



## Newsletter May 2019

### Judging

The Judges will be visiting Foxes Piece 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Hanging Hill 4<sup>th</sup> July and again in September, this date has yet to be confirmed. We would like to have a Special Award for each site for a child or youth (under 16 years old), so if any tenant would like a child or teenager that enjoys working on the allotment to be considered for this, contact Sylvia.

### Open Day

In order to promote the Allotment Sites, MAA is organising an open day at Hanging Hill Allotments Site. This will be on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, from 2pm to 4 pm. We plan to arrange escorted tours of the site to those that come along. If any tenants are able to help with this, please contact Sylvia.

### MTC meeting

As a result of a recent Working Party Meeting there were several issues covered with MTC. These will be put forward to the Councillors for consideration in the near future. There will be an addition to the tenancy rules & regulations: ***No vandalism or dumping on any allotments.*** Furthermore, there will be an amendment with regards to a minimum area that must be cultivated on an allotment on an ongoing basis – this is yet to be defined by MTC. There were other matters which are yet to be clarified regarding a new policy to cover instances of debris and waste left on vacant plots by previous tenants and we will advise further once a decision has been made by the Councillors.

### Waste Material

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April, High Heavens now charges for waste that is classed as 'Commercial'. This will be a problem for those with rotten or unwanted pieces of wood as the bonfire ban is in place until 1<sup>st</sup> September, garden waste is not charged. If anyone is observed dumping waste material around either site or on another plot, even if it vacant, this is a serious offence and must be reported to Marlow Town Council.

Outsiders may try to access either site to dump unwanted material, please be vigilant and ensure the gates are locked at all times:

**If approached please do not allow them access onto the site!!**

### Newsletters by e-mail

More than 180 tenants now have their Newsletters delivered electronically, which still leaves around 60 delivered by hand. Thanks to the volunteers who do this. MAA has decided not to burden the volunteers further with this.

**Therefore, all future newsletters that are not sent via email will be available to collect from a Committee member.**

### Discount

Hunts in Station Road continue to give discount on gardening items to Association members. Please ensure that your membership is up to date, as it is essential that you present your membership card in order to claim the discount.

### Seed Scheme

Catalogues and order forms for The National Society Seeds Scheme are now available to all Association members. The seeds, which are very competitively priced, are supplied through Kings and are of an equivalent standard to those available from other suppliers. Furthermore, MAA receive a discount from Kings on every order submitted. For a catalogue please contact one of the Committee Members listed below. Maren Talbot is our Seeds Secretary and all orders should be sent to her with the payment in the envelope provided.

### Theft & Damage

A demonstration is planned for June, on site at Hanging Hill. There will be 2x types on display  
a) this will notify any movement (ie: if the shed door has been opened  
b) the next option that will send pictures to a phone or computer. There will be no charge, but we need to know how many are interested for seating etc., please contact Sylvia Miller, who will advise of the date, time & location.

### Chicken Manure Pellets & Rabbit Manure

We still have 20kg bags of chicken manure pellets available to members for £10.00. Rabbit manure is free but donations to the Association would be appreciated. Please contact Sylvia Miller.

## Wasps

This is the time of the year that the Queen Wasp is preparing her nest, so now is the best time to track down & destroy any nests on your plot. If you need any help with this, contact Sylvia.

## Stones

Thank you to those that have been filling the potholes along the track at Hanging Hill with small stones. Please be careful to ensure that flints are not used as they have sharp edges and could cause more damage than the pot holes.

## May Planting

Whilst we are all busy with Spring planting, preparing the ground & nurturing the small seedlings. Just a reminder that to try to keep on top of the weeds. If things are let go this month, then chaos will prevail for the following months.

## BBQ

The next Barbeque Event is planned for Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday weekend, after that the Summer BBQ is planned Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June – we hope this time the weather will be kind to us!!

## Membership

Those of you who have not yet joined the Association or renewed membership for this year will receive a membership application form along with this newsletter. Once the membership fee has been paid, we will give you a Seed Catalogue and your Membership Card which will give you discount at Hunts Hardware Store in Station Rd.

## Growing Orchids at Home

Time to take the mystery out of growing orchids! Maren Talbot, a renowned expert in growing and tending orchids of any kind, will give a talk and demonstration with practical advice about the 'do's & don'ts' involved in this fascinating hobby. At Liston Hall, the Garden Room, Thursday 16th May 2019, start at 7:30pm. Please note, to cover costs there will be a small charge of £1 for MAA members & £2 for guests. Attendees are invited to bring their orchids for comment and free re-potting. For more information go to: [www.heritageorchids.co.uk/13\\_Orchid\\_talk.htm](http://www.heritageorchids.co.uk/13_Orchid_talk.htm)

## Change of Address

If you change your home address, email or phone number, please remember to let us know.

## Woodchips

Woodchips delivered to Hanging Hill are available free of charge for all tenants of both sites. Foxes Piece tenants are requested to contact a committee member if they wish to collect woodchips from Hanging Hill.

## Website Forum

Follow the link to exchange news and information with other allotment holders.

[www.marlowallotments.proboards.com](http://www.marlowallotments.proboards.com)

## On site emergencies

Considering the implications of a situation with the need to contact the Emergency Services. If it is not possible to unlock the gate or if there is no one else on site the Emergency Services will require access. Therefore, Marlow Town Council have posted notices on the gates of both sites, with contact phone numbers to be used in the case of an Emergency.

## Your 2019 Committee

Committee Members can have several roles but perhaps most importantly in keeping an eye open for matters of concern at both sites and ensuring that the Council is informed. Committee Members attend five meetings a year to discuss on-going issues and ideas for projects and events.

**If any Association Member would like to be part of this Team please contact Sylvia Miller.**

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