



Gnosall Allotments & Garden Association Newsletter

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NEWS UPDATE

Following a successful AGM, the new committee has held their first meeting and decided on roles for the next year.

With twelve committee members we intend to ensure that the Association is fully active and hope to introduce new ideas and events.

We are looking for **your suggestions**:-

Do you want:

Visits to gardens in the area

Talks by local speakers

Better access to products in the shed

Summer socials

Extra equipment for hire

More sundries and garden equipment at discount prices

Or anything else?

Please let us know either by talking to one of the committee or emailing to **GNOSALLALLOTMENTS@GMAIL.COM**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Royal Oak on Wednesday October 12th. There was a good attendance with 24 members present. Reports by the officers and committee were presented.

The treasurer confirmed that our finances were in good shape with sufficient money in the bank to cover any possible liabilities. He recommended that the subscription for 2023/2024 (which is due in April) should remain at £3.50 , with 2 £1 vouchers per member to exchange at the shed. We will also continue to subsidise shed sales and seeds and potatoes to give members best value for their subscription.

There then followed election of new committee members, and I am pleased to report that 12 members agreed to join the committee, including 5 new committee members. It was agreed that allocation of responsibilities would be determined at the first committee meeting. (see section on Committee posts below)

COMMITTEE

Chairperson Jane Smith

Secretary Liz Gardner

Treasurer Ian Smith **Q**

Vice Chair Bob Colman..... **J**

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Chris Broadbent & Bob Colman

Shed rota

Carol Roberts

Other committee members

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Phil Barnes.....**55**

Sally-Ann Brannon

Craig Atkins **54A**

Jennie Taupin

Tony Pickford.....**N**

Letter or numbers in **Bold** after a name indicate Allotment number.

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 by phone/e-mail.

MEMBERS' BENEFITS

- Members can obtain a 10% discount at Swan Pit for all purchases over £10. Just show your membership card at the till.
- A wide range of garden compost, fertilizers, canes and other garden sundries can be purchased at low prices from the shed. During the growing season the shed is opened on Sunday mornings. Out of season we can supply items by special arrangement- ask a committee member or email our new address specially for shed requests.....
shed@gnosallallotments.org.uk
..we will want cash payment for the exact amount out of season.
- We arrange purchase of seeds and seed potatoes and onion sets once a year in the autumn at significant discount. (This year the seed discount was 50%- and no charge for post & packing). This year's order has now been placed.
- Members get vouchers with their membership cards. These vouchers entitle members to money off when they make purchases at the shed. In recent years members have received 2 £1 vouchers.
- Members can hire our equipment free of charge for use at home or on their allotment. (See details below)

EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

Petrol rotavator - for cultivating/"digging" ground
Petrol strimmer- for cutting back long grass and overgrown areas
Electric rake/scarifier - for removing thatch, moss and weeds from lawns.

If you need more information about how and why you would use any of this equipment, talk to Ray Finney or any committee member.

GAGA ONLINE

Have you visited our FACEBOOK site or our website where you can find our latest news and information?

<https://www.facebook.com/gnosallallotmentsandgardens>

<https://gnosallallotments.org.uk>

They contain information on current events, shed opening times, prices and useful safety information.

WHAT TO DO IN DECEMBER

December is a quiet time in the gardening year; When the weather is not suitable for getting outside, read books and magazines or browse online for ways to improve your garden. Take the opportunity to clean and sharpen tools and clean pots and trays ready for next season.

- Ensure that more tender plants are protected by mulching or covering them, or putting them in a sheltered spot.
- Protect terracotta pots from cracking in freezing weather by bringing them indoors or wrapping in bubble polythene
- Rake up accumulated fallen leaves in borders that could be harbouring slugs and other pests
- Plant bare-root roses and other deciduous shrubs, plus ornamental trees
- Hang bird feeders near roses to attract hungry birds that will also pick off any overwintering pests
- Cut stems of berried winter shrubs, seasonal flowers and evergreen leaves for festive decorations.
- Plant fragrant winter shrubs in pots on the doorsteps, including chimonanthus, sarcococca and Daphne odora.

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NEW LOGO

We would like to update our logo- how about sending us your suggestions or designs.