

April Newsletter

APRIL ON THE ALLOTMENT

This is one of the busiest times to be an allotment gardener. Despite some sites which are very wet still many jobs can be started to make sure you get the best crops possible later in the year. Many seeds can be planted indoors on windowsills if you do not have a greenhouse and most will benefit from an early start in pots that then allow young plants to be transplanted later on when they are really established and growing well, and soil conditions have improved and all risk of frost has passed.

MAY PLANT SALES AT THE TRADING STORE

PLEASE think about growing a few extra of any varieties so that you can come along to our Plant Sales in May at the Trading Store and both donate and purchase a wide range of plants which we hope to have available on Saturdays May 7th, 21st and 28th.

VISIT TO ASHFORD WILLESBOROUGH WINDMILL – SATURDAY May 14th.

With thanks to our Treasurer Brian Stamp, there will be a visit to Willesborough Windmill on Saturday 14th May, which is National Mills Weekend, when all working mills are open for visitors. The address is Windmill Lane, Ashford, TN24 0DG, but car parking is available off Cornes Close (go down Silverhill and Cornes Close is just past the old school on the left).

The mill is open from 2pm to 5pm, but we will be able to have a tour and aim to start this at 2.15pm. The cost is £3 per person, and £1.50 for Concessions. The ability to climb steep stairs is necessary if you want to climb up into the mill, but the base floor is disabled-friendly and there are disabled toilets.

There will be teas, cakes, scones and other refreshments on the day and there is a gift shop.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible, and you do not need to book a place.



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OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next **Committee Meeting** will be on Monday 25th April at 6.30 pm at the Civic Centre. If you have any questions or comments, please see your Site Rep who will pass these on to the Committee.

The **Summer Show** is on Saturday 16th July at Kennington Junior School, and again this is an ideal time to be planning to sow seeds ready to harvest a great range of produce to enter in a full range of categories this year.

The **2016 Plot Judging** date is to be confirmed but likely to be late June/early July. Details to follow nearer the date.

Finally, don't forget to visit the **Trading Store** to pick up your new membership card and purchase a great range of gardening products as well as some seeds still at excellent value. We are next open on Saturday April 23rd.

Penny Winston