



Newsletter August 2019

Mayor's Award

The Mayor will visit both Allotment Sites on Monday 19th August in the morning, to view the allotment plots in order to select the plot with the most unique feature on each site – so give your unique features a shine up in preparation!!!.

Camera Systems

There have been notices displayed at every entrance to both sites notifying everyone that CCTV is in operation on the site.

This means that any tenant may have a camera system on their plot without the requirement to obtain permission or notify anyone.

MAA plans to arrange a talk & demonstration on site by an expert.

Surplus Crop

Throughout August, lunches will be provided for under privileged children at Great Marlow School by volunteers to ensure that the children have a solid meal each day.

Any surplus crop would be welcome, please would those that wish to donate to this cause contact Sylvia who will co-ordinate this.

Wild Bumblebee Talk

There is a talk by a local expert booked for Wednesday 28th August at Marlow Age Concern, Glade Road, start time 8pm until late (when the questions stop!).

Due to the high level of interest for this talk, but only a small room, numbers will be limited. Therefore, members will need to reserve a place for themselves & their guests, the admission fee will be £1.00 per person to cover costs, please contact Sylvia to make a reservation.

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.

AGM

The next AGM is booked for Thursday 7th November 2019 and will be held at Liston Hall, please make a diary note. Full details will be in the next newsletter, along with the prize winners list.

MAA Email Address

As a result of the new Website structure we now have a new email address for MAA which will be monitored & checked by some members of the Committee and this will be linked via the website: marlowallotmentassociation@gmail.com

Website

The MAA Website is currently undergoing an update along with a different provider.

There will be new sections including History of the Allotment Sites, Pests & Diseases on the Allotment, Companion Planting Tips and more.

Plus, an extensive photo gallery, please send us any photos from your allotment that you would like to share to the aforementioned email address.

The New Allotment Challenge

One new section on the website that we would like to set up is to help & advise new tenants.

As most of you will know taking on an overgrown plot can be daunting.

If anyone has any before, during & after photos from when you began perhaps with a small explanation of how you tackled the challenge, please email these to us.

Newsletters by e-mail

More than 180 tenants now have their Newsletters delivered electronically, which still leaves around 50 delivered by hand. A big THANK YOU to the volunteers who do this. If you would like to receive your newsletter plus receive any additional news updates or items of importance via email please let us have your email address, send your details to: marlowallotmentassociation@gmail.com

Allotment Site Entrance Padlocks

There have been a number of locks on both allotment sites that have failed in recent weeks, therefore MTC have temporarily closed off some of the gates. Marlow Town Council are currently investigating different locking systems to see if they can find a more robust solution and they apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Change of Address

If you have recently changed your home address, email or phone number, please let us have the new details.

Potatoes for Christmas!!

Greatly reduced prices for potatoes at Hunts, they are end of season, but if planted now in pots under cover or in a greenhouse they will be ready to crop for Christmas.

No digging, just tip out the pot & rummage for spuds - perfect for the Christmas Table - YUM!!

Keep that Hoe Moving!!

This time of year, it is easy to get side-tracked on the allotment with all the lovely & abundant crop to gather – but the weeds are lurking waiting to take over again!! Each time you visit spare half an hour at least to remove weeds & push the hoe about, which will help to keep them in check.

Seed Scheme

Catalogues and order forms for The National Society Seeds Scheme are now available to all Association members.

The seeds, onions, garlic, potatoes, plants, fruit bushes and trees plus sundries and tools are competitively priced & all at an equivalent standard to those available from other suppliers.

They are supplied through Kings Seeds Company and MAA receive a discount from Kings against every order submitted.

For a catalogue please contact a Committee Member as listed. As Maren Talbot is the Seed Secretary & Treasurer; all orders should be sent to her with the payment in the envelope provided.

There is a new option to place orders online via: <http://nsalg.kingsseeds.com>

Please contact Maren Talbot for a password & instructions.

Woodchips

Woodchips are delivered to Hanging Hill, by a local Tree Surgeon dropping them into 3x wood chip bays and these are available free of charge for all tenants of both sites.

Should any Foxes Piece tenants like to collect woodchips from Hanging Hill, please contact a Committee Member that has a plot at HH.

We will let you on site to help yourself, you can bring your vehicle onto the site & fill as many bags or sacks as possible!!

Discount

Now is the time to plan for Autumn planting & 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.

BBQ & Bonfire

There are plans for a BBQ & bonfire event in September, we will notify all tenants of the details nearer the time.

Chicken Manure Pellets & Rabbit Manure

We have 20kg bags of chicken manure pellets available to members for £10.00.

Rabbit manure is free but any donations to the Association would be appreciated.

Please contact Sylvia Miller – 07939 097771.

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, is keeping an eye open for matters of concern at both sites and ensuring that the Council is informed. They normally attend five meetings a year to discuss on-going issues and ideas for projects and events, there are also periodic meetings with Marlow Town Council to cover various matters or issues & to propose suggestions & ideas related to the Allotment Sites.

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If any Association Member would like to be part of the Team, or would just like come along to a Committee Meeting to see what it is all about, please contact Sylvia Miller.

