

SUNNYSIDE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The gardening season is now well and truly upon us and as the weather allows, we are sure that everyone will be very busy. Good Luck and we all hope that the season will be successful with no late frosts to damage the soft fruit and potato crops as happened last year.

CLEARANCE OF GARDEN RUBBISH

The arrangements made for the clearance of scrap metal, glass, and plastic resulted in a mountain of rubbish being collected. Bob Birchnell from the Borough Council took away seven lorry loads and others helped themselves to items in the heap.

There is still some rubbish on plots uncollected and arrangements will be detailed for a further clearance, which will be publicised in our July newsletter. Please sort out your scrap ready for removal to sited designated as dumps in July. No vegetable matter please.

DOG FOULING

Notices have been posted drawing attention to the fact that Sunnyside Allotments are private property with the exception of 'A' road on Sunnyside Old, which is a Public Footpath. Some problems have been experienced but we have tried to be reasonable with people since we may need their support in future years, if the

GARDEN CLEARANCE DAYS

Your committee wish to thank all those tenants who gave their valuable time to assist with the clearance of gardens. A total of six wild plots were successfully cleared and others started. Hopefully all these will be tenanted this year and one has already been let.

We need to ensure that our work is not wasted and those gardens, which do not attract tenants will require to be kept tidy. No formal arrangements are planned given the demands on your time, but if anyone can assist as and when time can be found, it would be appreciated.

threat of building rears its ugly head again.

The Borough Councils notices will be appearing, but will be difficult to police. Hopefully people will be persuaded to clear up after their dogs.

NEW TENANTS

We wish to welcome a number of new tenants to Sunnyside and wish them well with their endeavours: Ann Brady, Mark Gibbs, Melissa Sargaison.

WATER SUPPLIES

A submission for improvements to water supplies at Sunnyside was made to the council at the March meeting and as expected Councillors swallowed hard due to the cost. Subsequently Peter Chapman and Ted Dyer met with Councillors Ginger, Johnson and Hanchin who indicated that once costs had been obtained they would see what could be done.

A problem is the absence of information on where the supply pipes run on both sites in the areas where im-

provements are sought. It is hoped that it will be possible to obtain the use of a device for pipe detection in the near future. Estimates of the costs of tanks and pipework are being obtained by a tenant, so hopefully discussion will be re opened at the next Environment Committee.

SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT

The Council is to standardise the rent at the rate of £1.00 per pole and is to write to all tenants on the matter, explaining the position. No other increase is planned and a 10 pole plot will therefore cost £10.00 per annum in rent.

UNTIDY GARDENS

Further discussion has taken place with the Council who have agreed to write to tenants on Sunnyside Old who have not been seen recently.

Some of you will be receiving letters in due course but hopefully we shall see you in action on your garden before long.

SUBSCRIPTION

If you wish to pay your subscription to the Society and have not already done so, please let John Savage, who resides at Vaucluse, Gravel Path (next door to Netherfield) have your £2.00 for 1998 as soon as possible.

All tenants are members of the Society and there is no compulsion to subscribe. We do however need to ensure that we have a small amount in the kitty to meet running expenses.

PLOT NUMBERING

It has been suggested that all tenants label their plot with a small sign indicating the number of the plot.

This would be of great help when prospective tenants are viewing possible sites.

GENERAL

We wish to extend our best wishes to those tenants who are recovering from major surgery or illnesses which have precluded gardening for a while. We hope you have a speedy recovery.

CAR PARKING

On Sunnyside Old, work has continued with the provision of hard standing on plot A1 to replace the parking lost with the sale of the Netherfield site for housing.

Sadly our plan to create a car park on plot 29 on the New Site adjacent to the lower gateway has not made much progress. It is still the intention to produce an area of hard standing and if any tenants want to get rid of unwanted stones please dump them on the plot.

