



LEOMINSTER ALLOTMENT NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2016

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF GINHALL LANE ALLOTMENT SITE.

Together with the Town Council we are considering how best to celebrate a decade of allotments in Ginhall Lane. There will probably be a donation from the Town Council to mark this special milestone.

Any thoughts/ideas? Please see any committee member or leave a note in the Community Shed.

HARVEST SUPPER AND AWARDS.

A report on the evening was given in the November 2015 minutes. Grange Court was a splendid venue, enjoyed by all and we can confirm that this year's date is 7th October 2016 at Grange Court.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM - THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 6 - 8PM

WINE TASTING AT GRANGE COURT.

A chance to taste a selection of fine quality French wines kindly provided by Morrisons and deliciously described by connoisseur Rev'd Michael Kneen. There will be cheese, biscuits and olives, and a chance to win prizes from a boozy raffle. Tickets £10, available from Tourist Information Office, Corn Sq. All proceeds to Leominster in Bloom who brighten our town with flowers every year.

HEREFORD SEED SWAP - SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2016 11 - 3PM

IN THE COURTYARD FOYER

This annual event is really worth a visit whether you are a beginner or an experienced gardener. It's a great opportunity to swap seeds (many which are unusual or heritage varieties), plants or ideas. Don't worry if you have no swaps, you can still choose seeds and offer a small donation.

At 1.30pm there will be a talk by Adam Alexander "Seed Saving Made Simple - and the seedy stories behind my collection".

There will be stalls and children's activities as well as a Tool Sharpening Service (don't forget to bring them with you) and Tools for Self Reliance a charity which will be selling refurbished tools and collecting unwanted ones.

Refreshments are available at the Courtyard and entry is free.

RE-GREENING LEOMINSTER - THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2016

5 - 7PM GRANGE COURT - discussion with tea & cake.

A call to gardeners of Leominster who have just a little time to give to our Town.

Leominster has some beautiful areas around the town which have developed due to both time and money given by generous individuals and businesses. Sadly without maintenance some areas are falling into decline.

We have some dedicated volunteer gardeners who are making a difference (8 from the allotments!) but we need more, with a bigger network of volunteers we could support each other and share resources.

Some of our green spaces and garden areas include: Millennium Woods, Millennium Green (between the Priory Cemetery and Railway line), Sydonia and Nutgrove, the Railway Station, Community Hospital, and Ginhall Green.

If you are already involved or would like to be involved in the future with such projects you are most welcome to come along and share thoughts about how we may work together to make it happen.

**THE EDIBLE GARDEN SHOW, STONELEIGH PARK, WARWICKSHIRE,
11-13TH MARCH**

From plot holders to windowsill growers, there's enough inspiration, innovation and information for everybody.

Here's the website link: <http://theediblegardenshow.co.uk>

LEOMINSTER FESTIVAL - SATURDAY 28TH MAY 2016

THE GRANGE - PLANT AND PRODUCE STALL.

We have again been invited to have an allotment stall on the first Saturday of the Festival. We hope to have seedlings and plants - the more unusual the better - as well as pies, cakes and preserves to sell. Although Spring seems an age away, time flies and planning starts now, so we ask that when you are seed sowing please consider sowing a few extra for our stall. We did very well last year helping with funds for the allotment site. Freshly picked rhubarb sold out quickly and we would like more for this year.

On the subject of seeds a THANK YOU to John for organising seed catalogues, orders and deliveries for our members (a benefit of joining the Association).

A GARDEN CLUB FOR LEOMINSTER?

In recent weeks a few gardeners, some of whom have allotments, have expressed an interest in re-establishing a Garden Club for Leominster.

It is about six years since the Town had a gardening club which for many years was a thriving and successful venture.

As with any society, group or club there needs to a committee to organise it and just as important, like minded people to support it by becoming members, which will enable speakers and a venue to be afforded.

So please give it some thought and watch this space and noticeboards for any future developments.

Happy gardening - and here's to a sunny and successful 2016!

Cathy Fewlass.

From the Chair Lesley Marsh.

Two things at the moment are of cause for concern, and include the co-operation of all ploholders.

Firstly, the issue of security. All too often the gate is left unlocked when there is no-one on the site. This is an open invitation to criminals to enter the site and to steal valuable property and/or cause damage. If you are the last to leave, you must lock the gate - failure to do so puts everyone at risk of theft and vandalism.

Secondly, DOGS, bringing dogs onto the allotment site is a privilege and not a right. There is evidence of persistent fouling, and this will not be tolerated. All allotment holders are asked to be vigilant, and to take note of anyone seen to be failing to pick up after their dog. The incident should be reported with names to the deputy town clerk or to a member of the committee and appropriate action will be taken.

And lastly a footnote to say how disappointed we all are that Geoff Brooks, an exemplary gardener is leaving the allotment, his plot has been both productively and immaculately kept for all the time he has been a tenant.

Our Website: leominsterallotments.org.uk

