

BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Plot Holders,

Here's hoping Spring is not too far away and we can all get back on our plots in earnest.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH at 11am - Volunteer morning plus a Seed Swap This time of year there are lots of jobs that we need to do on site so if you could spare us a couple of hours it would be really helpful. On these occasions there is always such a lovely community spirit and it is really enjoyable. This year we are combining the volunteering with a Seed Swap which we will hold in the Communal Hut. Come along with any unwanted seeds and help yourself to seeds that others bring. Don't be put off if you have no seeds to swap because you can still take part and give a small contribution for your seeds.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27TH MAY - Fair on Twickenham Green. We have had a stall on the Green for the last six years and it has always been successful. We will need people to help on the day so if you have a few hours to spare please let me know what time is best for you between 9am and 2pm. gyill@hotmail.co.uk We also need things to sell such as plants, cakes, jams & chutneys, tools, jewellery, any unwanted gifts for a tombola and bric-a-brac. (We are not able to sell electrical goods unless they have been electrically tested)

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 12 - 3pm. - Allotment B.B.Q. More details to follow. Food available up to 2pm.

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 11 - 1pm - Mulled Wine, mince pies etc. and Christmas raffle. Raffle tickets can be purchased up until 12.15 and Raffle will be drawn at 12.30.

THE COMMITTEE:

We now have twelve members on our committee and are very pleased to welcome Pippa McCabe who joined us in November. We were also pleased that Graham Day has re-joined us. A big thank you to all of them for their hard work.

PARKING and CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE:

Please note. Cars should not be parked inside our gates as this is dangerous and restricts access to others. It could hamper access for the council and the emergency services.

We now have 5 parking permits which can be used by plot holders. These are secured in a safe box behind the post box on the front gate. We are asking for a £3 donation to get the code for the box to help cover the cost of purchasing the permits. This has been running since the end of December and so far has worked well. Users are asked to write down their names in the book inside the safe and then book out at the end when they replace the permit. Obviously this will only work if the permits are replaced. In the summer there will be times when all of the permits are being used and plot holders will have to pay via Ringo £1.50 for 4 hours. We will continue to monitor the situation and may appeal to the LBRuT for a few more permits if necessary, but there is no guarantee that they will agree. If you want to use this scheme please put £3 in an envelope with your name and plot number on it and post it in the post box. We will then give you the code.

BREAK IN UPDATE:

As we informed you at the time, many sheds on the site had their padlocks cut off with bolt cutters. The police gave us a crime number, which we also gave you and asked you to go directly to the police if you had anything taken. It did appear to be an unusual crime as the interior of the sheds were hardly disturbed and nothing appears to have been taken. We have now received the following communication from the police. 'An investigator from the Metropolitan Police has looked carefully at your case and we are sorry to say that, with the evidence and leads available, it is unlikely that it will be possible to identify those responsible. We have therefore closed this case'.

MEADWAY CPZ EXTENSION - FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

A consultation is now being undertaken with residents of Meadway and Post Lane (The Estate at the top of Meadway) over a possible extension of the Controlled Parking Zone in force in the Andover Road area. This will obviously have implications for The Twickenham Gardening Association but also for plot holders who now park in Meadway. If you want to respond to the consultation the link is here

:- <https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/richmondcs/39ac87a9/>

WEBSITE:

Just a reminder of our website <https://e-voice.org.uk/braha/> where we've included our calendar of events, newsletters, photos and hints and tips etc. - if

you would like to contribute to the website or can suggest anything you'd like to see on it, please let us know

Kind regards

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BRAHA Chair