

Somersham and District Allotment and Smallholding Association October 2017 Newsletter



Hello everyone and welcome to Autumn! It was lovely to meet some of you at rent night recently. I hope to meet more of you at the upcoming AGM. This month's banner picture is courtesy of Iris Bell and her brilliant crop of pumpkins! – **Vicky Moseley, Secretary**

Rent night

We still have a number of payments outstanding for rent. Please note that you have 40 days from the date of rent night to pay so the cut off day for this is 5th November 2017 (*remember, remember!*)

Pumpkin Stall

This year's pumpkin stall is being held on **Saturday 21st October 9am-12pm** at Somersham Cross. I would like to



encourage you all to get involved and donate whatever produce or goods you can to help make the stall a success. As you know, funds raised from this stall and carnival help support association social activities so it would be great to see as many you supporting the social team as you can.

Any pumpkins, squashes, other veg along with cakes and toffee apples are always big sellers!

Tips for October

- Sow winter lettuce and a couple of short rows of winter hardy peas and broad beans towards the end of the month to provide you with an early crop next Spring.
- Plant out Spring cabbage and overwintering types of onion and garlic. It is also a good time to plant rhubarb crowns.



AGM

The date for AGM this year is Wednesday 25th October 7pm-9pm in the British Legion Hall, Somersham. There will be nibbles available afterwards, and the bar will of course be open so please come along. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible, especially anyone with an interest in joining the committee as there is a vacancy! It's a great opportunity to get more involved, and we do have quite a laugh at committee meetings – it's not all paperwork!

Petty Theft

Please can I ask you all to be vigilant regarding suspicious activity on the site? We have had a few reports of petty theft, and sheds being broken into. Please make sure you take anything of value home with you, and ensure you lock all gates behind you when you enter and exit the site.

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Seed Parcel

Unfortunately, this has not been found. As no-one has come forward with it we will not be running this initiative again. It was set up at cost to volunteers, and it is such a shame that one person appears to have spoiled it for the rest of the members. If you are the person who has it, it can be returned to me at 15 Station Approach, Somersham – you can put it through the door, no questions asked!

Items offered for sale

Robert Kirk has given up his allotment and is offering a small rotavator for sale (Merry Tiller rrp £300) which has only been used twice. Robert is open to sensible offers – please call him on 07703 584086

Peggy Newport is offering a greenhouse free to a good home, but you will need to dismantle it and move it yourself. Peggy can be contacted on 01487 842663

Don't forget:

- **Pumpkin Stall** – October 21st – Somersham Cross
- **AGM** – October 25th – British Legion Hall, Somersham
- **Update your details** – if you have moved house, or think we don't have an e-mail address for you please contact Vicky Moseley.

Best wishes

The Allotment Committee

A bit of fun....

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Allotment	Spring
Seasonal	Summer
Potato	Autumn
Gardening	Winter
Carrot	Tomato
Greenhouse	Apple
Parsnip	Pumpkin
Plum	Beetroot
Chickens	Blackberries
Community	Strawberry