

**A.W.S.L.G. ALLOTMENT NEWS**  
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**ANNUAL SHOW**

**NEWSLETTER**

**AUGUST 2019**

**Sunday 18th August 2019**

**12.30pm — 5pm**

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| <b>12.30pm</b> | BBQ and Stalls                    |
| <b>2.30pm</b>  | Show Hall opens<br>Afternoon Teas |
| <b>4.15pm</b>  | Raffle Draw                       |
| <b>4.30pm</b>  | Auction of Produce                |



Show schedules are now available from the trading centre, canteen or download from the website.

Volunteers for various tasks will be required over the weekend. Please come and help us make the day a success. Emails offering your help to the following: [awslg.ltd@gmail.com](mailto:awslg.ltd@gmail.com). If you prefer come and speak to a committee member in the office on a Saturday morning for more information.

We are requesting donations of jars, bottles and tins for the tombola and prizes suitable for the raffle. Cakes for the afternoon tea would be gratefully received on the day from 11.30 onwards.

All photographs must be 10x8 inches and printed on photographic paper. Maximum of 2 entries per person per category. **Categories are:**

- Life on the allotment.
- Vegetables/Flowers
- Wildlife (on the allotment)
- Life in my garden

£50 prize given for best overall photograph in the show.

Completed entry forms for the photographic classes should be submitted to the office and must be received by **Wednesday 14th August 2019**. All other entry forms must be completed and returned to the trading centre, office or post box by **Sunday 11th August 2019**.

£25 award for Best Vegetable Exhibit.

£25 award for Best Fruit Exhibit.

The Tallest Sunflower competition will be judged during the week preceding the Show.

**HELP THE SHRUBLANDS FOOD BANK**

Thank you for your continued support to the Food Bank, but why in 2019 do we need a food bank?

There has been massive cuts to the value of benefits in recent years, together with the rise of low-paid and insecure zero-hours work, this has put many low-income families at permanent risk of being unable to meet their basic food and housing needs. The latest report by independent MP Frank Field states "for the most vulnerable people in our society, any reduction, delay or loss of income from work or benefits brings into play food banks, rising debt, high-risk loans and the risk of destitution." For many families who are claiming for the first time, it can take about six weeks to process benefits. If they do not have any other source of income coming in, bills can mount up. Others have moved from benefit into work but there can be a delay between benefit stopping and receipt of their wages. Some families work, but are not able to increase their hours, this combined with the rising costs of daily living can make life very difficult. Very few are reliant on benefit alone, and when that is stopped or denied, it makes an already hard life even more unbearable. Please help us to help local people such as these, to encourage them when all else has failed, to keep going when they would rather not.

You can leave your donations of fresh produce in the wire container in the car park behind the office, and of non-perishable foodstuffs in the box provided in the trading centre. Kevin will collect your kind donations on Wednesdays no later than 2.30pm and is very grateful for AWSLG's contributions.

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE WAITING LIST**

We currently have only 2 half plots available for rent and 21 names on our waiting list so the committee have decided to temporarily close the waiting list for plots. This restriction will depend on the number of plots that might become vacant at rent renewal time in October.

**The Trading Centre will open on every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm to 4pm until the end of September.**

**The canteen is open Saturday and Sunday mornings 9.30am - 11.30pm**

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**JOBS TO DO IN AUGUST**

**FRUIT CARE :**

Cut out fruited canes of summer raspberries and tie in new canes to fruit next year. Select strong, healthy canes and cut out weak, forked or misplaced ones (such as those growing out into the paths). Net autumn fruiting raspberries.

Tie in new growth on blackberries and hybrid berries.

Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners and prepare new strawberry beds for next year. Treat with a fungicide if powdery mildew is serious.

Support heavily laden branches on plums and damsons to prevent breakage. Prune after fruiting.

Remove apples, pears and plums affected with brown rot to prevent the disease from spreading.

Gather scabby leaves from diseased apples and pears. Do not compost anything infected with brown rot or scab instead burn as soon as possible or use the green waste collection as their incinerators heat to such a high temperature that the spores are destroyed.

If bacterial canker has been a problem on stone fruit trees, prune out affected smaller branches, wait until harvest is complete, then spray with a fungicide.

**VEGETABLE CARE:**

Lift onions, shallots and garlic when ready. Plants should be harvested when the necks start to turn brown and bend over naturally. Avoid actively bending the necks, as this can result in disease. Once harvested, let the tops dry until they rustle like brown paper, and then remove them.

Harvest sweetcorn as it ripens. Push a fingernail into the kernel when the tassels at the end of the cob start to shrivel and brown. If the liquid is milky it indicates they are ready.

Continue earthing up celery, putting a layer of paper between the stems and the soil.

Finish harvesting second early potatoes especially if it turns wet as your crop can be destroyed by slugs.

Weeds can also compete with vegetables for water and act as hosts for pests and diseases, so should be removed regularly by hoeing.

Marrows should be raised off the ground slightly, to prevent them rotting from contact with the soil. Some older leaves can be removed, if necessary, to maximise sun upon the fruit.

Take care when thinning out any late-sown carrot seedlings to prevent the scent released attracting carrot fly females. To protect them from carrot fly use **fleece** or **enviromesh** coverings.

Irregular watering can lead to problems with blossom end rot in tomatoes, splitting of root vegetables and flower abortion in peas and beans. Help prevent this by watering well during dry spells, stored rainwater from a water butt is ideal.

Take cuttings of rosemary, bay and hyssop.

**LAWN/FLOWER CARE:**

Apply final nitrogenous feed to lawns.

Don't neglect hanging baskets - deadheading, watering and feeding will help them last through until autumn.

Feed containers, and even tired border perennials, with a **liquid tomato or Miracle-Gro** food each week to encourage them to bloom into the early autumn.

Pinks and carnations can be propagated by layering. Propagate irises by dividing the rhizomes.

Take cuttings of tender perennials such as Pelargonium and Osteospermum, as soon as possible. A greenhouse, cool conservatory or a light windowsill are ideal to bring them on until they are established.

Collect and store seed of hardy annuals and perennials for sowing later in the autumn.

**SOW OR PLANT OUTDOORS**

Japanese onions, Oriental vegetables

Spring cabbage, turnips, lettuce, radish, rocket, sorrel, chicory, fennel & spring onions for late salads. Sow green manures such as crimson clover and Italian ryegrass to act as a soil improver and to cover bare areas.

All items in **bold italic** are available from the Trading Centre.



**HOURS OF OPENING**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.30am -12.15pm. 2.30pm - 4.15pm.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.30am - 12.15pm.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2.30pm - 4.00pm April—September only</b>