



October Newsletter

The weather is cooling down fast now after a warm dry September, so it is time to harvest the last of your crops and start preparing for next year.

Take out the last of the main crop potatoes, any exposed to light may have gone green. The green potatoes contain a poisonous alkaloid, Solanine, which may cause stomach upset if eaten. As a rule of thumb dispose of any potatoes which more than a third has gone green, but otherwise just store them in complete darkness and in a month or so they will no longer be green.

You can still plant out overwintering onions and garlic which we have a few left for sale. Red and white onion sets at £1.50 for 50 (3p each) or garlic at £1.75 a bulb which will split into 10/12 cloves each. For those who have ordered onions and garlic they are here for collection

You can also plant overwintering broad beans such as Aquadulce which will give an early crop next year. All your beans should finish this month; any large beans can be dried out at home and planted next year.

If you are growing Brussels sprouts earth up a couple of inches around the base to reduce wind rock which can damage the roots. It is also time to start to prepare for next year so as the ground becomes bare as you take crops out, weed and cover the ground with manure or compost and allow the worms to drag it into the soil. We have plenty of compost available in compost bin 6 and the bottom of the site and I'm trying to arrange a manure delivery

It is worth starting to plan for next year crops and try to rotate crops around your plot to reduce pest build up, also different crops use differing plant nutrients.

We are also taking orders for seeds from the Kings catalogue with 30% discount on all seeds. I have several catalogues on the cabin but all orders need to be received by 25th October. So you will need to pop in to collect a catalogue and order form and get back to me before the 25th October.

Our Halloween event will be bigger and better than ever. We are after donations towards the raffle anything greatly received. We will also be firing up the pizza oven. So please try and support us and bring your friends and family down to the event.

Our annual theatre trip this year is to see 101 Dalmatians at the Birmingham Rep. 29th December 2016. Tickets £15.00 each includes transport to and from Birmingham. Leave Goscote Greenacres at 12.30pm return by 6.00pm. Last few tickets remaining

Limited places so you need to book with Paul Mason 07432625923
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Goscote Greenacres



HALLOWEEN EVENT

Sunday 29th October

1 - 4.30pm



Pumpkin Carving

Apple Bobbing

Ghost stories

Art activities



BBQ

Fancy Dress

Fishing Competition Awards

Bouncy castle

Disco

All Welcome to attend

Goscote Greenacres Community Garden,
Goscote Lane. (next door to hospice)
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