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Photo Competition Winners

TRADING HUTS OPEN

The Allotment shops are open again as of 4th February 2018 (10.00 – 12.00). We now have new stocks of seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots as well as the usual items. If you are not sure what we sell, take a look on the website, or even better, visit one of the two shops and find out what we have. If you would like us to stock something that you cannot find, mention it to either Samantha at NNR or Norman at Tomswood and they will see if it is possible to order these items.

REMINDER: THE WATER SUPPLY
TO THE TANKS WILL REMAIN
TURNED OFF UNTIL LATE SPRING

Potatoes

Potatoes did especially well last year. Let's hope we get bumper crops again this year. For our new plot-holders, you may have been told that potatoes are a great crop for helping to get your ground in order. There is some truth in this, but they don't do the work themselves! The reason they are a good crop for improving the soil, is that they produce a fine tilth through the process of earthing-up and digging. They also have a lot of top growth, which helps to smother smaller weeds. Home-grown potatoes, freshly dug and eaten soon after, are also extremely tasty. In our shops you will find quite a few varieties to choose from. If you are not sure which ones to grow, ask a few plot-holders what their favourites are. Why not try a few varieties? It would be good to have a report in the autumn of what was successful.

Garden Waste Compost... On 23rd November a large lorry load of green waste compost was delivered to Tomswood Hill Allotments. We ordered this as a trial because we are no longer able to get horse manure delivered to the site. The compost proved very popular, taking only 24 hours for the entire heap to pretty much disappear! Unfortunately there were some disgruntled plot-holders who were not able to get any, as they were not able to visit the site until the weekend. There were also concerns about the smell of the compost. We will be discussing whether to have further deliveries at our next committee meetings and would welcome your opinion on this subject. If you would like to have a say, please email the committee.

Now you see it



Now you don't!!