



# Gnosall Allotments and Gardens Association Newsletter



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## NEWS UPDATE

With the growing season now well under way and the weather at long last allowing us to work in the gardens and on allotments, we hope you are seeing the reward of your hard work with vegetables growing fast and summer bedding beginning to flower. In this newsletter we confirm details of two events coming up in the next few weeks. Our shed has seen a lot of members visiting and our sales are at record levels. We will continue to open weekly on Sunday mornings for the next few weeks.

## NEW EMAIL

We now have a new email address for contacting the committee:

[GnosallGAGA1@outlook.com](mailto:GnosallGAGA1@outlook.com)

Please update your contacts list and use this email if you want to message the committee or request information. Our old email address no longer works, so please delete it.

## EVENTS 1- PLANT SWAP DAY

There will be a special "Open Day" and PLANT SWAP event on Sunday June 2nd. You are invited to bring along your spare plants to swap with those from other members. If you don't have plants to swap, there will be some plants available to buy (while stocks last).

## EVENTS 2 VISIT TO RHS GARDENS BRIDGEWATER

As announced last month we are organising a trip to the Royal Horticultural Society newest garden BRIDGEWATER. This is now confirmed and will take place on Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Admission for our party is free on this day, normally £15.80 per person. Booking forms have been sent out to members with a

warning that we are limited to 55 visitors. If you want to come and have not yet returned your booking form you should do so as soon as possible. Once we reach 55 names, we can accept no more requests.

We can also provide an RHS discount card so that any two members can visit one of the RHS gardens (Bridgewater, Hyde Hall, Wisley, Harlow Carr or Rosemoor) for half price- contact Bob Colman for more details or to borrow the card.

Other benefits include reduced admission charges to RHS shows (Malvern, Tatton Park etc)

## REQUEST TO ALLOTMENT MEMBERS

If you are bringing your car or van into the allotments, please drive carefully and slowly. The track is not safe to drive at speed and there may be other allotment holders around.

## FREE COMPOST

We have been asked if any of our members would like some free compost. This compost is the by-product of a small business growing micro herbs and would be free for members to collect from Audmore Road- if you are interested or want more details, contact Sarah Mockett on 07815 757317

## SHED OPENING

We will continue to open the shed every Sunday morning from 10 till 12 noon for the next few weeks, but we will review how busy we are before the end of June.

You can find opening times on our website at

<https://gnosallallotments.wordpress.com/shed-opening/>

Don't forget that one of your vouchers each time you visit the shed and save a £1 off your purchases.

Due to massive demand for compost and other products we nearly ran out of several items. Apologies for that, but be assured we will be restocked for the next opening on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **GAGA at GNOSALL CARNIVAL**

We have agreed to run a stall at the carnival on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please email us if you would Be prepared to help

### **DISCUSSIONS WITH PARISH COUNCIL**

We can report that the dangerous tree has now been cut back. With the weather improving we hope that the contractor can start work on improving access to the allotments.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Garden members are reminded that your membership needs to be renewed so that you can continue to receive the benefits of being a GAGA member. This year the cost of membership has been REDUCED to £3 per year (including two £1 vouchers which can be redeemed towards shed purchases, but only on two different days). You can renew your membership at the shed on Sunday morning or by contacting Liz Gardner or Jane Smith email...[fjs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fjs@hotmail.co.uk)

Allotment holders have their subscription already included in their Allotment fees.

### **WHAT TO DO IN JUNE**

Put hanging baskets outside now risk of frost has passed.

Stake tall plants to avoid them falling over.

Prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and flowering currants.

How borders and veg. plots regularly to keep down weeds.

Mow lawns regularly and feed if grass begins to look pale, but avoid feeding if weather forecast is for very high temperatures and no rain (We wish!)

Pinch out side-shoots on cordon tomatoes and start to feed with high potash feed weekly once you see the first fruits forming.

Shade greenhouse if exposed to mid-day sun to prevent scorching plants.

*And finally--- remember to sit down and appreciate your garden*

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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### **EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE**

We have a range of equipment for home gardeners and allotment holders to borrow free of charge (you just have to pay for fuel where applicable)

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

Equipment available:

Electric lawn scarifying rake

Lawn feed spreader

Petrol Rotavator

Long-arm hedge clipping attachment

Lawn mower

### **APPEAL TO MEMBERS**

**We are looking for more members to help in the shed when it re-opens next season.**

**Can you help on a Sunday morning from 10 till 12?**

**If so, please contact Carol.**

### **RUBBISH COLLECTION DATES**

**We have been advised by the Parish Council that there will be refuse collections at the Allotments from 9am to 10am on:**

- **Saturday 13th July**
- **Saturday 14th December**