

OHGAS Spring Newsletter 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR! OHGAS committee would like to welcome all plot holders, new and old, to a new season of gardening – let's hope it's a good one! The weather is finally looking up!

It has proven very difficult so far to prepare seed beds due to the excessive rain over the past 3 months, a condition known as LEACHING can take place. This is where the nutrients from compound fertilisers or natural manures are washed away. As recommended by Alan Plummer, the way to counteract this is to use a compound such as Onion or Potato fertilizer (these are available in our trading hut on Pilings Road every Sunday 9am - 10:30am)

LATEST NEWS!

New Shop Opening Times

Starts on the first Wednesday in MAY 6:00PM – 7:30PM. Please support our site shop as much as possible, you will benefit from our amazingly low prices.

New Stock at Pilings Road

- 1) Large Growbags, top quality £4.00 each
- 2) New supply of Yara special fertiliser (as recommended by National vegetable growing champion) £1:00 Per kg
- 3) Rock Dust £1.10 Per Kg

All our prices are very competitive, please support your trading hut as much as you can, all profits are ploughed back into our Society, this also keeps your rents to a minimum.

New Facebook Group— We now have a new Facebook group for members only called: (Oakham allotment Community/friends) this is a group for allotment owners only to chat and exchange knowledge. Come along and share with your fellow Allotmenters!

Join the Great British Bee count - Starts 17 May 2018 - www.friendsoftheearth.uk

Last year we spotted an incredible 320,337 bees. This year we'd love even more people to join the buzz. Plant bee friendly plants and/or build your own Bee Hotel.

Pussy Willow - Spring, help feed queen bumblebees as they establish new colonies in early spring, by growing this small tree with fuzzy catkins. Its pollen and nectar also provide valuable food for Clark's mining bee and the chocolate mining bee.

Lavender - Summer, famous for its perfumed scent and purple flowers which are a big hit with bumblebees along with leafcutter bees, flower bees and mason bees. Plant in the sun and trim for re-growth, it thrives even in poor damaged soil.



AGM 2018 - The Committee have decided that the AGM & Presentation Evening will now be a combined function from late 2019 till 2020, this is in the hope we will generate more interest. Our Next combined AGM/Presentation evening will be held in February 2019.

Diary Dates: Best Allotment Judging is due to take place in late June 2018, Our next presentation evening will be held this September 2018. (Exact dates to follow) Summer newsletter will be available in 6-8 weeks time.

See right column for our current committee members along with Barnsdale Gardens Events. You will also find more details inside our Facebook Group (For Members Only). If you would like to submit any ideas to our newsletters, please contact your Secretary Fiona Pearson at ohgassecretary@gmail.com



OHGAS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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We would like to give a huge thank you to **Stand Townsend** for his amazing 40 years on our committee, Stan was presented with an award at our recent AGM.

Barnsdale Garden Events

Bountiful Blossom— 14th - 29th April
9am - 5pm

Spring Birdwatch - 22nd April, 12pm - 4pm

Spring Vegetable Weekend: 26th - 27th May 11am - 4pm

Family Nature Trail: 17th June 12pm - 4pm (*Bring the Children to explore the plants and wildlife in our magical gardens*)

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