BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2024

EASTER OPEN DAY

Saturday 30th March

12 noon - 4pm

Easter Egg Hunt - drop in Kids' crafts / egg painting table 3pm Easter Bonnet Parade (bring your own decorated bonnet) 3:30pm Raffle

Looking for volunteers, raffle prizes & home baking. Contact Nikki asap.

EGG SALES

Our wonderful ladies work hard to give us lovely fresh eggs, however what's laid does not always tally with what's bought. We want to make sure the hens cover their costs, we have accurate finance records and info for funders please ensure you mark on the sheet and pay when you are buying eggs. You can pay by cash, card (in clubhouse) or bacs. 50p per egg or £2.50 for 6. Thank you.

PLOT RENEWALS

Membership renewals will be due at the start of April. Please let Nikki know asap if you are giving up your bed, we have a small waiting list. Updated paperwork to follow...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fob Collection times: Tuesdays 9am - 1pm Saturdays 9am - 1pm

Social eves are back! Fri 29th Mar, from 6pm

Easter Open Day Sat 30th Mar, 12 - 4pm

Social Eve Fri 26th April, from 6pm

> **Plant Sale** Sat 11th May

Horticultural Show - How To Present Your Veg sessions tbc!

March Garden Jobs

Spring has officially started and there are lots of jobs that can be done both indoors

and outdoors - here are just some of them!

SOW:

- Tomatoes, chillis and aubergines can all be sown indoors
- Parsnips can be sown once soil starts to warm - they need a long growing season
- Sweet peas can be started in deep pots indoors

PLANT:

- Onions and shallots sets can be planted outdoors
- Bare root asparagus can go in an open, sunny spot
- Now's the time for early potatoes
- Jerusalem artichoke tubers can be

planted, 30cm apart

Member Recipe - Stuffed Dates

Salty-sweet cannot be beat! Funky, creamy blue cheese stuffed inside a sweet date is such a great combo.

Ingredients: 15 to 20 pitted dates, 1/2 cup (70g) crumbled goodquality blue cheese, bacon

How to: Cut a slit into side of each date, exposing the cavity. Fill the cavity of the date with cheese. Wrap it in bacon & pop in the oven till bacon is crisp. Serve warm.

MEMBER NOTES...

- We still seek a member with a tow bar we have sourced a small, used trailer which will allow us to bring manure etc to the garden. Let us know if you can help.
 Fuel costs will be reimbursed.
- Chilli jam still available £3.80 for 'blow your socks off' deliciousness!
- Following on from January's newsletter, we still seek people to help out with each of the volunteering activities within the garden - grass cutting, compost, watering rota, maintenance, growing group, crafts and others. Please let Nikki know what you can step up and help with over the coming months. Even a little will make all the difference!
- I do not have a record of a lot of existing members' contact details, a link to our form will be sent out, please complete when you receive this so our records are up to date for Heath & Safety purposes.

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