

# WOODLEY ALLOTMENTS TENANTS ASSOCIATION at Reading Road

## GARDENING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

Welcome to this month's edition of the WOODLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION newsletter. Firstly, many apologies for the lack of a July newsletter – it was a very busy month for me and I was unable to devote the time needed to produce a newsletter that I felt was worthy of your attention. I have been developing a new way to produce the publication – so it may look slightly different. Many thanks to Mike for his support, and great work on previous newsletters. There is a lot to live up to. Please let me know via the email contact [readingroadplots@woodley-allotments.org.uk](mailto:readingroadplots@woodley-allotments.org.uk) or via Face Book <https://www.facebook.com/groups/404954300776537> of things you would like included. If you have any photos to share these would be great to save and use in future issues.

HAPPY ALLOTMENTING!

Fiona Mc – (K36)

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### Notices

**FRUIT BUSHES** – orders to Theresa before **10<sup>th</sup> September**. Please see page 3 for more details.

**SECRETARY** - the committee is still in urgent need of a secretary. Please contact Sarah, via email, for details of what's involved. You will be made very welcome.

**SIGNAGE** – does your plot have a clear plot number on display? Recent plot inspections reported that many plots still don't have a plot number in clear view. This is a requirement of the tenancy agreement.



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**FRUIT TREES & BUSHES**

**ORDER FORM 2023**

The season for planting new fruit trees and bushes is soon to be upon us. If you don't want to miss out on some good quality bargains, make your choices below and get your orders in as soon as possible to avoid that important planting season before 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Item Description	Price per plant
<b>FRUIT TREES</b>	
<b>COOKING APPLES:</b> NEWTON WONDER – very good keeper	£15.00
BRAMLEY – large green fruit	£15.00
<b>EATING APPLES:</b> BLENHEIM ORANGE – Disease resistant	£15.00
GOLDEN DELICIOUS – crops freely, keeps well	£15.00
<b>PEARS:</b> CONFERENCE – reliable cropper	£15.00
BON CHRETEIN – excellent tasting	£15.00
<b>PLUMS:</b> VICTORIA – large fruit, prolific crop	£15.00
CZAR – reliable, purple black fruit	£15.00
<b>CHERRY:</b> MORELLO – (self fertile) Aug-Sept	£15.00
STELLA – reliable, purple black fruit	£15.00
<b>APRICOT:</b> TROS – apricot July-Aug	£15.00

Item Description	Price per plant
<b>FRUIT BUSHES</b>	
<b>REDCURRANTS:</b> LAXTON no.1 – strong upright large fruit	£3.00
<b>BLACKCURRANTS:</b> BEN CONMAN – big fruit, heavy cropper	£3.00
WELLINGTON XXX – heavy cropper, compact bush	£3.00
<b>GOOSEBERRY:</b> WHINHAM'S INDUSTRY – award winning red	£3.50
CARELESS – pale green, good flavour	£3.50
<b>RASPBERRY:</b> GLEN LYON – summer fruiting	£1.30
ZEVA – autumn fruiting, vigorous cropper	£1.30
<b>BLUEBERRY:</b> TOP HAT – compact, Jul-August	£4.50
<b>STRAWBERRIES:</b> CAMBRIDGE FAVORITE – sweet flavour	£0.75
FLORENCE – late cropper, dark fruit	£0.75

**Delivery should be around late November/early December.** You will be contacted when your order arrives and collection will be from the Launchpad site, where there will be an opportunity to purchase other fruit bushes if required.

**Other plants:** If anyone would like to order Spring bulbs, perennials, or other fruit trees or bushes that are not on the list, please email Teresa, who will get back to you. [Teresa.buley@Woodley-allotments.org.uk](mailto:Teresa.buley@Woodley-allotments.org.uk)

Copies of the order form are available in the notice board box by the Reading road entrance or click on the raspberry to link to the form online.





## BIG THANKS

To those plot holders that have recently generously donated surplus crops for the ReadiFood Bank. These are added to the harvests grown on the Launch Pad to provide fresh produce for families needing some help with feeding their families in these challenging times for so many.

If you have any surplus crops that you are happy to share with others, please leave any donations on the LAUNCHPAD site (L26 Polytunnel) for a Monday morning, when collections and deliveries are made.

**CLICK ON THE LOGO FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARITY.**



## MEMORIAL PLOT

### CAN YOU HELP?

The Memorial Plot (F30) was created to remember and commemorate our members that have passed away. Ultimately, it would be lovely for it to be a quiet place for reflection, to sit and take a rest from weeding, to meet up with allotment neighbours and friends for a cuppa and a chat.

It desperately needs some more willing volunteers to commit to giving some time, on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly or even monthly) to join the very small team that are currently trying to establish it as the lovely place originally planned. Please contact the committee, if you could spare some time. Please keep an eye out for Special Bulletins and the FB page for other planned working party groups.

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## AUTUMN SHOW

Featuring  
local Horticulture  
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SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER  
LODDON HALL  
Open to public 2pm

Get to know your neighbour's  
onions and treat yourself to a  
cuppa and a homemade cake!



Why not show off your best dahlia or compete for the longest runner bean at this family friendly show. There are all sorts of classes to enter including baking, preserving, floral arrangements and photography. There are separate competitions for children to enter too. Entry for each class is just 30p – free entry for children's classes. The show is open to all.

Please click on the flyer for more information. Let us know how well you get on!

## What a load of rubbish!

The committee would like to politely remind plot holders that they are responsible for the considerate removal of rubbish from their plots.



Green waste should be composted on site – simple bins can be made from pallets – look for examples around the site. When broken down, this material is a great source of mulch and can be added to beds to enrich the soil. It can also be taken home for composting. It can be put out for kerbside collection in purchased brown wheelie bins or bags from the library or Oakwood centre. It can also be taken to the local recycling centre in Reading or Bracknell. (Don't forget to book your time slot <https://re3.fccenvironment.co.uk/site-facilities/>).

Green waste should not be dumped on anywhere on site that is not part of your plot.

In recent weeks, the committee has been made aware of the dumping of non green waste around the site, including large pieces of carpet. It is unclear whether this is a plot holder or a member of the general public that has gained unauthorised access to our site. The committee would welcome any information about the dumping of any form of unwanted items, including green waste so we can all work together to try and maintain a safe and attractive place to allotment on.



# Reminders

**Security** – please ensure that you close and lock the gate when you enter or leave the site.

**Bonfires** – Bonfires are not permitted on site until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

**Speed limit** – The maximum speed limit for all vehicles is 5 m.p.h – please help us to keep everyone safe and avoid damage to the roadways by maintaining this speed.

**Honey** – Honey from the allotment bees is available to purchase from either Steve Cook (07471 207565) or Paul Moffit (07813 078199)

**HAPAA** – The Huntley & Palmer Allotment Association website can be found by following this link <https://hapaa.org.uk/> Join them to gain access to their trading shed and newsletter.

## Contacts

Many thanks to Theresa for stepping into the role of Vice-Chair for the committee. We are please to welcome Caroline, Debbie and Peter B to the committee.

If you have any questions about any issues on our allotment site, please feel free to contact any of the Committee on their plots or via the email address

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<https://woodley-allotments.org.uk/>

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