



Kingsclere Allotment Management Group Newsletter July 2019



Welcome.

The Kingsclere Allotment Management Group (AMG) would like to welcome all new plot holders.

News from the Plots

The allotments look amazing at the moment, the best I have seen them since I took over my plot 10 or so years ago. It is with great regret that I recently took the decision to give up my plot due to family circumstances. I am now living vicariously by remaining as Chairperson of the AMG.

The AMG had a walk around the plots on 1 July and we noted that there are 3 or 4 plots that remain overgrown and we are working with the Parish Clerk to reallocate them or work with the tenants to ensure good levels of cultivation. The AMG will strive ASAP, the plots that are being a nuisance, not currently allocated or the tenant is in difficulty.

It was noted in our last meeting that there has been several instances of trespass and of dogs seen running loose in the allotments and one instance of fouling. Please report any instances to an AMG member or the Parish Clerk. We believe that the allotments are being used as a cut through for walkers as the pedestrian side gate had been padlocked. We are working to ensure this is reopened.

New Water Trough

You may have noticed that the 3rd water trough was installed on the 1 July. If you follow the line in the grass from the water trough on Row 1, you will find it at the end of Plot 2Eb. Thank you to Adam for driving this project forward, also Rod Rosier and Jack the contractor for offering an affordable quote. This will make watering much easier for those in the top corner.

Polytunnels

There has been some debate regarding the erection of polytunnels at the allotments. Opinion seems to be divided between them being a very good idea and extending the growing season to an eyesore that should be removed. Should we limit the size and number per plot or ban them altogether? We would value your opinion. Please can you send your thoughts through to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible so we can discuss them at our next meeting at the beginning of September.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2020

We are planning to hold our next AGM in February, date TBC.

Kingsclere Gardening Association (KGA)– Upcoming Talks

Upcoming Talks:

Thursday 12 September 2019

Patricia Elkington – Nature but not wild.

Talks are held at Kingsclere Village Club. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 start. Non members £2.00. There will be a raffle and refreshments at the end. Limited parking outside. We suggest parking at short walk away in the nearby at Bowls club. Please be very sensitive to blocking residents driveways/access points if you park in King John Road.

Shows:

Sunday 19 August 2019

Annual Flower Show – Fieldgate Centre

There are lots of different classes to enter your flowers, plants and produce. There are also “Kingsclere resident only” classes that can be entered on the day and children’s classes. Entries fees are nominal, a Show Schedule is attached to the end of the newsletter. If you just fancy coming along to see the results, the doors open to the public at 2.30pm.

REMINDERS:

Surplus plants and produce – If you would like to share anything, please place it next to the toilet block and it will be assumed that it is free to take.

Orchard - On plot 1B(b) for PLOT HOLDERS ONLY. It is important to only pick a fair amount and leave enough for everyone. This is the only area of the allotments that is free to plot holders. All other fruit trees/bushes are NOT part of the orchard and are privately owned.

Plot maintenance - ALL PLOTS AND SURROUNDING PATHS MUST BE KEPT IN GOOD ORDER. If you are struggling due to ill health and need help, please contact the AMG before it becomes a problem. Please carefully consider if you wish to keep your allotment and can cope with the maintenance. There are always people on the waiting list.

1 meter path - this must be kept clear on the left as you enter the allotments to ensure no damage is done to the fence. This applies to ALL plot holders on Row 1. Any rubbish, weeds and plants must be cleared from this area.

Cars – Please do not bring cars into the allotments when the ground is wet

Toilet – This facility is available during the Spring, Summer and Autumn. Keys, are available from the Parish Clerk with a £5 deposit.

Bin – You may have noticed that there is no longer a black bin at the allotments. This was taken away a few months ago by the Local Authority, as they were no longer prepared to empty it.

Trespass and Damage/Vandalism - If you suffer any theft or vandalism to your plot, please ring the Police on 101 and also report **all** instances to the Parish Clerk.

Many thanks

Beth Theobald – Chairperson Allotment Management Group

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Group Members:

Beth Theobald – Chairperson
Diana Tait
David Hey
Malcolm Dolton
Renate Dolton
Rodney Rosier
Adam Price – Parish Councillor
Nicola Peach – Parish Councillor

Kingsclere Gardening Association Annual Show Schedule

SUNDAY 18th August at 2.00pm in
The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere

Trophies presented at 4.30pm. Refreshments will be available Staging 9am –
11:30am Judging 11:30am - 2.00pm

SECTION A - VEGETABLES

1. Collection of four kinds of Vegetables, (Numbers as classes 4 - 24) to be staged in a space not exceeding 60 x 75cm)
2. Collection of four kinds of Salad Vegetables and/or Saladings to be staged in a space not exceeding 45 x 75cm. Numbers optional
3. Collection of five distinct kinds of Vegetables, one of each kind
4. 4 Potatoes, white
5. 4 Potatoes, coloured
6. 3 Potatoes, all different varieties
7. 3 Onions, each bulb over 250g
8. 3 Onions, no bulb to exceed 250g
9. 3 Carrots
10. 3 Beetroot
11. 2 Leeks
12. 2 Parsnips
13. 6 Shallots, exhibition
14. 6 Pickling shallots, not exceeding 30mm
15. 2 Cabbages
16. Matched pair of Marrows
17. 7 Runner Beans
18. 5 Dwarf Beans
19. 5 Tomatoes
20. 5 Tomatoes, cherry/small fruited
21. 2 Lettuce
22. Matched pair of Courgettes, not exceeding 200mm
23. Matched pair of Cucumbers
24. Any other vegetable, numbers optional
25. The Longest Runner Bean. ENTRY ON THE DAY
26. The Heaviest Marrow. ENTRY ON THE DAY SECTION B - FRUIT
27. 4 Dessert Apples
28. 4 Cooking Apples
29. 5 Plums
30. 3 Pears
31. Dish of any other fruit. Numbers optional

SECTION C - FLOWERS

Dahlias

32. A Collection of 3 vases, 3 blooms per vase, one cultivar per vase from three distinct classifications
33. Vase 1 bloom, Giant (Over 260mm diameter) or Large (not exceeding 260mm diameter)
34. Vase 3 blooms, Med. Cactus and/or Semi- Cactus (between 170mm and 220mm diameter)
35. Vase 3 blooms, Med. Decorative (between 170mm and 220mm diameter)
36. Vase 3 blooms, Small decorative (between 115mm and 170mm diameter)
37. Vase 3 blooms, Small Cactus and/or Semi-Cactus (between 115mm and 170mm diameter)
38. Vase 3 blooms, miniature decorative (not exceeding 115mm diameter)
39. Vase 5 blooms, Pompon (not exceeding 55mm diameter)
40. Vase 5 blooms, Small (not exceeding 170mm diameter) and/or miniature Ball (not exceeding 115mm diameter)
41. Vase 5 blooms, Water Lilly
42. Vase 3 blooms, Fimbriated
43. Vase 5 blooms, any cultivar or cultivars excluding the above

Other Flowers

44. Vase 3 blooms Chrysanthemums, disbud, any cultivar or cultivars
45. Vase 3 stems Chrysanthemums, Sprays, any cultivar or cultivars
46. Vase 3 spikes Gladioli, Large or medium Flowered, one cultivar
47. Vase 3 spikes Gladioli, Large or medium Flowered, mixed cultivars
48. Vase 3 spikes Gladioli, Prims/Small Flowered, any cultivar or cultivars
49. Specimen Spike Gladioli
50. Collection of Cut Flowers, two distinct kinds, one vase of each
51. Vase of 1 distinct kind of flowers, not more than 5 stems (not included in this show).
52. Vase Mixed Flowers (Shrubs, grasses and seed heads may be included).
53. Vase flowers grown from seed during last 12 months
54. Vase of Roses, not more than 3 stems
55. Specimen bloom, Large Flowered Rose
56. Six Fuchsia Heads to be exhibited on board provided

SECTION D - POT PLANTS

(Pots must not exceed 8" (21cm) in diameter, except where stated)

57. Collection of two Pot Plants
58. A Fuchsia. Up to 12" (30cm) pot
59. A Zonal Pelargonium/Geranium
60. A Scented Leaf Pelargonium/Geranium
61. Any other type of Pelargonium/Geranium
62. An Orchid
63. A Coleus
64. A Foliage Plant (excluding Coleus).
65. A Cactus
66. A Succulent
67. Any other Flowering plant, excluding classes 58 – 66
68. Fuchsia Cutting of Paula Jane, provided by the club

69. **Special Class:** - This class may be entered by a family, group or individual.

- Vase of Flowers (max of 5 stems)
- A Pot Plant
- A dish of Vegetables (one kind, min 2, max 5 items)
- A dish of Fruit (one kind, min 3, max 5 items)
- An item of handicraft
- An item of cookery
- An item of Floral Art
- An item made by a child (under 16)

SECTION E - FOR KINGSLERE RESIDENTS ONLY Entry on the day

70. A container of mixed Vegetables, minimum of 3 kinds, numbers optional.
For appearance only
71. A dish of vegetables, one kind, max 3
72. A dish of fruit, one kind, max 3 or one bunch
73. Vase of flowers from my garden, own vase may be used
74. A single stem of flowers, own vase may be used
75. A Pot Plant, flowering or foliage (Any size pot)

SECTION F – HANDICRAFT AND PHOTOGRAPHY

76. A Soft Toy
77. A Hand knitted article (state size when submitting entry).
78. An article of needlework in silk or wool (state size when submitting entry)
79. A painting or drawing not exceeding 20in by 20in (51cm x 51cm), 'Landscape'
80. Any other item of handicraft
81. A Photograph - 'Having a Rest'
82. A Photograph - 'An English Summer'
83. A Photograph - 'Vintage'

NOTE: - *Photographs may be coloured or monochrome, may be mounted, maximum size 5in by 7in (127mm x 178mm) excl. mounts.*

SECTION G - FLORAL ART

Niches, 61cm (24in) wide by 76cm (30in) high will be provided for classes 84 and 85.

84. 'A Book Title'. An Arrangement
85. 'The Beauty of Leaves'. A foliage arrangement
86. A petite exhibit, not exceeding 23cm (9in) in any direction

SECTION H - DOMESTIC

87. Victoria Sandwich, raspberry jam filled, dusted with castor sugar. Own recipe
(6 - 8in 15 - 20.5cm tin)
88. Fruit Flan
89. Loaf of Bread, white or brown, plain not exceeding 1kg or 2.2lb
(Not made in a bread-maker)
90. Jar of Stoned Fruit Jam
91. Jar of Home-made Jam excluding class 90
92. Jar of Home-made Jelly
93. Any cake, recipe to be displayed by exhibitor
94. A Quiche

95. 5 Cheese Straws
96. Honey and Almond Cake

Recipe: - 300g unsalted butter, softened and cut in small pieces, 200g caster sugar, 4 eggs, 150g S.R wholemeal flour, 1 tsp baking powder, 150g ground almonds, 50g flaked almonds, 4 tbsp runny honey.

Preheat oven to 170 °C, gas mark 3. Lightly grease and line base of loose-bottomed tin either 23cm springform tin or 20cm square tin.

In a large bowl cream the butter, add the sugar and beat thoroughly until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, adding a spoonful of flour each time and beating thoroughly. Combine remaining flour with baking powder and sift into bowl. Carefully fold into mixture with a large metal spoon. Stir in ground almonds and mix evenly.

Spoon mixture into the tin and spread evenly. Scatter flaked almonds over. Place tin on a baking sheet as a little butter may leak out.

Bake for 45 minutes until springy to touch and a skewer comes out clean. Trickle the honey over the hot cake to soak in. leave in the tin for about 30mins. Turn out and place on a rack to cool. Best kept a day or two before eating.

NOTE: - Cakes etc. must be covered by a clear polythene bag *NOT* cling film or any other bag and be at least 12 hours old. Jams and Jellies must be in clear glass jars with no commercial markings or lids and be labelled with date of making.

SECTION I - JUNIORS

The work is to be the unaided work of the exhibitor. Age to be shown on exhibit card.

Age 11 and under

97. A Photograph 'My Favourite Place'
98. A boat made from vegetable(s)

Age 12 -16 years

99. A Photograph 'My Favourite Place'
100. A boat made from vegetable(s)
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ENTRY FEES

All entries are 20p except Juniors which are free

PRIZE MONEY

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Classes 1, 2 & 3	£4.00	£3.00	£2.00
Classes 32, 50, 57, 84-86	£3.00	£2.00	£1.00
Other classes	60p	40p	25p

In addition, various trophies will be awarded within each section.

For further details and all entries to:-

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ALL entries (except those marked) must be submitted by 9pm on Thursday 15th August.
Telephone, postal and email entries will be accepted.