



South Croydon Allotment Society

February 2024 Newsletter

Website: southcroydonallotment.com

Jobs for March

Continuing preparing or planning your allotment.

1. Cut back all dead wood from rose trees.
2. Cut back fruit bushes or plant new ones.
3. Weed & prepare beds
4. Sow seeds, broad beans, swiss chard, carrots peas, radish. Under cover you can sow aubergines, tomato, peppers & chillies
5. Plant early variety of potatoes

Reminders

- Shop opens Sunday 25th February 10-12pm
- **Please remember to pick up your potatoes, onion and seed orders from the shop.**
- General reminder plot inspections have started
- **Please be mindful of neighbours plots please cut any brambles which are over boundary.**
- If you would like to join the communal whats app group, please send an email to SCAScommittee@gmail.com
- **Please could you sow some additional seeds this year ready for the plant sale in late spring this would be much appreciated.**

Date for diary

Sat 16th/17 March - Bonfire
Sat 25th May - Plant sale
Sat 10th Aug- Open day

Supporting Charity

Our August Open Day contributions were given to a well-deserved charity Purley Food Hub who help many families in crisis with food parcels. They delivered 5,850 meals to 650 clients and family members in December. Helen Harris stated "We are most grateful for everyone's support. It is directly because of the fantastic support we receive from community organisations like SCAS. Means together - we can make a real difference to clients and their families currently facing real hardship". Below you can see Our Chairman Matthew Morris presenting the cheque of £515.00 to their Joint Chair Helen Haris and Volunteer Mel.



Maintenance to Road

Big Thanks goes out to Jo Thomas and her partner Ian for filling in the road holes, it took them a few days to complete but we appreciate their hard work & effort.

Welcome new plot holders

We would like to say a huge warm welcome to all new plot holders who have taken over in the last few months. These include the following: Miguel Coelho, Kevin O'Malley, Philip Daines, Darren Mundy, Alagersamy Rajamannar, Jigna Patel, Sonia Macdonald, Valentina Viene, Loretta Moreira, Ceajay Rowe, Caitlin Marchant, Zoe Shewell, Jana Assuncao, Anna Jackson, Deborah Rastall, Wendy Albuquerque, Matt & Vicky Turner, Eugen Tanase, Jane Howarth, James Lewis, Katie D'Almeida and Rene Pietrzyk.

Contact email addresses

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LEEK, BACON, KALE & BRUSSELS SPROUT HASH



Ingredients

Eggs
Leeks
10-15 Brussels sprouts thinly sliced
5-6 Kale leaves, stem removed thinly sliced
4 Bacon slices
1 cup of Potatoes diced
1 Lemon
2 tablespoons of Olive oil

Instructions

Prep all vegetables slicing and dicing.

Fill saucepan with water and bring to boil add eggs pre poach to make it a little easier.

Cook bacon in large skillet over medium heat until crispy, remove from pan, turn heat down too low to let pan cool slightly for 2 mins.

Add olive oil to pan, followed by leeks and potatoes, stirring them so they are mixed and coated with oil. Stirring to avoid burning, cook until leeks and potatoes are soft.

Add Brussel sprout slices, cook for additional 5 mins. During this time chop bacon into small pieces.

Add kale and bacon, cook until Kale is just starting to wilt and remove pan from heat. Add a few squeezes of lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste, top with poached eggs and enjoy!

Community page

Beautiful stunning rainbow pictures



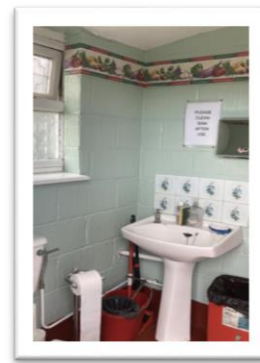
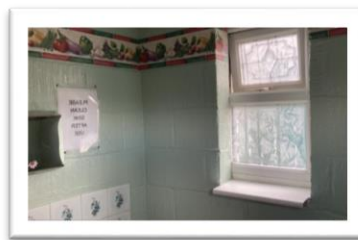
Thank you Mike Andrews & Linda Mchardy for the jaw dropping beautiful rainbow pictures. These were captured last week by 2 plot holders at separate times. If you have any pictures you would like to share please send them to us.

Whats App Group

We have a whats app group to share ideas, share photos, ask questions or generally need any help. If you would like to be added, please contact Sarah on sarahmalbert09@gmail.com

Toilet Refurbishment

Big thanks from everyone, what a marvellous job Terry Salter done on painting the toilet and fixing the ceiling.



Seeds Swap

If you have put seeds in already and have some spare, we have a seed swap in the shop please take a look. Let's help our newcomers out with sharing some seeds and given them a helping hand.

News letter

Newsletter if you would like to contribute with recipes or pictures, articles that you may think is relevant for our community please send me an email. We would also appreciate any feedback you have regarding the Newsletter.

Website

Please have a look at our new refined website, the info page is a very good read and interesting. Enjoy!

WILDLIFE AREA.

We were delighted to learn last autumn, that we have been given the ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S OUTSTANDING award for our Wildlife Area in 2023. This is the highest level achievable in the Your Neighbourhood London in Bloom judging. The Wildlife Area belongs to all of us, you can walk around it anytime you like, and it is only so good because plottolders volunteer to take part in occasional short, enjoyable work parties to maintain it



To increase the diversity of environments we provide, blue tit/great tit nest boxes have just been installed in the hazel hedge, and communal house sparrow nest boxes have been placed in the pyracantha bushes.



On the grass verge alongside the main allotment road, opposite the front pond on the Wildlife Area, there is a lovely spreading patch of Spring Cyclamen. It is flowering now, and well worth a view.



The hazel hedge was planted 11 years ago, using 12 inch high saplings. It is now 13 feet high and dense enough that we hope birds will feel that it provides adequate shelter. Please, if you see anything unusual in the way of wildlife on our site, or if you have any wildlife queries, contact me at nigelwilliams.allotment@sky.com, or ring 07710494096. Nigel Williams.