



Burley Model Allotments

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Welcome to the Burley Model Allotments Newsletter

Summer 2017 v5

Annual Show 2017

This is the summer edition of the Burley Model Allotments Newsletter for 2017 and we are happy to let you know (if you don't already) that this year's Annual show will be held on **Sunday the 3rd September 2017**. So remember to add this red letter date to your diary. There will be a lot more news of the show later.

Coffee Mornings

The coffee mornings held on the 8th of April, the 13th of May and the 10th of June were all well attended and very successful. Thanks to everyone who came along and to all of you who helped out with these wonderful events, we are pleased to report that a total of £164.76 was raised by the three events.

Other items in this newsletter include

◆ LEEDS COPPICE WORKERS

- ◆ Bean Poles,
- ◆ Pea Sticks
- ◆ Garden Stakes



◆ New Website

- ◆ Check out the features on the new website



◆ Send us YOUR recipes

- ◆ Help us update the new website with your favourite recipes



◆ Security and Vandalism

- ◆ Please be vigilant as we've had a few break in's recently



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Annual Show 2017



The Annual Show to be held on Sunday the 3rd September 2017 is for the whole community and this year we would like as many as of you as possible to attend and contribute. We hope that the weather will be kind to us all in the time leading up to the Show and that things are growing well for you so far this year. The Show is open to all members of the Association. It is designed to allow more experienced growers, novices and beginners to show off their gardening ability in friendly competition with each other. Could all the lucky winners from last year please remember to return the trophies before this year's Show, just drop them off in the Hut one Saturday morning.

Don't just grow your vegetables, fruit and flowers, SHOW them! Become a Part of the Show!

Bring the best of your harvest to the Burley Model Allotments Association Annual Show. We welcome your entries; we will be astounded by your asparagus, benefit from your beans, care for your cabbage, enjoy your endive and relish your radish!!! To prove that there's more to life than veg we will appreciate by your apples, cherish your currants, be grateful for your gooseberries, treasure your tomatoes, and be pleased as punch with your pears. There are flowers to show as well; we will admire your asters, celebrate your chrysanthemum's and love your lilies. To prove we mean it, we won't mock your orange and yes we do give a fig. (The difference between knowledge and wisdom is to know that tomatoes are a fruit and to have the wisdom not to put them in a fruit salad). We hope that you will all rise to the challenge and enter as many items in as many classes as possible in our show. Help us to cram full the show tables with entries and saturate the marquee with colour and scent in the lovely surroundings that is Burley Model Allotments. So come along and bring your family and friends to see the show and admire the best flowers, fruit and vegetables from Burley Model Allotments Association.

Schedule 2017

The schedule should be familiar by now, it is more or less the same as in previous years but in case your'e growing new things this year as we all do from time to time, please be sure to take a fresh look at it. Copies will be available on the Website (in the Library and on the Annual Show pages) Printed copies will be available from outside the Trading Hut from late July. There will also be information and advice available for those who are novices at showing. Please check out the Notice Board and the Website Library for tips on how to show. Should you wish to know anything please get in touch with us in the Hut or contact the Show Secretary at the email below or use the Contact Us page on the website.



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Opening Times For The Show

Please submit your entries to the Hut at the following times.



Saturday

10.00AM - 4.00PM

Sunday

7.30AM – 10.00AM

There is no entry to hut area between 11.00AM – 2.00PM (except to Judges or Officials) the timings are not too precise as there is always some kind of emergency on the day!! A lost child, A lost adult, A lost mind, you get the idea...

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Staging

Entries should be staged by 10.00 a.m. on the day of the Show, this is to give the judges time to get round all the entries and give them due consideration prior to the opening of the show, which will be at 2.00 p.m.

The format is that on Saturday, you can register your entries (see opening times). Then on the Sunday, the day of the Show, you bring them along and display them for judging. Help and advice will be available both days, so don't be afraid to ask and enter your produce. You will find hints and tips on the website.



Help If You Need It

If you're not sure how to display anything, we do have a number of guidance sheets, available on the Website and on the Notice Boards outside the hut, but don't be afraid to ask, we want to help you, and we are always there give advice and assistance should you need it. Contact us at the email below, or pop into the Hut one Saturday morning, we are always pleased to see you and will lend a hand wherever we can.



Help With the Show

The Annaul Show is run and staffed by volunteers and we rely on your kind help and support to make the Show a success. Nearer the time we will be looking for volunteers to help with the show, such as

- **Helping put up the marquees on the Friday before the show.**
- **Providing baked goods for sale in the café**
- **Helping on the day (morning or afternoon or both)**
- **Helping in the café in the afternoon**
- **Helping to clear up at the end of the day Saturday**
- **Helping to take down the marquees on Monday**



The set up and take down of the show is a good way of getting to meet people in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. A lot of fun is had both preparing for, and taking down after the show and the kettle is always on, so feel free to pop along and lend a hand, or just have a laugh and a cuppa. If you'd like to be more involved, and we know from the survey we carried out a couple of years ago that a lot of you do, we'd like to invite you to come and join in. Pop in to the Hut one Saturday morning and talk to our Show Secretary Eileen, or email us using the Contact Us page on the website. Otherwise simply come along when you can on any day over the weekend of the Show. We would love things like some baked goods for the Café, we will also require help with the raffle; sorting and numbering the prizes, selling raffle tickets and more importantly buying them. There are jobs for everyone young and old, from helping to put up and take down the marquees, moving furniture, setting out the tables and chairs, making tea, putting tablecloths on, helping with the tombola. All of these little jobs contribute to the success of the Show, and even if you can only spend a short time helping it is appreciated. So if you really would like to help, simply come along when you can on any day over the weekend of the Show you will be more than welcome.

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Other Competitions



This year as ever, a number of “competitions” will be run in conjunction with the Show, these include Best Border, Tallest Sunflower, as well as the overall Best Plot and Best Half Plot competitions. These competitions will be judged prior to the show.



Fundraising



The Show is a great opportunity for us to raise money to go back into the allotment, which by a happy coincidence helps all of us in one way or another. If you know of anyone, who would like to sponsor a category in the Show or donate items that could be used as prizes, then please get in touch with the Show

Secretary, just pop into the Hut one Saturday morning, use the Contact Us page on the website or email us using the address below. If you would like to set up a stall (or know someone who does) again please let us know. If you have any ideas for raising funds or can help in any way with items for the raffle or tombola, or if you are able to provide baked goods for sale on the day, then please get in touch with us. If possible and to avoid too much duplication can you please let the Show Secretary know beforehand what baked goods you are planning to bring.



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Collection for Foodbank

At this year's Show we will be having a collection point for any surplus produce you may have. This will then be distributed to local food charities. Any entries left from the Show and not used in the auction will also be added. If you wish to bring along any other items on the day then we encourage you to do so.



Site Security

No this is not the usual tirade about locking the gates; we have recently had several reports of vandalism on the site and although we have over the years tried to help improve security to reduce the number of break-ins and vandalism to the site it still happens. We try our best to protect the site, and as such your property, against unauthorised people entering the site and causing damage so please be aware what's going on and be vigilant. Please report any damage or vandalism directly to the police. We



have requested that the police increase their patrols of the area and we hope that this will have an affect on the situation. So for your own and others safety please be conscious about who you allow in. A good rule of thumb is if you do not know them and they do not have a key then you probably should not be letting them in. Again, with safety in mind, please let people know (your family or friends), where you are. If you are at the allotments alone, for your own safety, always carry a mobile phone with you in case of an emergency.



I know, I remember the days when I knew more than my phone as well

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Plot Inspections



Plot inspections started in April and have been carried out every four to five weeks thereafter these will continue throughout the growing season. Inspections are undertaken to ascertain the state of the site as well as individual plots. Health and safety issues will also be noted and plot holders may be contacted to address any concerns identified.

All plots are inspected, there is no opt out.

The criterion used is as follows:-

- Condition of the hedge (where applicable)
- Condition of the path
- Plot Number Sign
- Weeds and uncultivated areas
- Accumulation of rubbish on the plot
- Percentage of cultivated areas

Plots will be also be assessed using the following criteria:-

- E = Excellent,
- G = Good,
- P = Poor
- U = Unacceptable

All plots that have areas that are found to be unacceptable or poor will be notified by the Secretary.



Plot Judging

Plot judging will continue in the next few weeks. This is ONLY to be used to decide the winners of this year's best plot holder's competitions at the Annual Show. This is separate from plot inspections, and each plot is judged twice, usually in July and again in August, and each plot is scored, with points awarded for the path, general condition of the plot and condition of crops. The plot judging is used for the Annual Show and there is a trophy awarded each year for the Best Plot and Best Half Plot. Details of the criteria for judging are set out below and are also on the Notice Board.

However, a small number of plot holders have expressed a wish that their plots are not judged. If you do not want your plot to be judged, in this way, please let us know. There will be a notice on the board outside the hut, to which you can add your name.



First Round Judging		Second Round Judging	
Criteria	Maximum Points	Criteria	Maximum Points
Condition of Plot	34	Main Path	4
Path	5	Internal paths	10
Plot Number Sign	1	Health and vigour of plants	15
Total Points	40	Broad Range of Plants	25
		Visual Aspect of Plot	5
		Plot Number Sign	1
		Total Points	60

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Leeds Coppice Workers

We have invited Leeds Coppice Workers to the Annual Show where you can meet with their representatives and discuss with them their aims and objectives and perhaps purchase some of their products. These include Bean Poles, Pea Sticks and Garden Stakes. A number of plot holders ordered some of their products earlier this year and we hope this will give more of you a chance to meet with them. Cut from local woodlands in a traditional form of woodland management known as coppicing. Britain lost 90% of its coppice woodlands in the 20th Century so by using these bean poles you will be supporting the restoration and care of a rich wildlife habitat, rural jobs and helping to keep ancient skills and traditions alive. In addition to all this they look good and may provide better grip for your beans.



Should you wish for us to provide these, or any other products that you know of, or for that matter anything else that you want (within reason). Then contact us at the Trading Hut and we will do our best to get them for you, and at a more than reasonable price. We currently stock a number of items such as peat free compost a whole range of fertilisers as well as grow bags and the like. Go to the Trading Hut page on the website to see a full list of what we stock. The Hut is stuffed to the

rafters with things you will need to help you on your allotment and all at competitive prices. It's also a great place to meet like-minded souls and have a cuppa on a Saturday morning, so please don't be a stranger pop in and pick up your supplies.

Website

For those of you with a technical bent (have you tried yoga) and who have not seen it yet; (see, being supple has its benefits); there is an all new singin' and dancin' website for you to check out. Well it may not sing or dance, some say it hums, but go take a look and make up your own mind. Just remember it doesn't have bugs just random features.

So all in all we're excited to announce that our new and refreshed website is live. The updated site includes changes to navigation, with dropdown menus for both mobile and desktop versions. We've also improved the structure of the site, so you'll get more from it. There's a whole host of smaller but impactful changes, all to make your experience of the Burley Model Allotments website that much better for you. Our goal with this new website is to provide our visitors an easier way to learn about Burley Model Allotments. We hope you find the new website fresh and modern; we worked hard to make sure it is, so please let us know what you think.

Get in touch using the Contact Us page on the website with any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments you may have regarding the site.



Explore the site for yourself at www.burleymodelallotments.org

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Recipes



For those of you who do practice yoga, and have had a chance to look at the website recently you will know there is a recipes page, and it's filling up, nearly as much as I am. The closest I've been to a diet this year is to delete it from my browser history....

We want to add some of your own and also your family's favourite recipes to it. It would be great to have your contribution to the

recipes page as this would not only personalise the site but it will also give others the chance to try your favourite dishes. You never know you could inspire some of us to actually grow the things that you love to cook. After all what's the point of growing delicious fruit and veg if not to eat and drink it. Remember *Plant it, Grow it, Enjoy it.....*

This will not only help others to enjoy their produce but will remain a legacy for your family recipes. So please don't be shy, get in touch with us, you can drop off your recipes at the hut one Saturday morning or use the Contact Us page on the website or email them to us at:-

bmaawebmaster@gmail.com



And finally.....

**Please come along and enjoy the Show and
bring your family and friends for a great day out**



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Sunday 3rd September 2017
Doors Open 2.00 P.M.

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