

BRIAR ROAD ALLOTMENT HOLDERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

Dear Plot Holders,

HANDS MAY FAIR:

On Bank Holiday Monday 27th May 2019 Briar Road Allotments will be having a stall at the May fair on Twickenham Green as we have done for the last six years.

As Plot Holders you can get involved by helping us on the day. Most people opt to do 2 hour slots but you can do as little or as long as you like. We have a large stall so the more people who help the better. It is usually a really good day. One feature of our stall is a Tombola, so if you have any unwanted gifts suitable for a tombola prizes we would be most grateful to receive them. Also, anything else we can sell (not electrical items as we are not allowed to sell them unless they have been specially tested), bric-a-brac, jewellery, cakes, jams or chutneys or plants. You can leave anything inside the hut (Code X2013Y), give to any member of the committee, ring me to collect 07949744113 or leave inside my greenhouse. Please lock the hut door if you leave anything inside. Thank you.

BONFIRE BAN:

We are not sure how many of you are aware, but the Local Authority has banned all bonfires on Allotments. This was done despite the new Rules & Regulations and the compromises we have negotiated over the last two years. There was very little consultation but despite many representations to the Cabinet they are adamant that it is a 'done deal' and will not change their decision. Each allotment has been asked to submit their needs for the disposal of un-compostable green waste but there is no guarantee that the Local Authority will fund it. A shredding service is one option suggested by the council, but no details of how often we could expect the service or if there is a cost attached. Another option might be large bins for green waste on each site. We will keep you updated. Meanwhile please do not add anything to the pile waiting to be burned.

PARKING:

The parking permits seem to be working well at the moment, but we are very aware that demand for them will increase in the summer months. If you arrive at the site

and there are no permits available, I'm afraid you will have to pay by RINGO but **please** make a note in the book so that we can monitor how often this is happening and inform the parking department. We have been charging £3 a year to cover the cost of the permits. If you wish to join this scheme please let us know, and when you have paid the £3 we will give you the code to the box containing the permits. You can pay by giving the money to any committee member or by putting the £3 in an envelope with your name on and putting it in the hut or in the letterbox on the gate.

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

Recently someone has given up their plot and there is a cultivator, a rotavator and a lawn mower available. We cannot guarantee that they work but anyone interested please contact someone on the committee and we can arrange a viewing.

SITE SECURITY:

Unfortunately, we have had several incidents lately of things going missing from plots. Can everyone please be vigilant, and can I also please remind you of the terms and conditions issued to all plot holders by the council about authorised people on site and access to plots other than your own:

1.6 Only the tenant, or a person authorised by the tenant is allowed on the site. Tenants require permission to go onto another tenant's plot.

Finally, we still have rubbish being dumped from outside and non plot holders gaining access so could you **please** remember to lock the gate when you enter and leave the site.

PLOT MAINTENANCE:

With the growing season well under way, from time to time you may find that due to illness or injury you are not able to keep up work on your plot. Please let us know and we will try and help before it gets out of control.

Wishing you all a successful growing season and look forward to seeing you at the May Fair on the 27th

Regards,

Gill Ware