sunday shall immediately forfeit the same."



In September apples have been mysteriously disappearing from trees at Tomswood Allotments. Please remember that the apples belong to the plot that the tree is on and the tenant of the plot is the only person who may pick them. We have also had reports of summer squash and pumpkins being taken from a few plots and there have been obvious signs of trespass. **Stealing any crops from other people's plots is not acceptable behaviour.** If you see anyone taking anything from a plot that you know is not theirs, please notify the stewards. Also, please keep all gates locked to deter intruders.

Annual General Meeting

14:00 – 16:00 on Saturday 19th November 2016



Venue: The Stockade (Scout Hut)
St David's Way, Hainault, IG6 3BQ

Parking is limited. St David's Way can be reached via a footpath from New North Road (near the station).



Has your plot got its correct number clearly displayed at the front?

Contact the Committee

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New Season

October is the start of our new season at the allotments. It is the traditional time to start clearing plots and preparing them for the coming year. If you are new to allotment gardening you may need some guidance...the NSALG has useful information on their website and www.allotment-garden.org has some very informative articles written by experienced allotment gardeners. Some vegetables can be planted in October – there are onion sets and broad beans that can be put in now to over-winter and be ready earlier than the spring sown varieties. If you haven't sown spring cabbages and leeks you may still be able to get some plants from the garden centres and next month is the best time to plant garlic.



Bonfires are allowed between 1st October and 30th

April. But please remember that nuisance to neighbours and other plot holders must be avoided, **so don't light a fire** when the wind is blowing in their direction. Also, remember that you are responsible for your bonfire, **so don't leave it unattended.**

Trading Huts Open

Sundays 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Have you paid your rent?