

Framfield Allotments Association

Newsletter May 2017



Dear all

Committee changes

Following the AGM on 30th April, there have been a few changes to the FAA committee. New officers were elected to support manager Tony Lewis:

Chair: George Smart

Treasurer: Alison Bleakley

Secretary: Hilary Jayne

A number of plot holders have volunteered to help out with the long list of jobs we have lined up. If anyone else would like to get involved in any capacity, then please talk to Tony or one of the officers, or email secretary@framfield-allotments.org.uk

We would like to thank the previous officers - Sarah, Lindsay and Ravi - for all their hard work in looking after Framfield.

Future plans

We are planning to launch a new website and Facebook page soon – look out for details.

If you have any suggestions for future projects, activities or improvements please let us know.

If you spot any repairs that need doing, e.g. to taps or fences please let Tony or George know.

There are a number of events lined up at Framfield over the next couple of months:

w/c 5th June 1st Ealing in Bloom judging

Sat 17th June Mikron Theatre



Mikron Theatre will be returning for a fourth visit to Framfield. Those that have been before will know how good they are! The performance starts at 1:00PM and will be suitable for all ages. Please bring a picnic, friends and family. As before, we will have a bar with Pimms and local Weird Beard beer.

Entry is free, but the performers will make a collection at the end of the show.

<https://mikron.org.uk/tour-dates-detail?show=2017-06-17-framfield-allotments&s=all>

We will need a bit of help setting up for the day – details to follow.

W/C 5th July 2nd Ealing in Bloom judging

Sun July 9th Summer Social

Please add this to your diary – details to follow soon. Steve Pound has already confirmed, but don't let that put you off...

Visits

We have a number of school visits planned over the next few weeks – volunteers are always welcome to help out. Please contact Jane beady.1@virginmedia.com

On **Saturday 24th June** Framfield will host a visit from local Beaver Scouts. They will be undertaking a variety of environmental and gardening activities on site for much of the day – details and timetable to be confirmed. If you would like to help out on the day, or perhaps even host a gardening group on your plot, please speak to Lassa, Tony or Dennis.

We are inviting some local community groups to join us for both the theatre performance and the summer social – please speak to Tony or email secretary@framfield-allotments.org.uk if you have any contacts with any groups who would like to come along.

Work Parties

Last year we were joint winners of Ealing in Bloom, along with our long-standing rivals at Oldfields. This year lets be the outright winners! We'd love your help to get Framfield looking at its best for the judges so please come along and help out at one (or both!) of the planned work days:

Sat 20th May and Sun 4th June

We will have jobs for all ages and abilities!

If you have any spare flower plants to brighten up the main gate area please bring them along. Donations of refreshments will be especially welcomed!

Both of these start at 10:00 AM - please meet by the kitchen.

If you can't make the organised work parties:

We appreciate that not everyone can make weekend work parties due to work or family commitments. However, there is one way that you can help out at a time to suit yourself.

We have a number of plot holders who need a little extra help at the moment, due to ill-health or other circumstances. During the current dry weather watering is becoming a real challenge for all of us, but some plot-holders are finding it especially hard-going.

If you would like to help out with a bit of plot-clearing or watering, please speak to Tony or one of the other officers, or email secretary@framfield-allotments.org.uk

Likewise, if you are in need of some help yourself, or know of one of your allotment neighbours that may be struggling then please don't hesitate to mention it!

Housekeeping

We are updating our membership records so that we can add them to the new Council allotments admin system. If you have changed phone numbers or addresses in recent months, please let us know. Many thanks!

Tony, George, Alison and Hilary