

Dear Plot Holders,

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER AND RAFFLE - SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Christmas get together. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and other refreshments. There will also be a raffle and tickets will be available from 11am until 12.15. We will draw the raffle at 12.30 and aim to finish around 1pm. This year we are a bit low on prizes so if you have any unwanted gifts that you think might be suitable please let me know. Ideally I need them by Saturday 1st so that I can mark them up. If we get more prizes than we need we will hold them for the Tombola when we do the Fair on Twickenham Green next May.

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ). After getting several councillors involved and long negotiations, the LBRuT parking department have been forced to look at this situation again. Big thanks to Irene Owen, a plot holder, for her effort as well as the committee. LBRuT have now come up with a plan for all allotment sites that are affected by a CPZ. Each of these sites is being offered up to 5 parking permits at a reduced cost, to be managed by the site. With such a large site this could be difficult to organise fairly. To see what response we might get, if you feel that you should be considered for a permit can you please email me explaining why you think you should have one.

WATER. A quick reminder that the water on site will be shut off for the winter on 12th November to avoid the pipes from freezing.

COMPOSTING. We are experiencing some problems with the communal composting area. Most plot holders use the drying area and the bins well but there are a few who ignore the notices, which cause a great deal of work for the voluntary committee. Please try to compost most of your green waste on your own plot. Compost bins can be made easily using pallets or you can buy them from garden centres or through the council. There are some really good articles about composting on YouTube and you can find some useful links in the hints and tips section of our website <https://e-voice.org.uk/braha/hints-and-tips/>. There's also a good article at www.edenproject.com

FREE MANURE. We've been kindly made aware of some free, (well-rotted) horse manure available to collect from stables in Feltham. Bags are left at the field gates with a sign saying help yourself. The field gate is at Deerhurst Close, Feltham which is just around the corner from "The General Roy" pub at TW13 7AB. If you'd like lots of bags, then contact the stable owner in advance :- Phil Kyriacou, Mobile 07956390899, Email: pbs.property@sky.com

POST BOX. You may have noticed that we have a new post box on our front gate. This is because for the first time ever we have a postal address, which is 48A Andover Road, TW2 6PD. We occasionally have correspondence and in the past it has ended up being returned. The first letter we had was from TV licensing asking why we did not have a current TV licence. It took me some time on the phone convincing them that we did not have televisions on our site!

BOROUGH OF RICHMOND ALLOTMENT GROUP (BRAG) AGM. This group represents all the allotments in the borough and as a plot holder you are invited to attend their AGM on 26th November in the Council Chamber of York House at 7pm.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you on the 2nd December.

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