

Dear All,

Notes from 28 Jan 2019

Previous actions from 4 Sept completed

1. Seeds

Tozars now only do large packs of seeds, some of which come in packs of millions. John W to write to them explaining the situation, saying we'll get seeds from elsewhere. Already have a Kings wholesale account. Moles seeds - Claire has a wholesale account if we want to make an order. Endamame are on order.

Potatoes- 5 types of 1st early - Winston, Casablanca, Red Due of York, Swift, Rocket. 25kg Cara have been ordered and Pink Fir

2. Review

Sow more leeks. We've been eating a lot of earlies, rather than lates.

Broad beans, onions and garlic all looking okay. Let's hope the snow isn't too bad.

Main crop carrots, plant fewer next year

Parsnips poorly germinated, so we need more next year. Need a mix of gladiator and javelin

Celeriac was great

Purple and white sprouting broccoli are good

Sprouts were better this year. Do one bed fewer this year.

Curly kale has been good

Onions - smaller but we ran out quickly because of the size. Could move the artichokes and put them next to the rhubarb and then we can plant more onions. Could possibly grow some over the daffodils.

Will split up blackberries rather than buy any more

Polytunnel- salad disappointing but there is some. Have planted some broad beans, kolrabi.

3. **Black plastic** - have looked under it and it's looking pretty good so will plant squashes there next season

4. Fruit is being pruned. No manure this year as last year there was a lot of growth and it was hard to find the fruit. Agreed to plant peas this year rather than more fruit.

5. Worms - need to buy some early this year.

6. Asparagus - move them to where the courgettes have been

7. Compost bins - to cover or not? Jeremy does recommend covering. Could possibly add another bin to the side.

8. Kiwi to be purchased and put in. Grapes already planted on pergola.

9. Aubergines - trying 3 different processes - plant some in polytunnel, in pots and outside. JW to get some grafted ones.

10. Oak tree stump to be ground out and Limes to be pollarded. Awaiting tree surgeon. Squashes to be planted in the area that used to be covered by the oak tree.

11. JW to get some more mesh. Claire mentioned Cozytex as an alternative to enviromsesh. Will need more mesh as we will be growing more brassicas.

12. Paths - discussion on how to proceed. Claire mentioned doing either black plastic or woodchip, not both. Must replace every couple of years. Use our own woodchip from the limes. Agreed to remove plastic and put woodchip instead. Put paper or cardboard under woodchip.

13. Water barrels - are we going to use them. If so, how?

14. Tool stations - what are we going to use them for? Is it a mix of tools or separate areas? Hoes and rakes are needed.

15. Greenhouse- we have a broken pane of glass. Ashley to replace.

Action

Write all labels before sowing the seeds

JW to write to Tozars

Dig over artichoke bed, again

Take up black plastic, dig up bind weed along the margins

Two double rows of peas will go in the fruit cage

Review buying more caging for peas

Claire to provide some worms

Move worms to the side of the compost bins

Bob to buy more worms

Clear the courgette bed, Ray to buy some more asparagus and plant in the bed

Tim - following up Aubergines with Wisley

JW to work out location for aubergines outside

Clean out polytunnel

Justine to re-do the price list

Next pea stick session 12 Feb - Robin organising

Buy some more hoes and rakes. Might be worth approaching the new manager at Squires. Wolf direct is a good site.

Ashley to repair greenhouse

Also buy some more Tub Trugs

Claire - buy nail varnish

See you soon

Justine