



Gnosall Allotments & Garden Association Newsletter

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YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

It is now over ten years since most of the current committee were elected. The strain is now showing and we anticipate that one or more of the committee will be standing down at the Annual General Meeting.

This season we have worked hard to ensure that the seed and potato orders were delivered on time and our events were manned. We have managed to open the shed every weekend, but sales have been disappointing- we need to know why you are not buying from the shed.

If we are to continue providing you with a good service we must have new members on the committee next year.

It is time for you to spend a little time to help run GAGA.

Unless we get some more help, we will not be organising a talk next year and we may have to consider cutting back on other activities.

It is time for other members to step up and help run GAGA

NEWSLETTER

We aim to publish several newsletters each season to keep members aware of our activities and opportunities to be goods at discount prices. This newsletter is only the second this season as committee members have been struggling to find time to edit more editions. We apologise for this and would welcome help from other GAGA members in preparing future editions. If you are willing to help, please contact the secretary at gnosallallotments@gmail.com or talk to any of the committee members.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Weather permitting, we plan to have a shed open day on **Sunday September 16th**. You are invited to come to the Allotment Shed any time between 10 am and 2 pm to see what we sell in the shed. There will be items on special offer "sale" prices as well as free tea, coffee and light refreshments.

Members evening and AGM - **Wednesday October 24th. From 7.30 pm at the Royal Oak**

This year our Annual General Meeting will be preceded by a short illustrated talk about famous gardens. We will also be serving snacks. We look forward to seeing a good attendance by ordinary members as well as the committee.

DONATION FROM HOMESERVE

We have once again received a £250 donation from HomeServe. They support local charities and societies by encouraging employees to volunteer in their community and in return will make a donation proportionate to the number of voluntary hours worked.



EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

Did you know that we have a strimmer and a cultivator which you can borrow for a small donation.

Is there any other garden equipment which we should offer on loan?

EVENTS THIS SEASON

Garden Talk with Macmillan Cancer Support

Our annual talk this year was "THE SECRET LIVES OF SOLITARY BEES" by Ron Rock on April 18th. Attendance by our members was disappointing but due to sales of tickets mainly by the Macmillan Committee we managed to raise over £200 for the Gnosall branch of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks go to their committee who provided us with refreshments and ran the raffle.

Gnosall Carnival Saturday June 17th

Our committee ran the plant stall at the carnival and helped the carnival committee in raising valuable funds for the repairs to the fabric and building of St Lawrence Church. Thanks to all members who donated plants especially Ann Robotham.

SHED

Have you been to the shed this season to spend your discount voucher?

We have introduced several new products in the shed this season:

Provado Fruit & Veg Bug Killer- a pesticide for fruit and vegetables

Copper mixture- a mineral supplement which may also help reduce the impact of blight and mildews

Moisture control gel - granules to add to compost to help retain water. Very good for hanging baskets

Mycorrhizal fungi (sold out) Fungi which help roots absorb nutrients from the soil, especially used when planting shrubs

Smaller (40 litre) bags of compost

Is there anything else that you would like us to stock?

We are opening the shed on

Sunday August 12th (10- 12)

Sunday August 26th (10 – 12)

Sunday September 16th (Shed Open Day 10 – 2)

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. It is in our best interest to look after the allotment site as the

parish council will only roll the cost into future allotment charges if they have to do the work.

OUR WEBSITE

Have you visited our website.

<https://gnosallallotments.org.uk>

It contains information on current events, shed opening times, prices and useful safety information about the chemical fertilizers and other products we sell.

We are always looking to make improvements, so let us know what you would like to see.

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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.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Gnosall Allotments and Gardens Association will be holding the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 24th October at the Royal Oak, Gnosall starting at 7.30 pm in the upper room.

Anyone who is currently an allotment holder or garden member is encouraged to attend and help contribute to the future of the society and help make decisions on improvements for members.