



# MIRALGA NEWS

## EVENTS, TIPS, REMINDERS, FUNDRAISING AND NEWS



MRALGA

### From our Chair...

MARIA MOON

Hello my fellow allotmenters and welcome to all our new tenants. Welcome to the new Spring season. I am happy to announce that our site is currently at full capacity with a growing waiting list for plots. With the cost of living increasing and the current climate, we are seeing our waiting list grow, with more & more people asking to be added. I would like to ask you all to really appreciate your plots and use them to their full potential. We are constantly, as trustees, trying to make sure mile road allotments are a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Reinvesting continues to allow us to make these changes so please support the shop and hut whenever you can. We have many events coming this year (check out posters, Facebook and this newsletter for info) We also have exciting news on a new site toilet! My sincere thanks to the trustees & volunteers that continue to assist around the site. There is always room for more so please pop and have a chat with us Here's to another year of great crops and productive allotmenting.

Happy Digging,

*Maria*



## WOO WOO



### “We Need a New Loo”

*Join our Fundraising effort to provide members with an accessible, compostable site toilet.*

We are fundraising to have a WOOWOO waterless toilet installed on site for everyone to use. This toilet is designed to be ecofriendly and accessible for all.

Funding research and sourcing is ongoing with Amanda; see how you can help!

Having made to the decision to improve amenities at the allotment site by adding another toilet we need to raise funds.

In the past two years we have been unable to raise funds by holding many of our annual events.

I have been applying to local charitable trusts, the Big Local community fund, and some local businesses in the hope that they will be able to support us in our target of £15,000. It takes a bit of time to fill in all the forms, but I am getting the hang of it, and some look promising. It may seem lot of money for just a “Loo”, but we need to have a compostable waterless toilet, with disabled access. The allotments are busier than ever, and many more people are on site at any one time.

If you know of anyone or have links to businesses that could support, please get in touch. Any of the committee can help or contact me, [amandabrookes99@gmail.com](mailto:amandabrookes99@gmail.com).

*Amanda*

See our target on site as funds grow!

We will update you regularly on how the fundraising efforts are going and contribution tins will be at events and in the huts allowing all to pitch in.

For more information on the woowoo please visit [info@waterlesstoilets.co.uk](mailto:info@waterlesstoilets.co.uk)

### SECURITY & SAFETY

**Please be vigilant and report any concerns to the trustees.**

**Please alert us to any holes in fencing.**

**Do not allow your children to run around site.**

Children must be with you on your plot or accompanied by you around the site. This is due to vehicles and equipment around the site that may cause harm.

**Please remember to close and lock the gate when you leave the site.**

The gate is open on a Thursday or Saturday morning for deliveries & during events. It must remain locked at all other times

AT THE ALLOTMENT

A big welcome to all our new tenants, it makes me very proud to know we are now a full site.

We are looking forward to the new growing season and the continued improvement in plot care, As well as the return of events and our Annual Show

Back this year..... OUR PLOT COMPETITION!

The plots will be judged in July by two neutral judges from other allotment associations.

Plots will be judged on.....

Tidiness, Quality of crops, nature of crops & Eco friendliness

Prizes will be presented at

our Annual show on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

So, what are you waiting for?!? Happy Growing, *David*





# EVENTS

2022

2022 events have started and after the great success of the daffodil event we hope you will support us with all of our events this year.

## What's coming up ....

### Plant Sale Weekend

Our monster plant sale weekend is on the **14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of May**

Saturday 10am-4pm & Sunday 10am-1pm

Fruit, Flower and Vegetable plants are available and some special little bit for the kids to spend their pennies on. All are welcome!

### Jubilee Celebration & Quiz Night

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June** 12pm-4pm and from 7pm onwards

A celebration for all the family 12- 4 with a bring a picnic, music, and games

For the adults from 7pm a fun quiz night with fish and chip supper.

Tickets for the quiz night are available in the shop £10 per person, food included.

### Murder Mystery Evening

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** at 7pm. A 40's themed murder mystery evening. Come dressed up and use your detective skills to find the guilty. A buffet is provided but please bring your own alcohol. Tickets are on sale in the shop £15 per person. Spaces are limited to 20

### Garden Visit

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**, come with us to visit the beautiful Castle Ashby Gardens.

We will be meeting at the gardens. The gardens are all wheelchair accessible, and a tearoom is available for refreshments or bring a picnic. Tickets are £10 per person, and you do need to book in advance.

### The Annual Show

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** 10am to 4pm. After two years of absence, our annual show is back! Compete in the produce show, donate to the produce charity stall, enjoy a barbeque and more...

Keep an eye out for more details through out the site, Facebook, email, and newsletters.

### Quiz Night

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September** from 7pm. With 'Stand Up Bingo' and fish and chip supper. £10 per person, Tickets available in the shop now!

### Christmas Wreath making

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at 1pm, More details to follow.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

MRALGA's Annual Family Christmas Party. Details to follow

## MRALGA about US and how you can help keep us running

Mile Road Allotments is one of, maybe even the biggest allotment site in the UK with over 300 plots. We have 3 Event and growing areas, the trading hut and the tea rooms and two plots used by the charities Tibbs and Sense.

The site is run by the charity MRALGA (Mile Road Allotments Leisure Gardeners Association). This is made up of seven trustees all of which are plot holders. All trustees volunteer a large amount of their time running and maintaining the site for the MRALGA Community.

We have some fantastic regular volunteers that help with plant growing, catering, events, site maintenance, security, and administration alongside the trustees.

### We would like more help.

We are currently looking for members to help run the shop, join the events team, and assist the maintenance team. This covers many tasks from catering to burst pipes, growing plants for the plant sale to rat control. The events team needs stewards, prep teams, security, stall holders & servers. A job can be found for anyone that wishes to volunteer.

**Come and say hello, we would love to have you on the team**



## REMINDERS

### Please KILL your SPEED!!

There is a concern that several cars are travelling too fast around the site. The whole site is 5 MPH. There are a number of families on site as well as all other plot holders and uneven tracks. Please take care and slow down!

### WATER USEAGE

Please continue to water wisely and leave some water in the tanks for your neighbours. As the cost of living rises so does the water bill. So we ask all tenants to where possible harvest rain water on your plots to assist with keeping water usage costs down.

### BONFIRES

Bonfires are permitted on the first full weekend of each month only! You must not leave your bonfire unattended at any time. It must be extinguished before you leave site. As per your tenancy agreement all bonfires must be lighted in burning bins when being lit on the plot

### MRALGA & OUR AGM

Every November we have our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. Over the last few years, with covid and other circumstances, it has been extremely difficult to hold these, even though they are required, for us to continue to run as a charity. This **NEEDS** to take place annually. We ask all our tenants to give us a couple of hours once a year to make the difference and see how we are trying to improve the site. Please look out for the posters and come along.

**No AGM means no charity! Which in turn means the council could take back our allotment site.**



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