

# THE ALLOTMENT YEAR

This is a very rough timing guide to sowing and planting vegetables in the UK, even within the UK, the climate varies, so due allowance must be made for local conditions.

## January

Sow Early Peas and Broad Beans in the soil in mild areas, protect with cloches

Sow Bulb Onions seeds under glass

## February

Continue to sow Early Peas and Broad Beans in mild areas

Sow early Carrot seeds in a cold frame

Sow Bulb Onions and Lettuces under glass

Sow Beetroot, Spinach and Carrots in the soil, protect with cloches

Sow Parsley in the soil unless the weather is cold or wet

## March

Sow Lettuces, Radishes and Spring Onions in the soil

Sow Summer Cabbages, Leeks and Brussels Sprouts in a seed bed

Sow Tomato seeds in trays or pots and keep at 18°C (65°F)

Sow Beetroots, Carrots and Turnips in the soil

Plant Early Potatoes and Onion Sets from mid month providing the soil is not excessively wet

## April

Continue to sow Lettuces, Radishes and Spring Onions in the soil

Sow Cucumbers, Marrows, Pumpkins and Squashes under glass

Sow Winter Cabbages and Late Summer Cauliflowers in a seed bed

Continue to plant Onion Sets

Plant out Onions grown from seed under glass into the soil

Plant Main Crop Potatoes

Plant Onion Sets and Potatoes in the middle of the month unless the soil is excessively wet

Plant Tomatoes in the greenhouse or in cold frame

## May

Continue to sow Lettuces, Radishes and Spring Onions in the soil

Sow French Beans, Runner Beans and Long Rooted Beetroot towards the end of the month

Plant out Late Summer Cauliflowers

Plant out Cucumbers, Marrows, Pumpkins and Squashes towards the end of the month

## June

Continue to sow French Beans, Peas and salad crops in the soil

Continue to plant out Cucumbers, Marrows, Pumpkins and Squashes

Plant out Brussels Sprouts and Winter Cabbages

Plant out Tomatoes

Plant out Leeks

Plant self Blanching Celery

## July

Continue to sow salad crops in the soil

Complete planting Brussels Sprouts, Leeks and Winter Cabbages

## August

Sow early Winter Lettuces and Spring Cabbages

Sow early Carrots. Order Manure if necessary.

## September

Sow Broad Beans, Spring Cabbages, Carrots and Lettuces under cloches

Sow 'green manure'

## October

Continue to sow Broad Beans and Lettuces under cloches

Plant out Cabbages

Plant Winter and Spring Lettuces

## November

Continue to sow Broad Beans under cloches. Continue to sow Lettuces under cloches

Sow Early Peas under cloches

Shallots can be planted from mid Nov-mid March

## December

Continue to sow Broad Beans, protect with cloches in colder areas

Tradition advises to plant shallots on the shortest day (22<sup>nd</sup> Dec this year) and harvest on the longest (20<sup>th</sup> June 2012)

Put you feet up on the 25th !!