



Allotment Newsletter

Roding Road Allotment & Leisure Gardens Association

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Welcome to the March newsletter.

A new season with, so far, mild weather in the main, a vegetable and fruit growers dream? We'll have to watch what the Water company lay down as restrictions from the 5th April, hopefully it will just apply to hosepipes and we can continue to water from the tanks.



BBQ

There will not be a BBQ this year but please consider volunteering to be part of the organising team for 2013. If you are interested talk to one of the Committee members.



Bonfires

Don't forget the last date for Bonfires is 30th April. If you do have one before then please be considerate both to those who have plots surrounding you and the local householders. They start again on the 1st October.



Committee Members:

Chairman:	Eddie Boatman
Vice Chairman:	Dave Robinson
Secretary:	Maureen Boatman
Treasurer:	Diane Tong
Lettings Officer:	Ann Andrews
Equipment Officer	Dave Robinson
Publicity Officer:	Ann Andrews
Members:	Peter Bell
	Bob Crout
	Pat Crout
	Clive Massey
	Diane Tong



Committee Meeting points

The following items were discussed at the last Committee meeting:

- Points raised at the AGM
- Correspondence
- Treasurer's report
- Sale of old tractor
- New tractor insurance
- Current waiting list
- Plots not being looked after
- Fencing request—Town Council
- Treasurer stepping down
- Yvonne Robinson stepping down
- Clive Massey co-opt as a Committee member
- Joining A.G.C. & Dobie seeds
- Conifers on plots
- Garage opening dates for rents
- Clearing paths
- BBQ

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN

FENCING

Unfortunately, at the meeting of Loughton Town Council's E & H Committee on the 25 January 2012 they refused my request for a metal palisade security fence. I will continue to pursue the matter of fencing with Loughton Town Council.

SIPHONING OF WATER

At the AGM the subject of water siphoning was brought to the attention of the membership. Hoses have been observed left in diptanks for some considerable time. The Committee have asked when siphoning water, the member must be in attendance at all times. We need to be fair to everyone, and in order to prevent waste of water, when siphoning a hose is only left in the diptank for the amount of time it takes to transfer water to another tank/container. The hose must be removed from both diptank, and other tank/container, as soon as the siphoning operation is completed.

WASHING TOOLS IN TANKS

At the AGM the subject of washing tools and vegetables in diptanks was raised. This practice must cease as it pollutes the diptanks.

LOCKING OF GATES

Our Rules state that all access gates must be kept closed and locked when not in use, at all times. Please adhere to the Rules, as it is for the benefit of all ploholders. In practice, this means the gates must be locked immediately on entering the site, and on exiting the site.

Eddie Boatman

Chairman

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

JOINING A.G.C. (UK)

Following the AGM, I confirm we are now members of the Allotment & Garden Council (U.K.).

Their website is: www.theallotmentandgardencouncil.org.uk

The Seed scheme through Dobies currently entitles members to 50% discount on vegetable and flower seeds; 15% discount off plants, bulbs, potatoes, fruit, garlic, onion sets, mushroom and shallots.

If you are interested in receiving a catalogue, please return the slip attached to your rent notice to the Secretary when you pay your rent.

Maureen Boatman

Secretary

