

## December Newsletter 2017

This is the last newsletter of the year so although there is traditionally less to do on the allotment you can still be planning next year's crops and enjoying looking through the seed catalogues deciding what to grow. Leeks can be planted in tall pots from January in a cold greenhouse for an early start. If you have heat then even tomatoes and chillis can be sown in seed trays. Greenhouses can be cleaned and disinfected. There is usually a patch that would benefit from digging over and manure which is well rotted should be added at this time of year.

After some resignations this year from a couple of site reps we have interest from tenants at Wye, Beaver Field, Burton Farm and William Road and new reps will be formally adopted at the AGM (see below) Thanks to all reps and committee members for their contribution to our Society.

### **Publicity / Press**

Please keep checking our website : [www.ashfordallotments.org](http://www.ashfordallotments.org) and a twitter account @ashfordallotments so please visit both and keep up to date with news and announcements. Emma Dew our publicity officer is always keen to hear from you with any news or ideas to promote our Society.

AGM: a date for your diary 6.30 pm Wednesday 24 th January Civic Centre  
Followed by a committee meeting.

### **The Trading Store 2018**

**Our dates are now available for next year. The first opening is January 13 th from 10 am til around 12.00 noon. Please note we are closing earlier than 2pm in all the winter months as we often have no customers after about 12 pm**

**The potato orders will be in weather permitting in February and we are open all Saturdays in this month to help you pick up your order and pay the annual subscription which remains at £4. Please note that to reduce waste, Geoff has only ordered sufficient potatoes for the orders with some spare so if you didn't place an order come early to buy any extra as once they're gone, they're gone ! The full set of trading store dates are available on the website.**

### **Finally**

**Best Wishes to you all for good allotment gardening in 2018**

**Penny Winston (Chair)**