

CPAA NEWSLETTER

April 2020

Dear Friends

As the 'lock down' due to Covid19 continues, we are weathering this pandemic together. Thanks to all of you that have adhered to the guidelines about social distancing, hand washing and the use of gloves when opening and closing the gates. Please remember to avoid the allotment if you are self-isolating. This helps to protect us all.

Provided that we continue to follow these strategies, including ensuring that we light no fires, Hounslow Council will continue to support us.

CLOSURE OF THE SHOP & TOOL LIBRARY

We have to adhere to Central Government & Council guidelines if we wish to remain open.

Regrettably this means that for the foreseeable future the Tool Library (where you can hire equipment) and The Shop must remain closed. We appreciate that this is frustrating but this strategy is to protect us all from the possibility of transferring the Covid19 virus to one another. We will be flinging open our doors again just as soon as we have the go ahead...



STILL IN NEED OF PLANTS OR SEEDS?



Did you know... You can still order deliveries from Squire's Garden Centre?

Our thanks to Rosie (Plot 26A) who has discovered that Squires Garden Centre is still taking some orders that can be delivered.

On a day to day basis, Squires are currently unable to be exactly certain of what they will be receiving from their suppliers. However if you would like to try and place an order:

1. Make a 'Wishlist'
2. Call Squires on: 020 8977 9241
3. Squires will confirm what is available and the cost (Orders over £50 are delivered free)
4. Delivery will be made to the address on the Credit Card used for payment

As examples of what was available last weekend:

Tomato plants
£2.99
each



Trays of 12 plants. (e.g. beans, lettuce, cabbage)
£3.99



Why not club together with your fellow plot holders and place a joint order?

THE 'WATCH YOUR BACK CAMPAIGN'

We would like to share an important message from Simon Quarendon, (Plot 2).



Simon is Deputy Chair of the Melanoma Fund also working on the 'Watch Your Back Campaign'. We have asked him to tell us about the charity's work and the steps that we can all take to protect ourselves from the sun and the risk of melanoma (skin cancer). As plot holders we are particularly vulnerable as we expose ourselves to the effects of the sun's UV rays when we work our plots.

Simon's helpful advice will be mailed out to you shortly. You can also read about the campaign by visiting the website www.watchyourback.co.uk

POND LIFE

With Spring now truly sprung, we are starting work again on the community pond plot. Teaming with wildlife, the pond attracts newts, thirsty nesting birds and bees from Karen's aviary.

To improve it further, we will be working in pairs (to ensure we can maintain social distancing). If you would like to be part of this project, please contact us: digcolepark@gmail.com

Reports on April 1st that more exotic wildlife has been spotted at the pond, are believed to have been exaggerated...



TO FINISH... AN EXAMPLE OF KINDNESS

For at least the past 14 years octogenarian Frank Courtney has been the tenant on Plot 3. His poor health has left him struggling to care for his much loved allotment.

We were surprised and overwhelmed by the kindness shown by a fellow plotholder who dug, strimmed and pruned his plot back into shape. Thank you for your exceptional thoughtfulness.

Stay well, Stay safe, keep planting...