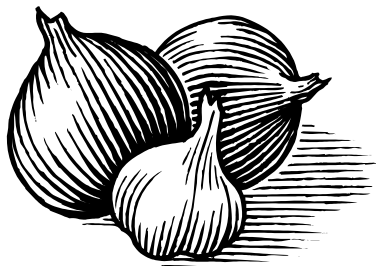


Fairfield Allotments Newsletter 14 – June 2007



It is that time of year again

Fairfield Fun Day

is on Fairfield Green July 7th – from 12 noon until 5pm (with events at the Orchard from 1 - 4)

The Allotments Association shall be taking a stall for selling donated produce and flowers, again this year and also having a “**Miniature Garden**” and “**Vegetable Creatures**” competition, for children (*sometimes with a little help from grown ups!*) £1 per entry (entrants to be tabled by 2.30pm prize giving at 4.30 pm .

If you are prepared to give an hour (or less) of your time to help run the stall (no previous experience necessary, a chance to meet and talk to your neighbours) please let John Weedy know (*tel. 60131 or drop a note through my door – 10 Sibsey Street*). Please make a note we need donations of veg, fruit or flowers on the day, please bring any produce donations to

- a) The allotment gate by the white cottage on the morning of the event
- b) The marquee on the Fairfield Green
- c) My plot (1b/2a) before you go away (if you are away that weekend)

BTW sweet peas go really well, please try and donate something anything edible or decorative which you have grown – every little helps raise funds for the association.

Ruth Haigh of the Fairfield Association <http://www.fairfieldassociation.org> who is the organizer of Fairfield Funday has asked if anyone can donate items for their tombola and/or help set up tents/gazebos etc from 9am and/or donate a cake to the cake stall on the day. You can contact **Ruth** on 63157

Water Conservation

50 Barrels with taps were distributed. Many thanks to all those who made donations, if you haven't yet John L and George are still accepting money. (If you've got a barrel you don't think you are going to use, return it to John as there are people who want more). If this weather keeps up we should be able to collect as much rainwater as possible for when the summer returns! This will help to keep the water bills down as well as being an environmentally friendly contribution.

[Proposed Visit RHS Gardens Harlow Carr at Harrogate](#)

If you would like to join the association trip to Harlow Carr on either Saturday July 21st or 28th Cost £17; please contact Margaret Hamilton-Cox on 39985 a.s.a.p. to enable prompt booking of the minibus. The price includes minibus hire and entrance to the Gardens. Places are limited and will be offered on a first response basis. So please telephone Margaret as soon as you can to ensure your seat.

Seasonal tips

[An extract from The Ministry of Agriculture Allotment and Garden Guide Vol. 1 No. 7 – July 1945](#)

“**The Summer looks out from her brazen tower,
Through the flashing bars of July**”
[Francis Thompson](#),

Well, given that kind of July weather – though with our climate we can never be sure – we shall feel like taking a snooze in the deck chair or lying down under a tree, instead of getting on with those gardening jobs that must be done. But we must not make the mistake of thinking that this month the garden can be left to take care of itself. For the weeds grow as well as the vegetables, and pests and disease can quickly spread, if not checked at the start.

<http://www.kitchengarden.co.uk/forum/viewforum.php?f=3> for a very varied question and answers about growing veg and fruit.

[Seeds to sow](#)

Seeds of cabbages, spinach and turnips should be sown in quantities as required, and salad crops of endive, kohlrabi, mustard and cress, lettuce, onions, parsley, radish should be sown in quantities as required in succession.

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If any member does feel like helping out with the committee, or just coming to the meetings, you will be welcome.

Committee meetings are held at **The Water Witch Pub** on *Thursdays* (about every 2 months)

Meeting Dates for the coming year:
29.03.07, 03.05.07, **05.07.07**,
06.09.07, 10.01.08, 14.02.08

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pumpkin, radish, salsify, courgette, chard, aubergine, artichoke, beetroot, cucumber, lettuce, chicory, tomato, leek, shallots, spinach, turnip, swede, basil, rocket, thyme

Answers to the Spring crossword

CLUES ACROSS

7. bat guano 8. blue lake 10. king edward 11. gooseberry 15. jewel 17. outdoor tomatoe 18. website

CLUES DOWN 1 dutch hoe 2 sweet pea 3. Rhubarb 4. tom thumb 5. egg plant 6. fruit cage 8. broad beans 9. lime
12. early nantes 13. red onions 14. sweet corn 16. swede

Unfortunately I did not receive any correct entries and so the prize is carried forward to the next crossword in the Autumn (apologies for the spelling mistake with tomatoe should be tomato – I am sure there would have been lots of correct answers ☺)

NOTICES

The Seed scheme will continue again for the 2007/08 season If you want to view the seed catalogue on line here is the website <http://www.kingsseeds.com/Ko-Transact/catalogue.asp> **Please note:** you cannot order seeds on this website as part of your allotment order you will be getting your special catalogues and order forms in October / November

Manure delivered by trailer load. Phone *Stuart Taylor* 01524 67446 (**please check ground conditions on delivery day**)

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