

DATS

Spring 2022 Allotments News letter

Welcome to another Year on the Allotments. At last the Covid restrictions have been removed and most of us are back to a normal life, although still exercising some caution.

As we are all still a little weary of indoor gatherings, we have decided this year to hold the AGM outside at the Pea Pod and have therefore delayed it until Saturday 21st May. The weather should be warmer by then and the evenings a little longer and so we can combine the AGM with a picnic/ BBQ get together and we hope as many members as possible will be able to attend.

DATS – AGM 2022

Saturday 21st May at the Allotment Site 3.30 p.m .for a 4 o'clock start until approx. 5.00 p.m. and afterwards a Picnic / BBQ get together until dusk.

(See separate AGM agenda attached.)

Subscriptions

It is now time to renew the subscriptions for the membership of DATS. The subs for this year will remain the same as previously.

Membership per Plot £13.00

Membership with Magazine £20.00

(This includes 4 issues of the Allotment Magazine)

In addition, for new members there is an additional joining fee of £5.00

Ways to pay.

1. By handing Keith either cash or cheque (made payable to DATS)
Or delivering to his home at 87 Primrose Drive Ditton
2. By leaving a cheque in the envelope in the Pea Pod toilet.
3. By BACS payment as follows

A/c : Ditton Allotments Tenancy Society

Sort Code: 20 54 11

A/c No: 63046567

Please use your Surname and Plot Number reference.

Public Liability Insurance

As you will be aware one of the significant benefits of membership of DATS is the free to members £5 million Public Liability Insurance. This is continuing unchanged however the insurers have requested that we supply them with the Names and Contact Details of all plot holders as part of their terms of insurance. This is a small change to our previously published privacy policy/

Working Parties.

Although we intended to undertake some much needed maintenance to the facilities we weren't able to complete this. However this year we will need some help with maintenance of the DATS assets and there are a number of jobs to be done.

1. Pea Pod to be repainted
2. Benches and Planters to be painted
3. Summer House shelter to be repainted and a general tidy around the area.

We will arrange working parties after the 21st May AGM

Seed and Plant Swap.

We will continue with the practise of leaving spare plants or seeds on the green table in the summer house.

These are available for members to take for free or add to, if they have a surplus. There is a tin there for seeds.

As previously requested, if possible, please leave a note to confirm the variety of the plants left.

BBQ's and Socials

We are planning to have a couple of socials this year either BBQ or as last year the successful picnic and will confirm dates at the AGM. Also if everything continues as it is at the moment we will try and have Christmas Social and the New Year meal.

Please complete the attached form and return with your subs, or alternatively there will be an online version on the website.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and at the allotments during the coming year

Regards. Mike Hawksworth (Chairman DATS)

DATS – Questionnaire Spring 2022

Please complete the following questionnaire and return with your subs payment

Name		Tel:	
email		Plot Number	

My subs for the year 2021/22	Please tick as appropriate
Standard Membership £13.00	
Membership with Magazine £20.00	
New Member Joining Fee £5.00	
I have paid the above subs by BACS transfer	
I enclose my cheque or cash	
I have paid the above subs already	

	Yes	No
I am happy for existing committee to continue		
I am able to help with working parties		

Please print this form and hand in or send with your subs payment. There is an online form to complete if you prefer or if you are sending a BACS payment.

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Annual General Meeting 2022

Sat 21st May at Pea Pod Ditton Allotments

(gathering from 3.30 pm meeting starts at 4.000pm.)

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence. Welcome to new allotment holders.
2. Chairman's report
3. Treasurers report.
 - *Please note that the annual subscription 2022/23 is now due, final payments to be collected at the AGM.*
 - ***It is proposed that General Subs this year will remain at £13.00 and with Allotment magazine £20.00***
4. Election of Committee Members
 - *The positions of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are annual posts and an election will be held to appoint them for the coming year.*
 - *The existing post holders Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are happy to stand for re-election for a further term, however should any other members wish to stand for election to any of these posts, please can they advise the Chairman at 63 Scott Close (01732 845775) of their nomination prior to the meeting.*
 - ***We would like to appoint 2 additional committee members to help with the general running of the Society so please let us know if you are willing to help out.***
5. Social events for the year. Decide Dates and Venues.
 - *Any suggestions for additional events, or change of format to existing events will be welcome.*
6. Robin Webb challenge trophy. – Confirmation of results and Challenge for 2022
7. A.O.B.
 - Possible additional funding
 - Waste trailer (good practice)
 - Arrange working parties
 - Details of free Mulch and Chippings

 - *If any member wishes to add items to the agenda under A.O.B. please can they advise Mike or Keith in advance of the meeting. We are not able to vote on any topic not previously notified.*

Meeting ends 05.00 p.m. (approx)

Followed by Picnic / BBQ social gathering until dusk

Bring your own food and drinks.