



+ NEWSLETTER +

Autumn 2016 V7

Welcome to the Burley Model Allotments Newsletter

Annual Show

Well would you believe it!!! This year's show has been another great success. Congratulations to the Show Secretary and the Show Committee for again putting on another outstanding day. All of the Judges were again marvellous and our thanks go to Steve & Clare for running the cafe and also those who helped on the day. To you who attended and all you who helped on the day itself. There is more news of the show below.

Annual General Meeting

This year's A.G.M. was held on the 29th October 2016. The usual format was followed - there were reports from the Secretary and Membership Secretary, followed by the Treasurer's report and the election of officers to the Committee. There were some minor changes to the Rules that were agreed at the meeting. There is a full report about what happened at the A.G.M. later in this newsletter.

Details From the Show

The winners of each of the main classes are as follows:-

The Burley Model Shield – B. Raw
Eric Emm's Trophy – T. Handby
Joe Wray Trophy – S. Kind
Old Boys' Trophy – J. Flemming
The Bella Cup – B. Raw
Pickle Trophy - T & S Clipsham
Best in Show – B. Raw

BEST PLOTS AND BORDER

Best Newcomer – S. Kind – Plot 43

Best Full Plot

1st – T. Wilford Plot 116

2nd – F. Turpin Plot 88

3rd – D & S Wrigglesworth Plot 86

Best Half Plot

1st – C. Halliwell Plot 74b

2nd – D & H Whitehead Plot 19b

3rd – D Moss Plot 58b

Best Border

There was no Best Border competition this year due to a shortage of quality plots. A challenge for next year perhaps.....

Details From The A.G.M.

The following people were voted on to the Committee and as Trustees of the site.

- Chair: Vacant
- Vice Chair: Vacant
- Secretary: Iain Smith
- Treasurer: Helen White
- Membership Secretary: Frank Turpin
- Stores Manager: Tony Handby
- Show Secretary: Vacant
- Lettings Secretary: Lesly Best
- Archivist: Sue Hollington
- Publicity Officer: Keith Barrett
- Committee Member: Jo Hill
- Committee Member: John Dixon
- Committee Member: Eileen Handby
- Committee Member: Tim Wilford
- ❖ Trustee: Barry Raw
- ❖ Trustee: Tony Handby
- ❖ Trustee: Iain Smith

Needless to say "Thank You" to all who attended the above events.

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More Details from the Show

Thank you to all who entered and well done to all of you who won a rosette, in particular if this was your first time. And even more thanks are in order this time to all the volunteers who turned up to both put up and take down all the show paraphernalia. Once again a big thank you to everyone who made the effort to put an entry into the show. Here are a few of the highlights from this year's show. The number of entries this year was in excess of 300 from over 30 different entrants with most of these winning a place.

Annual Show 2017

Well would you believe it.... Here we are thanking you all for last year's efforts and we are now looking forward to next year's Annual Show. The date is the **3rd of September 2017** so please add this date to your diary for next year, another red letter date. Have no fear that this date will be bandied about in the next few Newsletters. It will of course be nice to see you all again and feel free to bring along your friends and family and anyone else you can think of. So don't be a stranger, come along and support the Annual Show. If you want to help in any way with the Show, pop in and see us in the Hut one Saturday morning.

Potatoes and Onions 2017

We are ordering the following potatoes and onions for next year.

First Earlies

- Homeguard
- Pentland Javelin
- Rocket

Second Earlies

- Charlotte
- Kestrel

Onions

- Sturon

Main Crop

- Cara
- Desiree
- King Edward
- Maris Piper
- Picasso
- Sarpo Mira

Shallots

- Yellow Moon

As yet we have no firm prices but all the above should be around the same price as last year and remember these are about the cheapest prices you will pay. We are a non-profit organisation so all the discounts we get are passed directly to you. As you know, the popular varieties tend to be snapped up pretty quickly, so pre-ordering is the way to go. Call into the Hut and fill in an order form. We should get the supplies of potatoes and onions sometime in February. So don't be shy, call in and have a cuppa and muse over what are the best (and no doubt the cheapest in town) that you will be growing in 2017.

Water to the Site



The water to the site has now been turned off. It will however reappear again in Spring. This is not only a joy and a thing of beauty and wonderment but avoids burst pipes in the winter. This year the toilets are fed from the rain water harvesting system and can still be flushed, the water supply to the sinks is turned off.



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More from the Annual General Meeting



The A.G.M. was held on the 29th October at 11.30 a.m. outside the hut and although the attendance was not staggering it was more than sufficient to hold the meeting. You never know, perhaps next year we may have a better turnout. Anyway, for those of you who could not attend, the usual format was followed; the Chair of the A.G.M. gave a brief introduction and went on (and on and on) before introducing the main participants

who would present their reports. This included the Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer who all gave statements to the meeting.

Secretary's Report

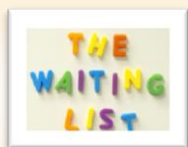
The Secretary outlined the events and achievements this year including:-

- The signing of the new lease with L.C.C.
- The repairs to the hut
- Coffee mornings
- Plant sales
- The Annual Show



The Secretary also went on to advise the meeting regarding upcoming events and improvements to the site including:-

- Renewal of the last two gates (dependent on grant money)
- Future Coffee mornings
- Annual Show



The Secretary also reported on the waiting list and how this has been managed this year. The current number of people on the waiting list is 38. The site has been full all year, from last July until this month where vacancies may occur due to non-payment of rent but that these will be let as soon as possible.

The Secretary also gave thanks to all who have helped with last year's achievements and all that will (hopefully) help to make next year just as successful.

Membership Secretary's Report



The Membership Secretary reported that we have 119 plots on the site and these are sub-divided to create 188 plots. There have been 9 vacant plots this year and these have been re-let with virtually no rent loss.

The Membership Secretary complimented the Lettings Officer on the efficient way the plots have been re-let. He went on to remind everyone at the meeting that this year's rent is to be paid by the 11th November 2016. All rents not paid before this date has to be paid for by the Association.

The Membership Secretary stated that we should collect £5,500.00 this year and of this Leeds City Council will receive £3,300.00 leaving a balance of £2,200.00 for the Association.

The Membership Secretary also gave thanks to everyone on the site who helped make his job easier, by delivering letters to plot holders who do not use email and others who (and they know who they are) who are essential in the running of the site.

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Treasurer's Report



The Treasurer's report was delayed until the outcome of the 6th Race at Ascot was known.....

The Treasurer circulated a separate report and queries regarding the format of the said report were answered. See document. BMAA accounts 12 - 15 (this is available on the website).

The treasurer went through the individual items in the report and also added a number of points, the main one being that, although the savings we have do look quite healthy, we do need to keep a working balance of £3,500.00 to repay key deposits.

However, although it is nice to be solvent and to have savings, we do not intend to keep increasing them year on year and requested ideas as to how



the members of the Association wanted the site improving. If there are any enhancements that would upgrade or develop the site in any way, then please

contact any members of the Committee by using the website or drop a note under the hut door. The Treasurer also thanked everyone for all their help during the past year.



Election of Officers

At this point the outgoing Committee resigned and a new one was elected. The new Committee and Trustees are listed on the first page of the newsletter.

Changes to the Rules

There were 2 proposed changes to the rules; the first after some discussion, had a new clause added and reads as follows

5.9 Each greenhouse left by an outgoing plot holder becomes the property of B.M.A.A. and that this will be leased to the new tenant at a cost of £10.00 per two foot run up to a maximum of £60.00. This payment is a lease and not a deposit no payment will be refunded. All payments must be made prior to taking up the new tenancy. All structures left on site are B.M.A.A. property and may be leased at their discretion, with the exception of a tenant transferring to a new plot or taking on an additional plot, where a payment has been made to the outgoing tenant.

The other Rule change is

7.11 On termination of their tenancy, plot holders are only able to claim the deposit for keys that are currently valid. No deposits will be refunded for "OLD" keys.

Both changes were agreed unanimously at the meeting and have now been added to the rules of the Association.

Any Other Business



A number of items were discussed including participation in the Yellow Book Scheme as well as holding an "Open Day" for "National Allotments Week" - it was felt that the National Allotments

Week is too near to the Show to participate. As for the "Yellow Book Scheme" it could already be too late for 2017 but it was agreed to look into this for 2018 and report back at next year's A.G.M. regarding this. It was proposed by HW and seconded by FT that the plant sale in June should be held as an open day this was discussed and agreed that with additional publicity that this could be achievable. This was agreed unanimously.



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A discussion was also held regarding visitors to the Annual Show strolling around and eating produce - it was agreed that signs will be put up on the gates and in the Show area to discourage people from this dastardly practice next year.



Then, just as we thought it was all over.....There were just a few more people to say "thank you" to and at last that was it, it really was all over. There were some people on the pitch and before we knew it the whole sordid affair was over and done with again for another year.

More Thanks from Us to You



Just in case you thought that we haven't said thank you enough a rather large **THANK YOU** goes to all of you who have helped this year with the running of the site. The committee manage the site on your behalf but without all the work put in by volunteers helping in the shop on Saturday mornings, with painting, hedge cutting, mowing the grass and helping to repair and maintain the hut, washing up, making the tea and coffee, delivering letters, cleaning, and generally helping on the site and it's not just the Generals, the Corporal's, Sergeants etc. all deserve praise (not going to mention Privates, oh you all know the old joke and if not make up your own). The list of things that you all help us with is endless and we would struggle without your help and assistance, so once again a big **THANK YOU** to you all.

Grants and Funding

We recently applied for a grant from Wade's Charity, to explain a little about them Wade's Charity originated in 1530 during the reign of Henry VIII when Thomas Wade left money in his will, which has since been added to by others, for the benefit of the people of Leeds. Now managed by a Trust - the monies produce an income, from which grants are offered to Leeds based charities and community groups. The Trust also owns many open spaces in Leeds such as Gotts Park and Middleton Park.



We have in the last few years received funding from the charity to renew the gates to the site. The latest bid for funding is to replace the last two gates on Beechwood Crescent and Lumley Place. We recently had a visit from a member of the charity's committee and explained what we have done in the past and what we required the grant for. We hope to know more about this in December after the trustees of the charity next meet.

And Finally

To keep in touch with what is happening on the site, please check the website and the noticeboards.

And a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all

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