

Dear All,

1. **Heritage Varieties**

Tim and John W have been making some enquiries. Put some heritage crops at the end of the bed eg heritage types of carrot at the end of the bed if carrots. Garden Organic keeping seed library although the garden is being sold. Tim has a list of 5 different types of pea recommended by contacts at Hampton Court, so we'll grow some of those. Thomas Etti catalogue has a good list of seeds. Agreed John W's recommendations as follows:

Carrot - Long Red Surrey
Cos lettuce - White Paris
Lettuce - Black Seeded Simpson
Broad bean - crimson flower
Runner bean - Painted Lady
Tomato - Brandy Wine Yellow
Peppers - Golden Marconi
Salsify
Scorzonera

2. **Crab Apples**

John W has done some research but it doesn't look that simple. Normal suppliers don't have them and others are on root stock that grow to about 3-4 metres and others don't tell you which root stock or what size.

Action: Claire to contact Spring Reach Nursery to see what they can supply.

3. **Trees for the north boundary**

Agreed to plant the five oak tree seedlings. They will need collars.
Ray to enquire about getting another disease resistant elm.

4. **Poly tunnels and greenhouse useage**

Agreed to swap the crops over in the poly tunnels - cucumbers and tomatoes.

Agreed to plant two different types of cucumber, three beds of tomatoes with a variety of types.
Could underplant dwarf French beans under the cucumbers.

Peppers have long red Marconi, agreed to buy Golden Marconi and small ones.

Action: Claire to source chilli seeds - Cherry Bomb

Watering lances - agreed to buy one more.

Watering rota agreed and agreed to start in April.

Action: Ashley to set up a WhatsApp group and check with Michael about Wed evenings.

Action: Make repairs to plastic on polytunnels.

5. **Area by polytunnel covered in black plastic**

Agreed to plant the area with squashes and courgettes and remove the plastic as needed. Hand weed the bindweed as it appears. Need to keep some manure for the bed. Agreed to put the manure in rows and leave a wide border of plastic round the bed because of the bind weed.

6. **Manure**

When should the next delivery going to be? Unfortunately some of the beds aren't ready yet. Agreed to leave it a week as then the ground will be drier and we can get the delivery round the back.

7. **Tithe**

Agreed to plant extra carrots, courgettes, Little Gem and Charlotte potatoes specifically for the tithe.

8. **Fruit cage**

The fruit cage is going to be ordered this week.

9. **Incinerator**

Agreed to leave it another year and see how we go this year.

10. **Compost**

Action: Tim to buy more compost

11. **Modules**

Agreed to wait and see in a month's time to see if we need any more. Sowing to start this weekend.

12. **Netting**

Agreed to go through current supplies and assess what we have.

13. **Cold Frames**

Two of them need new netting. Need to find a damaged piece of fine mesh, cut a size and staple it on.

14. **Labelling**

Definite aim to improve labelling this year. Going to try pencils this year on the white plastic labels. Labelling tub needed in each planting area.

PS

King's Ginger recommended by John F.

See you at the garden
Justine