

SAD NEWS

We have received the sad news that Ken Coe passed away recently, shortly before his 98th birthday.

Ken was an allotmenteer for over 60 years, the majority as a member of our Society. His first plot was at Dacre Gardens (now Gilbert Colvin School). His next plot was at Waterloo Road (the part now occupied by Clore Tikva School) before moving to Forest Farm, where he retained his plot even when the Society released the site.

Ken served on the Committee for over 25 years and was Honorary Secretary for many of those. During that time he was our main contact with Redbridge Council, he wrote the Society's Newsletter and single-handedly kept both the trading huts well stocked.

Those who knew him will remember his quick wit and great sense of humour. He will be sadly missed by many of our members, both past and present.



Good Neighbours

One of our elderly tenants had a fall recently and has been unable to tend to his plot. How lovely it was to see a group of his neighbours working together to clear the land for him. A big thank you to all who do kind deeds at our allotments.

Wildflowers

This is the time to start planting vegetables – but how about some wildflowers on your allotment?

The Benefits...

- They attract pollinators for your veg
- They attract good insects – predators like ladybirds that help control the aphid population
- Create colour on your patch and make you smile
- And the bees will love you!



VEGETABLE OF THE MONTH

The Welsh Onion



The Welsh Onion is a perennial evergreen plant. In very cold winters the leaves will die off but will grow back in the spring. All of the plant can be eaten, but make sure they are fresh as they lose their flavour when cooked – so they're best eaten raw.

Also, don't harvest your entire crop; leave some roots in the ground in order to have a continuous supply. The leaves can be cut and will continue to re-grow throughout the summer. Once established, large clumps can be lifted, the bulbs separated and re-planted individually to increase the crop. The flowers attract bees and look great when dried and used in flower arrangements too.



NEW RESIDENT SPOTTED AT TOMSWOOD HILL!

We have our first proper scarecrow at Tomswood Hill Allotments! How about a few more?

They may even scare off more than the crows... tee hee!



Please - NO BONFIRES between
1st May and 30th September



Plant Sale at Tomswood

Saturday 18th May

2:00 – 4:00pm

PLANTS & REFRESHMENTS

Other dates for your diary...

15 June - **The Big Lunch**

29 June - **Paddock Allotments Open Day**
(Raynes Park)

31 August - **Family Picnic**

All of these events are open to plot-holders
from both Tomswood & New North Road sites

Trading Huts

Open Sundays
10:00 to 12:00

Tomswood Hill Shop
will also be open on
Saturday 18th May
2:00 to 4:00 pm

AND

The New North Road
Greenhouse will have
PLANTS FOR SALE
every Sunday whilst
stocks last

25th May

Skip at Tomswood

