



Lee, Michelle and Skylar Searle prepare to erect a shed on their new plot

Emergency Contacts

The landlord's agent,
 Stephanie Keighley,
 can be contacted on 0789 979 8335
 Email tpic@talktalk.net

Water and Trees: Inform Stephanie of any water issues and wind damage to trees on site.

Vandalism:
 POLICE for EVERY incident: call 101
Call 999 for trouble in progress

Please give Jenny the URN number for any site crime you report.

Check our website or Facebook for details of plotholder discounts



1.119 Kilograms of potato!



Half the winning Quiz team
 With apologies to the other 3 members. The team scored a very creditable 21 out of 25

Dig It

Autumn Gathering

This combined our AGM with a Quiz and social evening for 25 TAS members together with representatives of the Gurkha Association.

Working in groups of about six people we checked out how things are going and identified some plans for action. To see the suggestions made to the committee go to our web site and look at AGM 2017. If you have more ideas please pass them on quickly; it's only one year until the entire committee is up for election.

On the lighter side our winning spud weighed in at 1.119 kg (there was some dispute, is it one potato or 4?) The 25 minute quiz was, once again, interesting and informative. It posed tricky but not impossible questions.

At the end of the evening we re-elected the current committee and officers for another year.

Plot Holders Committee 2017/2018

Chair + Editor of Dig It	David Griffiths	PB10	9421141	
Secretary	Jenny Cottee	AA9	9425169	
Treasurer	Karen Fidler	PB12		
Membership Secretary	Mary Bartlett	AB7a		
Committee	William Macphee	PC3	Colin Robinson	AA20
	David Elton	PC5b	Phil Smith	AB8b
	Deborah Dadd	AA17	Carine Guenand	PC4a
	Chandra Burathoki & Peter Beard			Gurka Assn.

New Tenants

It is great to see that 15 plots have had new tenants in the last 3 months. That leaves just a small handful of plots, which we hope will be let shortly. Thanks to the mammoth efforts made by Stephanie and plot-holders the site is looking really good.

Take Care of Your Stuff

The allotments (like many other places in Tilehurst) was the place for kids to socialise on a recent weekend.

You can reduce the nuisance by securing or locking away chairs and things you value. Take sensible measures like painting your plot number on portable items. Use the noticeboards or facebook for lost and found items.

Make sure your plot number is clearly visible. So that others can report issues on your plot.

Report crimes to the police via the 101 phone number.

White Tower Nursery

Many of us have bought vegetable plants and potatoes from White Tower Nursery, Aldermaston. However, Chrissy, the owner, has moved on and the new owners intend to run a garden center. Not a nursery. So it seems unlikely that the usual huge selection of veg plants and potatoes will be available next Spring.

Let us know what plants and potatoes you think you will want next spring. Use Email, Facebook or talk to a committee member. Could you organise a cooperative effort?



Madam Jenny

Mrs Bindu

Mrs Bhanu

Mrs Jagat Rana

Mrs Indu Thapa

Reminders

There is a 5 mph speed limit on site and Polsted Rd

Report all crimes - 101 is quicker to use late evening

Tell TAS about spare tools -we can pass on to new gardeners

Only RBC have the OK to deliver chippings; not trade-waste from commercial firms

Always keep the vehicle gates shut

Keep paths clear of your stuff

Finders are not keepers on this site; we leave stuff on vacant plots for new tenants

The water supply will be turned off from 1st December until 1st March.

All gates will be locked for 24 hrs from dusk on Christmas eve until dusk on Christmas day.

No dumping on reserved land or on vacant plots

Manure

Richard Brann will be delivering farmyard manure from Little John's Farm to our site in November. He can be contacted on 07775 705751

Well rotted manure adds humus to the soil. It aids water retention in sandy soil and is equally good for clay soil, in this case helping to break it up.

Make compost from your organic waste, including weeds. It's a valuable resource on your plot.



Kale

Quiz

How would you have done in our quiz? Here are a couple of sample questions.



What is this vegetable?

Is it

- A red choy
- B radicchio
- C kohlrabi
- D celeriac

Of these manures which has the highest % nitrogen content?



A horse



B rabbit



C pigeon



D chicken

Good Allotment Neighbours

Show respect for each other...

Say hello to fellow plot-holders
Know how to make contact when needed
Talk through things that may affect others (for example deliveries)

Show respect for their plots...

in the way we treat the plots and property of fellow gardeners

Show respect for our site...

Take rubbish home
Don't dump anywhere
Care for paths
Have visible plot numbers

...so we can all enjoy our plots

Paying Your Rent

If you have not yet paid your rent, you can now do it by BACS. Use your surname and your plot number as the reference, (so that Stephanie can work out who has paid for what!) The details are:

Tilehurst Poor's Lands Charity Allotment

Sort code: 60-83-01

Account Number: 20235800

Or, you can post a cheque to:

P O Box 2802,

Reading RG30 4GE

Please write your name and plot number on the back of the cheque.