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Dear gardeners,
For most of us, the gardening season is drawing to a close. Not that you can't garden anymore—somehow there is always something to do. Further along in this newsletter, you will find some tips and tricks for the coming months. Also, a brief look back at a very successful BBQ, and a few other interesting facts. Happy reading!



Cancelling your plot?

Are you doubting whether you want to continue with your garden next year? Make your decision quickly. If you decide to stop after this year, you must cancel before November 15th next. If you do so later, you are required to pay the rent for the following year. You can cancel by sending an email to secretaris@oudebogten.nl

Keep in mind that if you are going to stop with your garden, you must first clean and clear it yourself—whether or not with help from your own network—in accordance with our regulations. Otherwise, we cannot rent it out again. You have until December 31st at the latest to do this.

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Save the date: October 31st 12:30h lunch in the clubhouse

Will you also join us on the last day of October for a delicious lunch with pumpkin soup, and a hamburger or a sausage? Then please **register by October 27th** at the latest via secretaris@oudebogten.nl
Children and partners are also welcome. The costs are **€ 2.50 p.p.** Please transfer this amount upon registration to NL58 RABO 0320 3373 40. Please mention the number of people and your plot number.




2nd General Members Meeting (ALV) of the year

Put it in your calendar already: Saturday, **November 21st,** we will hold our 2nd ALV of the year. We will do this in the clubhouse from **14:00h to max. 15:30h**. We will email the agenda soon.



Water pump out of service around November 1st

The water pump will be turned off again at the end of October/beginning of November, meaning there will no longer be water on the taps. Fill your rain barrel or a few watering cans if necessary.When frost sets in, the taps will be turned halfway open again, and they must remain that way until the chance of frost has passed.



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Lookback: a very successful barbecue!

Saturday, October 3rd last, was the annual BBQ at Allotment Association De Oude Bogten; a cozy and well-attended barbecue. With beautiful late summer weather, over 50 members gathered for an afternoon full of meeting and relaxation. There was plenty of delicious food, from tasty barbecue dishes to nice side dishes (including from Mrs. Gurel), which everyone visibly enjoyed. The good turnout and the relaxed atmosphere ensured that it became a particularly successful gathering. In short: a cozy afternoon where members could speak extensively with each other again and enjoy good food and good company together.





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Tips & tricks for the coming months in your vegetable garden

In the coming months, the vegetable garden shifts down a gear, but you certainly don't have to sit still! This is what you can do in the coming period to start next year with a head start:

- **Harvesting from the cold:** Enjoy fresh kale, leeks, brussels sprouts, parsnips, and the last pumpkins now.
- **Planting now for spring:** October and November are the ideal months to put garlic, winter onions, fruit trees, and berry bushes into the ground.
- **Protecting the soil:** Cover empty beds with a thick layer of compost or autumn leaves (mulching) to keep the soil warm and fertile. Worms will get to work to mix this layer into the soil during the winter.
- **Tools & maintenance:** Clean tools, prune fruit trees during frost-free weather, and protect winter vegetables from the cold with fleece covers.
- **Remove nest boxes** from their spots and empty them (with gloves on!). Old nesting material, unhatched eggs, and other clutter can harbor diseases, so wash the boxes out with hot water before hanging them back up.
- **Does anything still need to be repaired?** Check for damage to raised beds, garden sheds, and compost bins, and protect them if necessary with a new layer of stain or paint. Replace rotting fence posts so your fence doesn't blow over during winter storms. Also make sure the roof of your garden shed doesn't leak and replace broken glass panels in your greenhouse.
- **Is everything stored away properly?** Prevent the wind from running off with your belongings.
- **Check plastic tunnel greenhouses.** Is everything firmly secured, is nothing broken? Remove the plastic cover if necessary. It would be a shame if you get damage or if your neighbors get damage because of this. Any costs that the board has to incur due to negligence of members will be charged to the members concerned. The frame can in principle remain standing (provided it is sturdy!).
- **Take (bags of) waste home with you or compost the green waste.** Do NOT leave bags lying in the garden; this only attracts vermin and nobody wants that.
- **Leave plants with decorative seed heads standing,** as they provide seeds for birds, while the dead stems and leaves offer shelter to, for example, insects.
- **Garden covered with nets?** Prevent them from collapsing under a potential layer of snow. Detach and roll them up where possible.
- **Making plans:** Is it really too cold outside? Curl up nicely on the couch inside with a warm mug of tea, and sketch out the garden plan for next year already!

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Suffered from Phytophthora?

Many gardeners grow potatoes and/or tomatoes. Phytophthora is then always a risk. It can ruin your entire harvest. What you might not immediately think about is that it can easily spread to other gardens. It spreads via the wind, through rain, or by watering/sprinkling with contaminated water and contaminated soil. Never throw your affected plants onto the compost heap! Put them in a bag, take them home, and throw them in the residual waste.
Tip for next season: choose good, resistant varieties!

Proceeds Rabo Club Support

This year we participated in the Rabo Club Support campaign again.
We received an amount of € 257.- from Rabobank. Unfortunately a bit less than in 2025; back then the proceeds were € 333.-. To everyone who voted for our association: THANK YOU!



First Aid (EHBO) working group

An accident is easily waiting to happen and then you can sometimes use some help. We have a First Aid working group within our association. They have created an infographic on how you can request medical help if you need it. This infographic hangs in the notice board next to the entrance of the clubhouse. A list of the members of the First Aid working group and their plot numbers hangs there as well. You will be able to recognize the gardens of the First Aiders by a First Aid sign. These will be placed very soon. You can also find the infographic in the email concerning this newsletter. **Read it through carefully, so you know what to do if you need medical help.**



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Coffee hours season almost over

Until the end of October, coffee can in principle still be drunk in the clubhouse on a number of days if the weather is good.
Monday 10-11 hours.
Thursday 10-11 hours
Friday: 10-11 hours
Saturday: 10-11 hours
Sunday: 10-11 hours.

In November only on Sundays, provided that Joop and Tim are working on chores. And after that, it's waiting for spring again!

