



# Gnosall Allotments & Garden Association Newsletter

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## ALLOTMENT UPDATE

Our Open Day at the shed was a great success with members visiting through the day and plenty of products sold at special offer prices. Some members even won prizes in our draw. During the day we were able to announce that we have reduced prices on 12 items including our 75 litre compost bags thanks to a change in the wholesale pricing of our supplier.

Inspection of the allotments by the Parish Council is now happening every other month, with a GAGA representative present where possible.

## DATE FOR THE DIARY

### Garden Talk with Macmillan Cancer Support

Our next event is a talk in the Grosvenor Centre on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30 pm. The speaker is David Tideswell talking about "Garden Birds in Spring & Summer." Reports from those who have heard him before assure us of an entertaining evening. Tickets (from committee or the shed) cost £5 including Coffee/tea & biscuits. All Profits go to Macmillan Cancer Support- so please come along to support this good cause.

### Gnosall Carnival Saturday June 17th

The next event will be Gnosall Carnival where we will be once again manning the Plant Stall. We are looking for your help donating plants to sell on the stall. Please contact a committee member if you have anything to donate or bring them along to the School Field on the Saturday morning.

## WHAT TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN OR ALLOTMENT

This is a busy time in gardens and allotments. Watch out for late frosts, keep tender plants covered with fleece if frost is forecast.

Plant under glass French beans, runner beans, sweet corn, courgettes etc. all of which can be planted out next month.

Brassicas can all be sown in the open ground now, ready to be planted out next month.

Continue making direct successional sowings in the

soil of lettuce, radish, spinach, turnips & beetroot.

This is also your last opportunity to sow peas and parsnips this year.

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The committee is keen to help all members and keep you informed on what is happening. If you have any questions, please do contact us at the shed or by phone/e-mail.

## SHED

The shed is now open most Sunday mornings during May and June. You can exchange your £1 voucher and be assured of good value products. Our list of products and prices is on the back of this newsletter.

<https://gnosallallotments.org.uk/prices/>

## MESSAGE TO ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

You are reminded that allotment holders must keep all there rubbish and waste on their plot or take it home to dispose in their bins. Please help us keep the allotments tidy.

## GUIDE FOR SELECTING THE RIGHT FERTILIZER

Is it for special plants  
eg Roses, Onions or  
Potatoes?

- Use Names fertilizer for this crop

Is it for grass?

- Select seasonal lawn feed or  
• feed & Moss killer

Do you want it to  
have a quick /  
immediate effect

- If not- use organic fertilizer such  
• as Blood Fish and Bone or  
• Chicken Pellets

Is it to give plants a  
general feed/boost

- Use Growmore

Is it to boost leaf  
growth eg for  
cabbages?

- Use Sulphate of Ammonia

Is it to stimulate root  
growth

- Use Superphosphate

is it to encourage  
flowering and fruit  
growth?

- Use Sulphate of Potash

Is it to combat leaf  
yellowing (especially  
in tomatoes)?

- Use Epsom Salts

Is it to treat acid soil?

- Use Dolomite lime well before  
digging/planting. (not on soil for  
potatoes)

### NEW PRODUCTS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW

#### PRICE REDUCTIONS IN GREEN

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Shed Prices March 2017

	Unit	Price	25 Kg bags
<b>COMPOST</b>			
Multipurpose Compost	75 ltr	£4.80	
Growbags	4 plant	£2.50	
<b>FERTILISERS</b>			
Perlite	5ltr	£1.00	
Vermiculite	5ltr	£1.50	
Fish, Blood, Bone	3 Kg	£1.70	£13.50
Growmore	3 Kg	£2.25	£18.00
Potato	3 Kg	£2.80	£22.40
Rose	3 Kg	£2.00	£16.00
Spring & Summer Lawn	3 Kg	£2.75	£22.00
Lawn-weed, Feed, Moss Kill	3 Kg	£4.00	£24.00
Autumn Lawn feed	3 Kg	£3.00	£24.00
Super Phosphate	3 Kg	£2.00	£16.00
Sulphate of Potash	3 Kg	£4.20	£33.60
Sulphate of Ammonia	3 Kg	£1.80	£14.40
Epsom Salts	3 Kg	£2.80	£22.40
Dolomite Lime	3 Kg	£0.90	£7.20
Onion fertilizer	3 Kg	£3.50	£28.00
Pelleted Chicken	4kg	£2.20	£11.00
<b>SUNDRIES</b>			
Green Twine	Per each	£2.00	
Polypropylene twine 280 m	Per each	£2.00	
Canes	5ft each	£0.20	
Canes	6ft each	£0.35	
Canes	8ft each	£0.50	
Mouse trap	each	£1.50	
Plastic Labels	x50	£0.60	
Bird netting 8m wide	1 metre	£2.25	
Veggiemesh Carrot net white 1.8 m w	1 metre	£1.80	
Fleece - 2 mtr. Wide	1 metre	£0.30	
Ultra fine green insect mesh 3 m wide	1 metre	£1.50	
Coco basket liners 14"	Per each	£3.00	
Hanging basket liners 12"	Per each	£1.60	
Weed control fabric 1.5m wide	1 metre	£0.40	
<b>OTHER CHEMICALS</b>			
Weedol tubes	per tube	£1.50	
Roundup weedkiller+50%extra	140ml	£8.00	
Doff Slug killer pellets	350g	£1.75	
Cabbage collars	30 pack	£2.00	
Miracle grow slow release	1kg	£4.50	
Phostrogen	40 cans	£3.50	
Tomorite	1 litre	£4.00	
SB invigorator	250ml	£9.00	