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Dear member

We hope this email finds you well and enjoying the wonderful summer weather we've been experiencing. Keep nurturing your fruit and veg and coaxing it into best possible shape for taking part in our Produce Show that's happening on Saturday 5th September. Always a bit of fun, and completely free to take part, why not join in and see if you can pick up a much-coveted MAGA rosette! The category list is attached. Or go to www.maga.org.uk News /upcoming events and print the form.



Plot Numbering

Please would all members note that it is a condition of your tenancy that your plot number is clearly displayed near the front of your plot (nearest to a major path). Thank you for your action on this matter.



Tree removal and/or pruning

We would also remind all members that pruning, pollarding or removal of trees or bushes (other than in the course of normal cultivation) from your plot is prohibited according to the terms of your tenancy agreement. The MAGA Committee will take unauthorised tree removal and/or pruning very seriously and your tenancy may be at risk of termination if you fail to observe these conditions. We will consider requests by members in respect of any unwanted trees or bushes, but remind all tenants that final decision rests with London Borough of Merton. Thank you for your consideration.



Height Barrier Key

We would like to update the list of members that have a key to the padlocks on the height barriers, either east or west side. Please can you email Margaret.rixon@gmail.com or drop a note into one of the mail boxes to confirm your name and plot number if you are a key holder.



Preschool visit to Martin Way Allotments

On Wednesday 8th July we hosted about 20 preschool children from Little Gates nursery in Raynes Park aged 2-4yrs. They had a lovely tour of west side and visited plots of our committee officers to learn about growing fruit and vegetables (including some tasting!). They had a short talk from Alison Pelikan all about Martin Way bees and each child left with a mini gro-bag with sunflower seeds to brighten up their classroom. Very many thanks to all who helped on the day particularly Margaret, Felicity, Jadzia, Phil and of course Alison.



Martin Way Allotments website is now live!

Our new website www.maga.org.uk is now fully operational and we're receiving regular requests to be added to our waiting list via the website. We're still in the process of tidying things up but invite you to set up a personal login ID and password from the home page and then post messages on our forum including items you want to sell – or buy! Or contact the committee, or even post some news of your own. Huge thanks to Phil Neale for getting our website up and running and looking so fabulous. Let us know if you have any suggestions for content or improvements.

Best wishes and *good growing*

Caroline Trumper (Chairperson, on behalf of MAGA Committee)