

# North Hainault Allotment Holders Association & Protection Society Ltd

## Members' Newsletter

### March 2019

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### What to plant & sow in March

#### plant out

garlic  
shallots  
onion sets  
rhubarb  
Jerusalem artichokes  
first early potatoes

#### sow outdoors

carrots      broad beans  
lettuce      beetroot  
parsnip      spring onions  
peas          turnips  
radish       kohlrabi  
spinach      Swiss chard

#### sow indoors

aubergines  
capsicums  
celeriac  
tomatoes

#### Sow in "nursery" bed

Brussel sprouts  
cabbage  
leeks  
onions

## Manure



If you drive down to the riding stables at the end of Painters Road you can collect manure for your plot. You will need a fork or spade and some strong bags that are not too big for you to carry when full. At Tomswood we are now having deliveries of rotted garden waste from the council. It is being left in the car park alongside the piles of woodchip.

### Photo

### Competition

Have you voted?



Skip at  
Tomswood  
Saturday  
23<sup>rd</sup> March

## Welcome



to our new plot-holders who have joined us in recent months. We all know how difficult it is when you first start. Don't try to tackle the whole plot at once, little and often is best! Clear a small patch at a time and start to grow things as soon as possible. This will spur you on to clear the rest of your plot.

### New Padlock

The gate to the car park at Tomswood has been a real problem. Thanks to Jock for fixing this and for welding a brand new padlock on to make it easier for all to lock the gate properly.

## Plant Sale

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Tomswood

Many of you will sow too much for your own needs so please can you pot-up some of your spares and let us have them for our Plant Sale. This is the first time we are organising this event so please help us make it a success. Flower cuttings will also be welcome. Members of the Social Events Team (Aleks, Andria, Joanne, Loretta and Marie) will be distributing information leaflets during the next few weeks at Tomswood and at New North Road you can get these from Julia or Sam.

Volunteers have been working hard over the winter to improve the site at Tomswood. Three neglected areas have been cleared and two of them have already been rented to new plot-holders. Well done guys! But we need more helpers as we have an accumulation of rubbish around the perimeters of the site. If we get enough helpers we can clear the 'rubbish' from the boundary along Mossford Lane before the skip is delivered.

Other areas can be cleared later, so if you can spare some time please get in touch with the committee either by email or in person. Or ... leave a note in the post box on the gate by the shop.

Vacant Plot Clearance at Tomswood

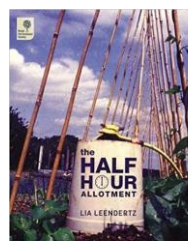


## TRADING HUTS OPEN

### SUNDAYS 10AM TO 12 NOON

Seed potatoes are selling fast.  
Especially at the Tomswood Shop!  
Half the price of B&Q

The two shops sell many other things too.  
Please ask if there is something you can't find,



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### The Half-Hour Allotment

I found this book by Lia Leendertz on a gardening website. Not sure how good it is, but I'm sure there would be many of you who would find it interesting!



Has your plot got its  
number at the front?