



Welcome to the second EAP e-mail newsletter. Circulation is growing but we would still be very grateful if you could draw the attention of fellow allotmenters to its existence and pass copies on to those who don't have access to e-mail and the web. We hope to see many of you at the AGM and its associated activities.

EAP News

EAP-AGM

*EAP will be holding its AGM at 7.30 p.m. Wednesday
March 16th in the Polygon, St Mary's Church, South
Ealing Road*

followed by guest speaker

*Robert Alcock from Kew Gardens
talking on*

*Collection and Preservation of
Seeds*

followed by

Gardeners' Question Time

*when local allotment gardening and bee keeping
experts answer your questions*

The EAP-AGM, as indicated opposite, is due to take place on March 16th. You are reminded that all Ealing allotment tenants are automatically members of EAP and have voting rights. For those who have not attended the AGM before, it should be pointed out that it is as much of a social occasion, where members of the Ealing Allotment Community can get together, as a business meeting. In practice, the AGM itself is usually over fairly quickly and the bulk of the evening is devoted to listening to the visiting speaker, the ever popular Gardeners' Question Time and simply catching up with the news and swapping stories with tenants from other Ealing allotment sites. In summary, a good time is had by all!

There will be opportunities for anybody to raise points of interest at the AGM but if wish to put a formal resolution, compatible with the objects of the Partnership, or if you'd like to join the partnership's executive committee in an active role, please send your proposal to the Secretary, 63 Loveday Road, Ealing W13 9JT, to be received by 2nd March.

Organic Gardening Courses

EAP is organising two free courses in Organic Gardening

Topics covered include:

Preparing the Ground

Composting

Weeding without herbicides

Companion Planting

Encouraging wildlife

The courses, which take place over two days, will run first on Saturdays May 7th and June 18th and will be repeated on May 14th and June 15th.

They will be based on Ealing Allotments with tutors from Kew. For further details contact Angela Richardson via the "Contact Us" facility on the EAP website www.ealingallotmentpartnership.co.uk or ring her on 0208 896 1710

EAP has been awarded a grant by, Awards for All, to run organic gardening courses, The courses are free to Ealing Allotment tenants but places are limited so register your interest with the course organisers as soon as possible!

Around the Associations

The items below have been gleaned from the current crop of Local Association Newsletters and more details can be obtained by clicking on the appropriate links which will lead you either to the Association's website (if it has one) or the Local Association Newsletter page of the EAP website from where you can download a copy of the original newsletter.

Push up your Potato Yield: Read the article by Eddie Weston of the Horsenden Allotments and Gardens Association (HAAGA) on his recent comparative trials of Growmore and Potato Fertiliser. Eddie reports an amazing 45% higher yield for the Potato Fertiliser over Growmore in his controlled tests. Control/click [newsletter](#) for details. The fertiliser in question is produced by Growing Success Organics. Worth thinking about stocking it in your trading hut? HAAGA can probably help out with recommended suppliers.

Show Dates: HAAGA are planning three shows this year on: Saturday 9th April, Saturday 9th July and Saturday 3rd September. Look out for further details on the ["News"](#) page of the EAP website.

Rubbish Collection/Removal: Read the latest *cri de coeur* on this subject in the current Ealing and Brentford Consolidated Charities (EBCC) newsletter. Sixteen skip loads of rubbish removed

from their Northfields site at a cost of £2250. Click [newsletter](#) for more details. Rubbish “control” is a particularly difficult problem for most, if not all, allotment sites. EAP would be very interested to hear from anybody with any constructive suggestions of possible solutions. Let us know via the [“Contact Us”](#) facility on our website and we will publish the most useful ones.

Free Horse Manure: Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre have contacted EAP with the message that they have a good supply of very well rotted straw horse manure, ready to use on gardens. It is freely available to allotment holders and can be collected at anytime. Cars and vans can be driven very close to the pick-up area. Visit their website www.wormwoodscrubsponeycentre.org and look under “About Us” for details of how to find them.

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