



Tattie Boiling - tomorrow

Our annual potato homage and get together is tomorrow, **Saturday 28th July at 2pm.**

It's a great opportunity to meet other ploholders, boil up a few potatoes and discuss all that is good about growing your own. Try to bring a few of you own favourite variety along and let peple have a taste.

We've a two ringed stove which should be enough to keep the potatoes coming all afternoon. Bring a bottle too if you wish.

Pond and Compost Area Tidy Up

Huge thanks are due to Seona, Rose, Maggie and Ian who have tidied the pond area ready for the tattie boiling. The compost area has also had a make over to remove the frankly, antisocial heap of weeds left on top of the compost area.



Let's try to be a bit more thoughtful and not dump weeds on top of or beside the communal compost bins. Remember that your fellow ploholders end up clearing up after you - so let's not do it in the first place. Please?

Lost and Found, continued

Another Lost Ring - and another happy ending - with a little help from my friends.

Nigel Buchan reports...

My brother was visiting from France and was keen to do some hill walking. On Sunday 15th July the weather was a bit iffy so we decided to do an easy hill and headed up Ben Vrackie. After enjoying some mizzle at the top I tested the water in Loch a'Choire on the way down. Warm enough for a swim and I had my togs with me!



Loch a'Choire

I always take my wedding ring off when swimming in case I lose it, so gave it a tug. It shot off and disappeared into the heather. We searched for an hour but couldn't find it anywhere! My brother was getting cold so we headed home.

I contacted Stuart (of course) to see if he knew anyone with a metal detector. He suggested I contact the Scottish Detector Club. Helpfully they reckoned that even a basic detector could locate a ring that hasn't been buried. Luckily a friend knew someone who had just been given one as a birthday present.

We set off again with Al Grieve on the following Tuesday, which also happened to be a much better day for the hills. While Alan described the hills you could see from the top of Ben Vrackie to my brother, I spent an hour or so searching amongst the heather next to the loch, finding a couple of coins, a ring pull and even a tiny fragment of tin foil, but no ring.

It wasn't until they returned and Alan mentioned that he often dropped plectrums and they didn't always end up where he expected them to be that I searched behind where I thought it had fallen. A couple of beeps later I found it amongst some sphagnum moss, hidden below some

heather. The ring had enjoyed a couple of nights at 530m and it felt very good to have it back on my finger, thanks to my friends.



Found - and wish they hadn't...

An interesting story has emerged from allotments in Silverburn Park in Leven, Fife.

Someone found a hand grenade on the allotment site opened last year. They took it to the police who said it was a practice grenade and nothing to worry about. Apparently Polish soldiers used the ground during WW2.

Then another was found and someone went to the papers, who went to the military who said it was for real. Bomb Disposal exploded the pair of them.

Then another turned up.

The site was originally created using heavy equipment to plough and scrape it all flat. Incredible that nothing went off then. The site is now closed. No one is allowed to dig and Fife Council is paying for a full site clearance involving all sort of ground detection radar and whatever. Crops will be picked and returned to plot holders as each plot is investigated.

Be thankful it's just rabbits at Inverleith.

Best wishes from Stuart McKenzie and the Inverleith Committee

Important Dates for your Diary

Tattie Boiling - Saturday 28th July at 2pm

Inverleith Show - Sunday 26th August

Inverleith Festival of Walking and Cycling - Sunday 2nd September

Helpers needed please!! Reply if you can spare some time. Thanks.