



March 2021

NEWSLETTER

Egham Garden & Allotments Association



Well, at last there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel which isn't an oncoming train!! It's great that finally we are moving out of lockdown and can soon once again enjoy the freedom to do as we wish. For many of you this may have been a very difficult and trying year but it is important to remain positive and look to the future with renewed hope.



I look forward to welcoming everyone back to our monthly meetings just as soon as the Day Centre is allowed to reopen.



Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership for this current year and for those who still want to make payment then you can send a cheque to me at 30 Strode Street, Egham, Surrey TW20 9BT payable to EGAA or alternatively please call me on 07790 273225 or 01784 431019 and I can let you have the Club bank details to make an online payment (see membership area on the website: <https://www.egaa.org.uk>)



Unfortunately, Stephen Williams has suffered some health issues of late

and so work on the new website has been delayed but hopefully it will be fully functional very soon. I am still looking for articles and/or photos to include on the website so if you have anything to contribute please email me.



In conjunction with Marie Curie Cancer Care Janet held her Daffodil Day table sale outside her house on Saturday 27th March which was very successful. This followed on from the successful day she had last year just before Boris announced the first lockdown.

Thank you to everyone who contributed items for sale and for their time in helping throughout the day. There was a steady stream of people who came along and I am pleased to say that the brilliant sum of £300 was raised to be divided equally between EGAA and Marie Curie.

In "normal" times Janet works hard to raise money for Marie Curie and it is to her credit that she came up with the idea of a joint venture and hopefully next year she can build on the event she has created as a means to raise much needed funds for the Club.



The photographs on the right are of The Daffodil Day held on 27th March in the garden of Janet and Bernard Hales at 9 Strode Street, Egham in conjunction with Marie Curie Cancer Care.



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SPRING SALE
15th May 2021
in the forecourt
of the United
Reform Church



We are planning to hold our usual **SPRING SALE** on Saturday 15th May on the forecourt of the United Reform Church. We will continue to observe the usual distancing rules and are grateful to the Church for allowing us to use their space.

Obviously we need lots of plants, produce or other gardening related items to sell so do please let me know if you have anything to donate and I can arrange collection or you can drop them off on the day. Additionally, any offers of help on the day will be gratefully received.

Given that during lockdown more and more people have turned to gardening we have the potential to have a reasonably profitable day.



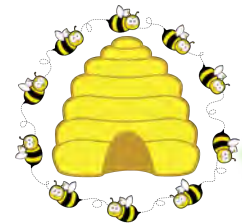
MAGNA CARTA DAY
Saturday 26th June 2021



This will be followed on Saturday 26th June by **MAGNA CARTA DAY**. This date takes us just out of lockdown and although, as one of the Organisers, I have to advise it will probably be a slightly scaled down event (at least entertainment wise) I am hopeful that we will have a good turnout on the day.

To find out more about Magna Carta click on the Magna Carta Day link below:

<https://www.magnacarta-day.co.uk>



HOME MADE HONEY
& BEESWAX

Margaret has her home made honey and beeswax to sell so if you would like some just give her a call on 01344 842657.



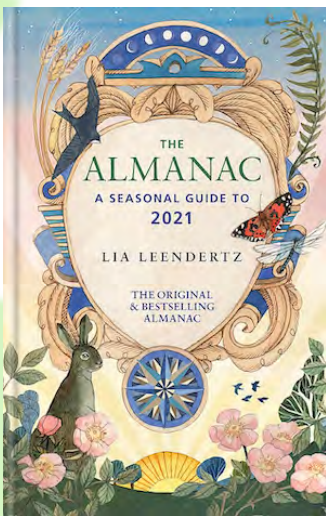
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THE MOON GARDENER'S ALMANAC 2021



The Moon Gardener's Almanac 2021 : by Therese Tredoulat. Discover a new way of gardening - this is a practical month by month guide which makes it easy to plan your sowing and planting around the lunar calendar. Gardeners and farmers have been using moon phase gardening for ages and this book has some beautiful illustrations, simple diagrams and space to add your own notes.



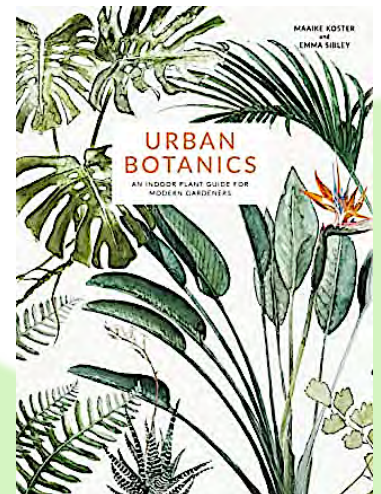
This book is available on [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk), and it retails for £7.56 for a hardback version.



URBAN BOTANICS: An Indoor Plant Guide for Modern Gardeners

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WHO KNEW THAT JAPANESE KNOT WEED COULD BE USEFUL TO GARDENERS!



Who knew ??? Japanese Knotweed could be used to help gardeners. A specialist knotweed removal company is working to develop a system that transforms waste knotweed into biochar, a charcoal-based soil improver.

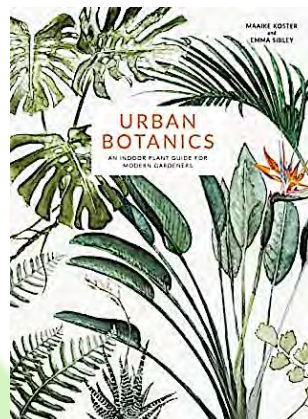
Therefore, instead of sending it to a specialist landfill once it has been dug out, knotweed could end up enriching gardens!



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Who knew ??? Inspired by a love of nature, Ecolif3 is a small family business making sustainable products that are both effective and easily affordable. The plantable notebook includes a cover made from biodegradable eco-paper and is embedded with seeds. Once the notebook is finished, the cover is planted in a pot of soil and watered well. As the paper composts away, a beautiful mix of flowers will grow. The notebook comes with a plantable pen. *Plantable Notebook and Pen* £7.50 – www.etsy.com/uk/shop/EcoLifeGreen



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