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GRANVILLE PARK ALLOTMENTS

The Wheelbarrow

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Winter 2019

Meet your Committee:

Chairperson: Heather Hornby
Secretary: Christine Wilson
Treasurer: Anne Davies

Additional Committee Members :

Denise Hobbs (Plot 9/17)
Joanne Morse (Plot 45a)
Rebecca Harvey (Plot 19a)
Kelly Taylor (Plot 45b)
Debbie Bateson (Plot 39)
Philip Ramsbottom (Plot 16)

Farewell to Anthony and Rachel Wilkinson who have stepped down from the Committee. Thank you for all your help, support and enthusiasm over the years. We wish them all the best in their new ventures. Welcome to Phil Ramsbottom who joined us recently.

Please contact any member of the Committee for general support or advice. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month.

This year's AGM will be held on 6 October 2019 at 11:00am. Everybody is welcome.

NOTICEBOARD



RENT

Please remember that payment of your rent **must be received by 9th November 2019** or your plot will be deemed vacant and can be re-let (as per tenancy rules). Forms are available from the hut and have been sent out via email too.



FIRES

Fires are permitted on the allotment from 1st October 2019. If you wish to have a fire on your plot over autumn/winter, please ensure that you do this safely. Ideally burn items in a bin and ensure they are dry in order to reduce smoke. Do not let fires burn for extended periods or leave them unattended.



MANURE

Elaine Crook (Plot 6) is kindly organising the manure and straw order again this year. Please contact Elaine directly to place an order. The deadline for orders is 7 November 2019. Delivery will be December. Each load is £17.00. One straw bale is £5.00. Please remember to move manure from paths within 2 weeks.



WATER

Mains water will be turned off soon in order to protect the pipes from freezing over winter. If you use the toilets please flush with a bucketful of water from a water butt.

NOTE: The main noticeboard has been moved. It is now sited to the left hand side of the hut door. There is also a smaller one to the right. We will be mending the boards at the other gates soon.



Sunflower Competition

This year's sunflower competition was judged by Rebecca. Thanks Rebecca.

1st prize went to
Rachel – Plot 4
9ft 4 inches

WELL DONE



Closely followed by:
Denise – Plot 17 (9ft 1 inch)
Rachel – Plot 2a (8ft 11inch)
Seed for next year's competition will be available in spring



Family Open Day & Show

This year's Open Day and Show was a great success with a good public attendance. A big thank you to everybody that volunteered on the day (both plot holders and their families). Your help was very much needed and appreciated. Our Sub-Committee work very hard behind the scenes organising the event. Thank you to all of them for their time and effort. Also thanks to those who donated items for the Tombola, made preserves and baked sweet treats for the cake stall. The competition results can be found on the Granville Park website and on our Facebook page.



Go to our Granville Park [Facebook page](#) to see more photos and the results of our show competition.



[Click here to feedback](#) on all aspects of the Open Day. Let us know what we can do better or differently. Your ideas will be welcomed. Or, email your comments to: Granvilleparkallotments@gmail.com

2019 COMPETITION RESULTS



Congratulations to all our 2019 competition winners. Below are the winners of some of the categories. A full list can be found on the Granville Park [Facebook page](#).

FULL PLOT:

Debbie Bateson – Best plot
Sue Blain - Best flower border
Granville Makin – Best onions

HALF PLOT:

Dennis Smith – Best plot
Kelly Taylor – Most improved plot
Julia Turner – Best onions

OVERALL BEST IN SHOW:

1st Granville Makin
2nd Phil Ramsbottom
3rd Rebecca Harvey
4th Fatma Bayam

CONGRATULATIONS GRANVILLE PARK
AWARDED by Trafford



Meet the Plotholder



Margaret MacDonald

How long have you had your plot?

I was fortunate to get a full plot, no.28, in October 2018.

What do you grow on your plot?

I decided to do small amounts of several things. Potatoes, onions, garlic, French beans, peas, cabbage, carrots, rhubarb, apples, plums, strawberries, raspberries, broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts. In the greenhouse there were tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers.

Can you give us your best tip or tell us something you have learnt this year?

The brassica family have mainly failed due to coverage from the white butterfly. I will be investing in mosquito netting for next year. Peas, the pigeons loved, so learnt about covering the height until they get a lot taller than a pigeon. Carrots are gorgeous, but next time I will thin them out more when planting. They too required covering at a height of two feet.

What is your favourite thing about having an allotment?

Being outdoors, the peace and of course home grown produce. Memories from being a young girl as my dad had a plot for 60 years, which he gave up at the age of 80. His advice was to plant potato seed the depth of a spade, which I did and they grew well. Sadly he passed away in February, but he watches over me. I would like to think so anyway.

What have you found most challenging?

Brassicawhite fly, butterfly etc.



What has been your best success this year?

Carrots, they are delicious.

Cleansing foot scrub

- 125g sea salt
- 125g Epsom salts
- 50ml oil
- 2tsp finely chopped herbs
- Clean jar with lid

Mix all the ingredients together and place in the jar. To use, soak your feet in warm water for 10 minutes. Take a little scrub and massage into your feet. Rinse and dry.



Fragrant footbath

- 1 handful of herbs and flowers
- Warm water
- Epsom salts (optional)
- 2 tsp Cider vinegar (optional)

Add all the ingredients together in a bowl. Soak your feet in the bowl for 10 – 15 minutes.

Join us

**JOIN OUR SHOW
SUB-COMMITTEE**

What can we do more of, do better or differently?



FEEDBACK

Your ideas for community/social events. Help with the organisation.

Join us

Your ideas and inspiration welcome. Help with the organisation of the day.



**GROUND
MAINTENANCE**



Occasional hedge trimming. Clearing of wild flower area.



**JOIN OUR EVENTS
SUB-COMMITTEE**

We are always looking for the Granville community to get involved. The grounds are self-managed and volunteers are vital to keep them maintained. Join us in helping to keep Granville Park a nice place to be. Contact any Committee member for more information. We welcome your input. You can connect using our Social Media platforms (above).

Join us

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Inspiration

Grow your own spa

Create your home spa from what grows in your garden/allotment. Here are a few herbs and flowers that can be used to make a herb blend:-

- ❖ Lemon Verbena
- ❖ Calendula
- ❖ Lavender
- ❖ Chamomile
- ❖ Lemon Balm
- ❖ Mint
- ❖ Rose petals
- ❖ Thyme
- ❖ Rosemary

DISCOUNT ON YOUR SEED POTATO AND ONION SETS



Allotment Shop

Granville Park is offering all plot holders the opportunity to order **seed potatoes, onion sets, shallots, garlic and more** at **discounted prices**.

The price list shows what you would be paying if you purchased the item from Dobies (including discount) and what you can save if you purchase through us.

Get ready for spring

and order your **compost**. Have this delivered straight to the allotments, alongside your other items.

Don't forget - on orders from Dobies you will pay a delivery charge .

No delivery charges here!! - just delivered for free, conveniently to the allotments where you can collect it and the quality is good.

Orders can be placed with Denise on Plot 9 or 17. You can email her on granvilleparkallotments@gmail.com with any queries or to place your order.

Price list will be sent out via email and posted on our Facebook page

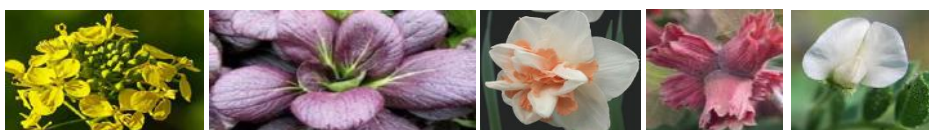
Orders need to be placed by 25 October 2019

Your payment needs to be with your order

And finally

Just a little trivia fun.....

Can you name each of the plants below? Pop your answers on our [Granville Park Facebook page](#).



Just a few jobs for autumn/winter

If any outdoor **tomatoes** are left, collect the fruit. Wrap each in some newspaper to complete ripening. Don't forget to check on them from time to time.



Maincrop **potatoes** must be lifted out



Harvest the last of the pea and bean crops for this year, and keep harvesting **chard, spinach, carrots, celeriac, lettuce** and the **Oriental vegetables**.



Also, lift and store any **Florence fennel** bulbs before they are damaged

Sow winter **lettuce** and a couple of short rows of winter hardy **peas** and **broad beans** towards the end of October to provide you with an early crop next Spring.



Sow **overwintering** types of **onion** and **garlic**. These can be sown as late as November.



Now is a good time to plant **bare-root fruit bushes**. However, they can be planted at any point during the dormant season of November to the end of March. It is also a good time to plant **rhubarb crowns**.



Place manure on the surface of beds. This helps to protect the precious soil below from the harsh weather. For double protection, try laying cardboard down in between the soil and manure. The cardboard will rot down with the manure, ready to be dug in later on in the year