

Mortlake Community Association

Alder Road Community Garden Newsletter



Welcome to March - the real start of the gardening year!

We have had a very mild winter and an amazingly warm February and our daffodils were out during the whole month. The onions and garlic that we planted in the autumn have survived both the winter and the pigeons. The broad beans look very healthy too and are about eight inches high.

We cleared all the raised beds of weeds and winter debris, and prepared them all for sowing. We now have a new selection of vegetable seeds, bought half price with thanks to the allotment association at Hertford Avenue. So, we started off the new season by sowing beetroot and radish seeds as the soil felt warm and the forecast was for mild weather. We also took some lavender cuttings which are in the greenhouse for safe keeping.

It would be good to produce some flowers and vegetable plants, as we did last year, for Mortlake Fair at the end of June. We can start to sow more seeds in March, some outside and others under glass.

Unfortunately, the garage was broken into in January and the lawn mower taken. However, we still have the strimmer and the small lawn mower so we can manage with them. If we use them regularly, we can keep the weeds and grass well under control.

If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please do give them Robert's contact details, or invite them along to the next Wednesday session and they will be made very welcome.

**Our next gardening sessions at the Community Garden will be:
Wednesday March 6th and Wednesday March 20th
from 10.30 until 12 noon**