

## April/May 2018: A Quick Word On Your Data



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### This Is Important: Please Read



Keeping in touch via e-mail is very easy and inexpensive. We hope you appreciate your regular FEDAGA Newsletter as it allows members of the Edinburgh allotment community to pass on relevant information. Recent EU legislation, the General Data Protection Regulations will come into force on 25th May. You will probably have seen e-mails from other organisations asking for your permission to keep your details on their database. This information is your property and your permission must be secured to allow it to be held.

However, if the information is not for marketing purposes, if the subscriber has expressly signed up for the purposes of being kept in touch and if e-mails contain a clear “unsubscribe” option these regulations don’t apply. FEDAGA believes that this is the case with our Newsletter. Consequently, we believe the new law does not require us to seek your permission to keep you on our database.



The only information held is the e-mail address. There are no names, addresses, bank account details, or anything else at all.

Our database is solely used for distributing this Newsletter. The database is administered by FEDAGA and held by our publisher MadMimi who undertake to guard it securely and not sell it to any third party.

The Newsletter sometimes contains information on special offers advertised by third parties but these are only carried if they are deemed to be of potential benefit to members. FEDAGA does not benefit financially and does not sell advertising space. Our own trading schemes will either cover our costs or generate a small profit which is shared with affiliated site associations or used to fund other activities such as the Allotment Show. FEDAGA is a non-profit organisation entirely run by volunteers solely for members’ benefit.

The Kings Seeds scheme is administered by Kings and they are responsible for that separate database.



We have concluded that FEDAGA does not require to seek permission at this time by examining various commentaries on the legislation such as this:

<https://shadow.cat/blog/mark-keating/2018/007-GDPR-12/>

If anyone reading this has a different understanding of the legislation please [get in touch](#) as we would be grateful to receive advice on this. None of us are lawyers.

You may be interested in MadMimi's statement here:

<https://help.madmimi.com/what-is-gdpr-and-how-does-it-affect-me/>

This contains information on how subscribers can disable tracking information that helps us to see how the Newsletter is being used. (This basically allows us to know how many people are opening the Newsletter which helps us to see if it is worthwhile producing it.)

Remember that registration for the Newsletter is not the same as membership of FEDAGA. The City of Edinburgh Council takes subscriptions from council-owned site members along with their annual rent. This money is eventually passed on to us and on to the site associations. Independent sites affiliate directly. Plotolders on these sites are affiliated through membership of their site association.

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## Dundee Food And Flower Festival



The Dundee Food and Flower Festival 2018 will be held at Camperdown Country Park, Coupar Angus Road, Dundee from Friday 31 August to Sunday 2 September. It is a prestigious show and one of the largest to be held in Scotland. More information [here](#).

The National Vegetable Society are holding the Scottish Branch Championships in Camperdown Country Park at the same time. Their members produce marvellous examples of well cultivated vegetables - well worth seeing.

I have been asked by FEDAGA to organise a day trip to the show for allotment holders. At the moment I am arranging our transport in an air

conditioned luxury coach from Edinburgh to the show and I will provide you with more details in the near future.

Watch this space!

*Muriel Horsburgh, Lady Road Allotments*

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**Help FEED THE 1000  
on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Please donate any surplus  
fruit and veg by placing it in  
the collection box**

**Kat and her team of volunteers will collect any  
items between now and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of May.**

Changeworks and partners will then transform  
the food into a fantastic FREE Sunday lunch to  
raise awareness of food waste in society.

Lunch will be served from noon to 3pm at:  
Out of the Blue Drill Hall, Dalmeny Street. Leith  
The Leith Community Croft  
The Citadel Youth Centre

**Need a collection?**

**Call Kathleen on 0790 967 3171**

**Or email:**

**[kvaughn@changeworks.org.uk](mailto:kvaughn@changeworks.org.uk)**

*Waste less*  
*Save more*

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The March issue contained the above notice and site representatives have been invited to make arrangements to collect veggies for the Feed The 1000 event on Sunday the 6th. FEDAGA's Dave Roberts will pick up donated produce on Wednesday the 3rd - so get your skates on! To arrange for an uplift contact us [here](#). You can read more about the event [here](#).



## Big Bee News



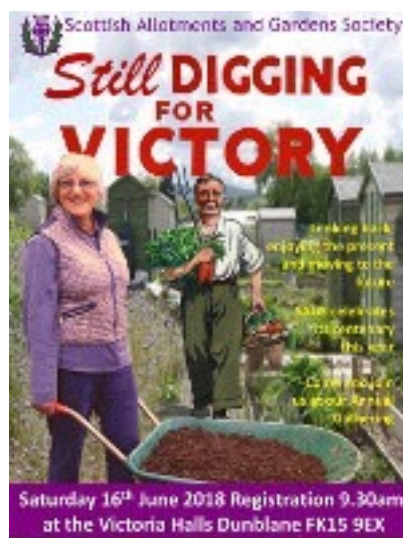
The EU has approved a [total outdoor ban](#) of the world's most widely used insecticides because of the danger they pose to bees. The ban on neonicotinoids is expected to come into force at the end of 2018.

A few Edinburgh allotments now have bee hives on site. If you are on a Council site and would like to set up a hive you must seek permission from the [Allotment Officer](#) who will assess the possibility of this and advise you on how to proceed. It's worth knowing in advance that you will have to be a trained and accredited bee keeper and will also need to get the permission of all surrounding ploholders.

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## Scottish Allotments Updates

The latest issue of the Scottish Allotments and Gardens Association (SAGS) Newsletter can be read [here](#). It contains interesting articles about starting up a self-managed site, Inverleith at 100, earthworms and "seed sovereignty" amongst much else.



This year's **Annual Scottish Allotments Conference and AGM** will be held in the **Victoria Halls, Dunblane** on **Saturday June 16th**. The entire day is a celebration of the value of Scottish allotments and 100 years of the Scottish Allotments and Gardens Society.

Following the launch of the Centenary Booklet by Dr. Hannah Connelly there will be a series of presentations looking at Growing from the First World War to modern times and into the future. All the contributors are experts who are enthused by the benefits delivered by 'Grow Your Own'.

There will be an excellent sandwich lunch and the break will be a good opportunity for networking and talking to the representatives of organisations at their stalls.

The conference will end with a live demonstration of building a web site and newsletter system for an allotment association. A full programme can be downloaded [here](#). All plotholders are cordially invited to attend the AGM which will be held after the conference has ended. Attendance at the conference is free and open to everyone interested in allotments. However for catering purposes it would be very helpful if people would [register in advance](#). Please e-mail your registration details to [the SAGS Treasurer](#).

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## Research Into Soil Nutrition: Volunteers Wanted



A request has been received from a 2nd year horticulture student at SRUC Edinburgh. She is writing a research report on the advantages of dig and no dig on allotments and the effect on soil nutrition and plant growth. As part of this she needs to gather soil samples from different allotment sites. She is looking for volunteers willing to allow soil samples to be taken from their allotments. Please help her with her research by getting in [contact](#) with FEDAGA.

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## Small Ads

FEDAGA has been contacted by Gary McGirr who runs a stall selling Vegan food called [Vegan Sauvage](#). He has a greenhouse, polystyrene boxes, planter trays for recycling and has asked if there is any member interested in taking up his offer. Interested? Click [here](#).



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ALLOTMENTS AND  
GARDENS ASSOCIATIONS



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for instructions on how to register for the  
scheme and place your order.**

Seed Potatoes and Onion Sets should be ordered through your site rep  
through the annual Potato/Onion trading scheme. Place your order in the  
autumn for February delivery. Contact your Site Rep. or enquire via  
[committee@fedaga.org.uk](mailto:committee@fedaga.org.uk)

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