



## Newsletter May 2025

### Plant Stand will now be 7th June 2025

The plant stand planned for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, will now be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 due to the weather. The location of the stand is outside the Foxes Piece entrance in Dedmere Rise (follow the pathway beside the Doctors Clinic) from 12.00am until 2pm.

Small plants and seedlings will be available to all members, for a small donation to the Association. Any tenants that have not yet joined MAA can do so at the stand.

This has been a huge success each year, with grateful thanks to the members that donated these small plants & seedlings. If possible, please would Members do this again, by sowing a few extras seeds, with the aim to donate surplus seedlings to this event

A selection of second-hand tools will also be available, please give John Stilliard, any specific requests (his contact details are on page 2 of this newsletter).

### Bonfires

At present Bonfires or barbeques **are not** allowed on site. MAA plan to request the Council relax this rule or a short period, either later this year or early in 2026 at the next Allotment Working Party meeting.

### Stay Safe on the Allotment!!

Tenants should check their Tetanus Inoculation a booster should be arranged as soon as possible.

### Joining the Committee

If any Association Member would like to help support the Association by joining the Committee, please do not hesitate to contact a Committee Member to discuss this and come along to the next meeting, as a spectator, to see the type of matters that we need to handle and how we do this.

### Donated Tools

MAA has received new donations of a variety of tools, these are offered to members in return for a small donation. Any additional donations of tools or equipment would be very welcome. These are invaluable to newcomers & novices. Please contact John.

### Communal Tables

There are Communal Tables in Hanging Hill at the entrance in Prospect Road & in Foxes Piece at the entrance by the flats. Tenants can leave surplus seedlings & crop to share with others.

Also, spare or surplus pots & trays are in that area. Please remove any broken or damaged items.

### Protecting Your Allotment Plot

It has been over 40 years since MAA was originally formed, with the primary aim was to protect both of the Allotment Sites, at the time we successfully prevented a very serious threat from local Property Developers, and again about 10 years later.

The Committee remain vigilant and continue to be prepared to take any steps necessary to defend the sites from any further threats.

Therefore, it is VITAL that we are supported by the majority of tenants from both sites, otherwise MAA does not have a sufficient voice to represent the Allotments Sites, should another threat arise.

Those that have not yet joined, please arrange your membership on the attached renewal form as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Get Planting!!

By now plots should be ready for sowing & planting those delicate seedlings and plants. Some crop should already be under way such as Brassica (cabbage, broccoli, sprouts, etc), Alliums (onions, garlic & shallots) & potatoes. It is not too late to get these in over the coming month or two.

### Memberships

Please note that our Annual Membership Renewal runs from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October the following year, hence the reason that we have the Annual General Meeting each November. For those that have not already done so, Membership can be renewed as detailed on the attached renewal form – members that are renewing do not need to complete the form as their details are already in the records, please follow the instructions on the form. Thank you

### Garden Companions

There are many plants & flowers that attract beneficial insects – herbs will tick both of those boxes!!

Most herb plants tend to flower several times each year and there is a huge variety, which create a harlequin of flowers and aromas on the plot, plus many busy bees!!

The English Marigold, Wild Poppy & Nasturtium are not classed as herbs, but are excellent Garden Companions attracting those pollenating and beneficial insects, some of their flowers can also be used in the kitchen – as demonstrated by many Celebrity Chefs!!

These flowers & herbs also have health benefits and are used in many ways to ease or eradicate ailments in natural remedies.

Most can be grown from seed or buy as seedlings, there is a lot of information in books & on the internet covering this amazing subject. So, why not check it out?

### **Manure Deliveries**

There is manure delivered to Hanging Hill and is stored in a bay at the top of the hill, by the Walnut Tree. This is available for all tenants to use on their allotment plots and compost bins. Unfortunately, manure deliveries have ceased at Foxes Piece due to complaints. MAA plans to request at the next AWP meeting with the council that these are resumed for a period during the winter months.

### **Review of trees & large shrubs**

The trees and large shrubs on both sites are reviewed on a regular basis, Denise Bagge, who has been a Committee Member for many years, is overseeing this & liaising with MTC. Priority will be given to any trees or large shrubs considered to be dangerous. If any tenant has concerns over this, please contact Denise (her contact details are on page 2 of this newsletter) or the Council.

### **Seed Scheme**

Catalogues & order forms for the National Society Seeds Scheme 2025 are available for Association Members, or they can access the digital catalogue via <https://nsalg.kingsseeds.com/nsalg-catalogue>. Seeds, onions, garlic, potatoes, plants, fruit bushes & trees, sundries & tools are competitively priced & of high quality, supplied by the Kings Seeds Company with reduced prices for members. Orders can be placed via the NSALG link online at <http://nsalg.kingsseeds.com>.

Please contact Maren Talbot, our Treasurer & Seed Secretary, for registration and instructions.

For those without internet access, orders can still be placed using the paper order form supplied with the catalogue, to obtain one please contact a Committee Member. These orders should be sent to Maren with the cash payment in the envelope provided or payment can be paid by transfer into the MAA bank account, details are on the form.

Please note MAA receives an annual payment for Commission from Kings, in respect of every order submitted. This is a valuable addition to our Fighting Fund, ensuring that we are prepared, should we need this again.

### **Woodchips**

There are two woodchip bays at Foxes Piece and four at Hanging Hill, thanks to the volunteers who are organised and constructed of these.

The woodchips delivered to these bays are for all tenants to use on their allotment plot, if they wish. When collecting the woodchips, please ensure the areas are left as tidy & as clear as possible to enable others access to the pathways.

Please note that only Newleaf Tree Surgeons are authorised to access both sites to deliver these. No other tradesmen are allowed access to either site unless with specific authority from the Council.

### **Next AWP meeting with MTC**

The Committee hope to attend an Allotment Working Party Meeting with the Council in Summer, to cover Allotment matters & issues. If any tenant has any matter of concern that they would like MAA to discuss with the Council, please contact a Committee Member.

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

The majority of tenants now have their Newsletters delivered electronically, which still leaves around 10 delivered by hand. A big THANK YOU to the volunteers who do this.

### **Your Committee**

Committee Members can have several roles, perhaps the most important one is keeping an eye open for matters of concern or possible threats for both sites.

They attend periodic meetings each year to discuss allotment issues, along with ideas for projects & events, the minutes are posted on our website & notice boards. There are also meetings held with Marlow Town Council throughout the year to cover various Allotment matters or issues & to propose suggestions & ideas.

**If any Association Member would like to join the Committee & be part of the Team, or just to attend a Committee Meeting and discover what is involved, please contact Sylvia Miller.**

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