



AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

ALLOTMENT MATTERS



Welcome to the latest issue of Allotment Matters.

Well what a summer we have had, very reminiscent of 1976 for those of us that remember those endless hot days, lawns that resembled straw and hosepipe bans.

After the 'Beast from the East' caused a late start to the season for plot holders, the weather gods have not been on our side. I am sure your water butts have been empty for the last few months and you have a well worn path from your plot to the water trough! Here's hoping the weather forecast has better news soon with some much needed rain on the way.



ALLOTMENT COMPETITION AWARDS EVENING 2018

Raise a glass to our winners

You are invited to join us at
The Railway Club, Coxhill Way
Aylesbury HP21 8HH
on Thursday, 4th October 2018 from 7 p.m.

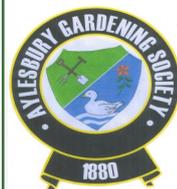
There will be a drink for all guests on arrival and light refreshments will be served

Guest speaker, Colin Oakes

"It's too darn hot"

If you will be attending please rsvp by Friday, 28th September

e-mail: l.beaty@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk
or telephone on 01296 425678



Aylesbury Gardening Society

The Society will be holding its annual show in the main hall of Aylesbury Grammar School, on Saturday 15th September. There will be many different categories and schedules can be collected from the store. Come along to view from 2.30pm. There is no charge and tea and cakes will be available.

Also in September potatoes & seeds can be ordered. Why not come in & have a look around, or have a chat with some of our experienced gardeners who are always available to help.

We are open between 9.00am and 12.00 midday every Sunday at the Old Stoke Road allotments, in the Thurston Store. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Thank You

to our hard working Site Wardens who support us tirelessly throughout the year. Wardens are plot holders who have volunteered to assist in the running of each site. They are our "eyes on the ground" who report any issues to the Allotments Officer and also give advice to their fellow plot holders.

Are you on e-mail?

Why not contact the Allotments Officer at: l.beaty@aylesburytowncouncil.gov.uk and receive Allotment Matters electronically!



The Buckinghamshire District Association
(promoting the growing and eating of vegetables)

Secretary (Tel: 01296 630659)

“Aylesbury Allotment holders are very welcome to attend National Vegetable Society talks staged to help allotment holders grow better vegetables.

NVS Members: Free, Non-members: £3

The venue for our 2018 talks (all starting at 7.30 p.m.) will be:-

The Community Centre, Church Street, Wingrave HP22 4PD

Tuesday 16th October: “Growing Under Glass” a talk by Michael Thurlow

Michael has been a professional gardener for thirty years working in a number of gardens including Barnsdale where he retains strong links. He was Head Gardener at Audley End House where he restored the garden from scratch using organic methods to produce fruit and vegetables from the Victorian period, including the magnificent greenhouse vines.

Michael’s talk is about the best techniques to use when growing under glass or in polytunnels.

Tuesday 13th November: “GM Crops: Saints or Satan” a talk by Professor Sandy Primrose

Professor Primrose trained as a microbiologist before changing his career path in 1981 to focus on biotechnology. He has run a number of high technology businesses in areas such as food biology and environmental toxicology.

Sandy is one of this country’s leading experts on the genetic modification of plants and his talk will explain the pros and cons of this technology in language we can all understand.

Please

- * if you weed spray, consider that weather conditions and be mindful of your neighbours’ plots
- * maintain the pathways bordering your plots, the Town Council will only cut the main access paths and tracks.
- * all rubbish green or otherwise should be taken to the local tip, not dumped on site for the Town Council to remove
- * keep the weeds at bay. It is unfair to let them go to seed and spoil all the hard work of other plot holders.
- * do not wander onto other plots unless you are tending it in someone’s absence and never take produce unless permission has been given. If a plot is vacant (and please check with the Allotment Officer first) with fruit ready to harvest, don’t let it go to waste and share the goodies with other tenants too
- * you are welcome to bring your dog with you to the site, however, it must be kept on a lead at all times and not allowed to wonder onto other tenants’ plots. You are also responsible for clearing up and disposing of any mess

Common sense we know but unfortunately these issues have been raised with the Allotments Officer over the summer and needed addressing.

Allotment Rent

We can now accept payment direct to our bank account, full details are enclosed with your Annual Rent Notification letter.



On the move ?

Please remember that if you change your address, phone number or e-mail address you should let us know so that our records can be kept up-to-date.