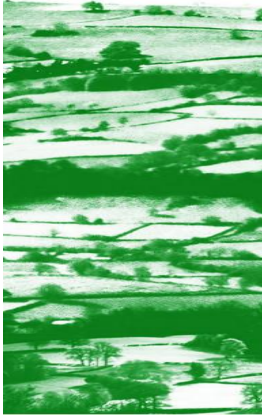


ONE MILLION TREES / TREES ON THE LAND



Trees on the Land is a cross-border initiative working to establish young native trees across the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Friarstown Allotments is the next location for their planting efforts, This weekend, February 9th & 10th. will see the arrival and planting of hundreds of hedging trees, shelter belt trees, woodland trees and some apple trees for a community orchard on site.

This will no doubt be a welcome additional feature.

Summer Radishes

A good early springtime planter is radish seed. They don't like hot temperatures, 18^o & up, which is great with our climate. You will yield a nice harvest before your summer has even started. Harvesting radishes early facilitates other crops which will then use the freed up space!



DIARY DATE

Cuppa Event

Saturday, March 10th.
2018

10:00am-12:00pm



Enjoy a Cup of Tea & a Chat

Chance for new & returning holders to get together, welcome in the new season & look forward to the year ahead.

The Emergency – Rationed Food

During the war, out of necessity, peoples' gardens were often used as allotments families grew their own as best they could. Largely dependent upon Britain, where rationing was extreme, food shortages were part and parcel of our daily lives. The usual staples such as potatoes, turnips and carrots were the norm.

Few though they were some were able to keep a chicken or even a pig. Daily diets included tea and bread but shortages of wheat meant that a version called “Black Loaf”, (poor in nutrients) was commonplace but not liked and not good. Hunger was becoming an issue. Do you have any stories or memories about this time?

Let us know, if you have any such stores which may get a mention in our new **“Memory Lane”** feature coming in our next issue in **April 2018!**

3rd. Annual Open Day

Friarstown Allotments

Saturday, July 28th. 2018

Noon to 4:00pm

As last year, we want you to consider participating in this coming Open Day at the end of July. It is an opportunity to showcase and to compete. Categories will largely be the same as before, best site, best root vegetables, preserves etc., prizes on offer and a photo-opportunity in our very own local newspaper, The Echo. So get your skates on and help make this year the best ever!

Laugh a Little



- Why shouldn't you tell a secret on a farm?
- Because the potatoes have eyes and the corn has ears!!

- What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?
- Straw-berries!

See you in April, '18, send us your news!
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