

BRAEHEAD COMMUNITY GARDEN



NEWSLETTER - MAY 2024

PLANT SALE



Our annual **Plant Sale** is this **Saturday, 11th May, 10am - 2pm**. Our Growing Group have been busy since January bringing on wonderful flowers, veg, fruit and herbs for both members and the community to buy.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with teas, welcoming visitors to the garden etc... and are also seeking baking donations. Please see Nikki if you can help on the day or drop baking off on Fri eve or Sat morning.

Plants are also available for members to buy from now.

MAY SOCIAL EVE - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

On Friday 31st May, we will be joined by Iain Guthrie and his guitar for our social evening in Polytunnel 3. Bring your own food, snacks, drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). Families & kids welcome! Doors open 6pm, music from 7pm.



Welcoming our new members...

Aneta, Szymon. Ewa, Zofia, Yvonne, Suzanne and Jessica!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the garden

UPCOMING EVENTS

Plant Sale

Sat 11th May, 10am - 2pm

Social Eve

Fri 31st May, from 6pm, polytunnel 3

Social Eve

Fri 28th June, from 6pm, families & kids welcome

Horticultural Show - How To Present Your Veg session

*Sun 14th July, 10 - 12noon
Wed 17th July, 6 - 8pm*

Scotland's Garden Scheme - Open Garden at Braehead CG
Sun 4th Aug

HEN HELP

We secured funding last year to renovate our second chicken run so we can get more hens, have more eggs to sell.

We need help with this and will be hosting two work parties, no experience necessary!

Sat 18th May, 1 - 3pm

Sun 19th May, 10 - 12noon

If you can spare some time and an extra pair of hands, please come along.

THANKS!

We wish to send huge thanks to Forth Valley and Lomond CLLD funding for our new IBCs! They will make a great difference this summer.



We would also like to thank the pupils of St Modan's High School who have been out helping weed our garden, and they're not done yet!

May Garden Jobs

We finally have some heat in the atmosphere and our seedlings are starting to grow! Here are some tasks to keep you busy this month...

- Earth up potatoes, covering the shoots with soil as they appear
- Remove all strawberry runners, so plants put their full energy into fruiting
- Tie the stems of indoor tomatoes, cucumbers and aubergines to canes as they grow
- Hoe bare soil and hand-weed beds weekly, so weeds don't have time to establish and set seed
- Water thirsty crops such as tomatoes, cucumbers and courgettes regularly as the weather starts to warm up

MEMBER NOTES...

- There are still some membership fees & forms overdue. Please complete these and pay asap otherwise your bed will be reallocated. If you are having any issues please see Nikki
- A reminder that if paying for anything (eggs, plants, craft etc..) please fill in the sheet beside the card machine so John can tally our budgets and income.
- We have a couple of spaces for new trustees for the Trust / garden. If you are interested or wish to find out more contact Nikki or Aileen (aileen.m.hall@icloud.com)
- Please ensure you wash up all cups etc in the clubhouse before leaving
- There are first aid kits throughout the garden, if you need to use one please let Nikki or Alistair Kerr know so any accidents can be recorded.

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