

Information for All Plot Holders at Alwins Field & Weston Avenue Allotments

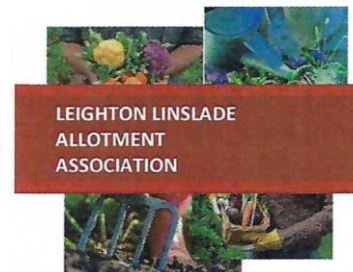
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...The Chair's Scribble...

Dear All,

As this will be my final scribble, I just want to thank everyone on the LLAA committee for their help over the past 2 years. Some of these members have been on the committee for over a decade in many roles. Without their voluntary help, the communal areas and events would simply not happen.



I will be standing down as chair due to new family commitments, but hope to continue in a reduced role. My parting request to you all is it would be great to see new plot holders joining the committee and ensuring the future of the LLAA continues.

Paul signing off...Live long and Prosper



Vacant & Plots Not Worked

It's very frustrating to see so many 'vacant' plots over the two sites. Apart from being unsightly, weeds and grass distribute their seeds across worked plots and grass starts to block pathways.

However this year with the height and dryness of the grass on these plots they could also be a significant fire hazard. So while the committee continue to lobby LLTC to get something done about these plots, please be careful with flammables such as fuel and gas bottles and consider whether you need them on site at all during this extremely hot and dry weather.



Membership Renewals 2022/23



A reminder that membership renewals will be issued shortly and that the 2021 AGM reluctantly agreed the time had come to increase subscription fees.

As a reminder the 2022/23 Full Member fee will be £7.00 and the Associate Member fee remains at £3.00. This increase thankfully helps cover the increased liability insurance costs.

Seed Catalogues

Seed catalogues have arrived and will be with you soon. Avril is currently preparing them for distribution and will let us know of collection arrangements when they are ready.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

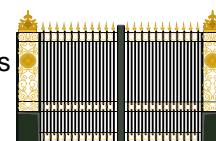
This year's event at Louis Place will be held on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 of September. Do come along for a cuppa a cake etc. and help us support this worthy cause.

Precise arrangements will communicated before the event.



Gates

The Weston Avenue gates have been problematic to say the least over the last few weeks.



Having reported the issue to LLTC they were adjusted in the week of 8th August. Thanks you for your patience as they were sometimes really difficult to close especially from the car park side.

Toilet Weston Avenue



Our apologies that the urinal in the toilet at WA has been out of action for some time. There is an issue both with the drainage pipe and the soak away. While we would have like this to have been fixed by now I'm sure you appreciate that it is not the kind of work that our volunteers wish to carry out in this exceptionally hot weather. Once the weather cools we'll get back on the case.

Summer BBQ Cancellation



Unfortunately the call was made to cancel the BBQ due to be held on the 4th June given the weather forecast. As it turned out it was the right call. However we hope you enjoyed the long bank holiday weekend.

We could do with another bank holiday now as it often rains then eh and we could certainly do with some of the wet stuff.

Weston Avenue Break-in



Unfortunately we had a break-in during late spring and a number of sheds were forced open. At the time it appeared they were after petrol as a number of cans containing fuel had gone missing but nothing else taken. Thankfully the fuel cans and contents were found nearby as people checked their plots. So it looks like their efforts were for their 'pleasure'. Thankfully there have been no further incidents to date.

Skips

Well they finally arrived.



Many apologies for twice stating when they would arrive only for no shows on both occasions. Leighton Linlade Town Council (LLTC), who organised them, were also frustrated at the service provided. Thankfully they arrived - eventually.

Once they arrived however, they now appear to want to stay. Hopefully by the time you read this they will be on their way.

AGM

The AGM is planned to be held either end at the September or beginning of October.

Among other things, as you will have read earlier, we need to find a replacement Chairperson.



LLAA members will be informed of the date, time and place when they are confirmed.

Water Butts



Well if like me you've got at least one water butt I suspect you've been grateful for it during this dry weather. OK, it's not going to be enough to water your plot for weeks on end but I've not had to wait for water troughs to refill when there are lots of people on site watering.

The National Allotment Society has a leaflet about water use on allotments https://www.nsalg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/A5_Water_260213_HiRes.pdf that provides a method for estimating how much rain you can collect.

The average annual rainfall for the Woburn weather station, available on the Met Office website, is 652mm. For a standard 6ft by 4ft (24 sq ft or 2.2 sq m) shed you can collect 1145 litres (2.2 sq m x 622 x 0.8 assuming 80% efficiency) .

I might need more water butts!

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