



Burley Model Allotments

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THE NEW MODEL GARDNER

The Newsletter of Burley Model Allotments

Early Spring 2017

Hello Allotmenters

Hi, and welcome to the early spring newsletter 2017, yes there will be more here are a few items of news that we think you will find interesting, well at least useful.

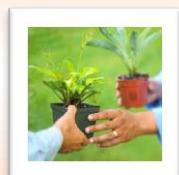
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There have been a few things going on since the last newsletter and all of the above will be covered in more detail below.

Coffee Mornings

After the success of last year's coffee mornings we will be aiming to repeat the feat this year. We will be holding events on the 8th of April, the 13th of May and the 10th of June. Please make sure that you add these dates to your Diary and try to attend as many as possible.

The format will be the same as last few years, the shop will open later and there will be time to get to know your neighbours over a Coffee (I am sure there will be tea available as well) and a chat. There will be opportunity to donate and buy plants, and during the early dates seeds will be swapped as well.



Please call in and make these events what they are intended to be - a chance to get to know one another and learn from each other. We all plant too many seeds and have a glut of one thing or another so bring along some plants to swap, if you can't make the day but still have a surplus leave them on the porch of the Hut someone will always make use of them.





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Annual Show 2017

In the spirit of giving out more information as early as possible, this year's Show will be on Sunday the **3rd of September 2017** (and don't worry we will continue to tell you about this over the coming months). We will require help as ever and as you know your help makes the show what it is.

As ever we will always need help both on the day and in the weeks and days running up to the show. The things we need help with are:-

- **Putting up and taking down the marquees.**
- **Baked goods.**
- **Entries into the Show.**
- **Cleaning.**
- **And the 1001 other things that we cannot mention here.**

Should you want to or are able to help in any way please call at the hut or email any of the members of the Committee.

We will of course let you all know as soon as possible the format and start times of the Show. Once again, as ever, with everything we do, your help and support is much appreciated.



Beanpoles

National Beanpole Week 2017 (8th-16th April) will celebrate Britain's coppiced woodlands, the animals and plants that live in them, the coppice workers who look after them and the beanpoles and other coppice wood products they produce. 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.

Yes this is a real thing (check out the Website <http://www.beanpoles.org.uk/>).

"Beanpoles are useful. Beanpoles are beautiful. Beanpoles are completely sustainable. What is more every beanpole we use in our gardens contributes to the conservation of the rich but fragile coppice ecosystem. "- Monty Don

We mentioned last year that we would try to get some samples from Leeds Coppice Workers; their products include Bean Poles, Pea Sticks and Garden Stakes.

We will be inviting them to the Coffee Morning on the 8th April.

If you would be interested in buying some beanpoles from the Leeds Coppice Workers then please sign up your name, number or email and how many poles you would like on the poster which is up on the hut notice board.

- Individual packs of 10 bean poles are £10
- 10-24 packs of beanpoles are £8 per pack
- 25 or more packs are £7 per bundle

So the more plot holders who are interested the cheaper it is!



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The following potatoes may still be available; you can buy potatoes by the number of tubers for example- (6 Rocket, 4 Kestrel, 6 Cara) or by weight e.g. 1kilo. All Potatoes are priced at £1 per Kg. Should you want to order any potatoes call into the hut on a Saturday morning between 10-11am.

As well as the potatoes, onions and shallots there is a whole range of things available at the hut from fertilisers and compost, to canes, string, disinfectant; In fact all the things you need for the care of the plot

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The stock we have is selling fast so some of these items may not now be available.

First Early's

⊕ Home Guard

⊕ Rocket

⊕ Pentland Javelin

Second Early's

⊗ Charlotte

⊗ Kestrel.

Main Crop

⊕ Cara

⊕ Desiree

⊕ King Edward

⊕ Maris Piper

⊕ Picasso

⊕ Sarpo Mira.



We also have the following onion sets and shallots available

Onion Sets

➤ Sturon

Shallots –

➤ Yellow Moon





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It is important that your contact details that we hold are kept up to date; we require these to be able to keep in touch with you in case of an emergency, to be able to send you newsletters, details of upcoming events and your annual invoice.

It is also a means of knowing that you are who you say you are. In these days of identity fraud it is imperative that you keep us up to date with your details. We need to know if you have changed any of the following details in the last 12 months.



Home Address



This is the Main Contact details that we put on your invoice, where we send any correspondence regarding plot condition, late or non-payment of invoice.

Email



This is used to keep you updated with information, newsletters, Annual Show, and those who have chosen to have paperless invoicing. You can unsubscribe to this at any time.

Telephone



Used as an emergency contact; in the case of vandalism or if there is any other damage to your plot that you may need to attend to. It would help if you can provide a mobile and home telephone number if you have both.

Not having your up to date contact details could mean that you may lose your plot if important correspondence is sent to the wrong address.

Recycling

Skip

We have arranged a skip on site for the 12th of April; it will be here until it is full. When we have ordered these in the past we have found that it fills up very quickly less than a week. .

Kirkstall Household Waste Recycling Site is now open!

As some of you now know the recycling centre at Kirkstall Road has recently reopened, apparently I didn't have to take my bike twice to use it!!!! I took my old batteries though – free of charge.....

Leeds City Council has a permit scheme in operation for the site so make sure you display yours when you call as we hear they're pretty keen.



Materials accepted at the site include:

Cardboard, garden waste, scrap metal, wood, paper, aerosols, foil, glass, hard-core, plasterboard, rubble, soil, textiles, shoes, books, engine oil, vegetable oil, TVs and monitors, fridges and freezers, electrical appliances, mobile phones, household batteries, fluorescent



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tubes, energy saving bulbs, printer cartridges, car batteries, tyres (4 max), paint, household/DIY chemicals, furniture, mattresses and garden chemicals.

Please note that for one off visits, we can only accept up to **five** rubble sacks (25kg standard type) or one small car boot load per visit of soil, inert or rubble waste.

New Revive Leeds Re-use shop

The purpose built Revive Leeds Re-use shop (tel. 0113 216 3310) is also situated at this site, and has its own car park. Pedestrian access is via the gate from Evanston Avenue.

The re-use shop is the second to be developed in Leeds and is run by Revive Leeds, a community interest group made up of two local charities: SLATE and SVP. Any re-usable items such as furniture, working electrical items, clothing, bikes, toys, books, cd's, bric-a-brac and other household items can be donated direct to the new Revive Leeds re-use shop, where donations can be sold at low prices and enjoyed by someone else.

The shop is open all year round, seven days a week, 9am to 3:30pm (GMT) and 9am to 5:30pm (BST) except for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

And Finally

Please make sure that you call in and see us some time it's always nice to see you and be on the lookout for details of the upcoming Coffee Mornings and plant sales and seed swap dates; and of course we hope to see you at the Annual Show on Sunday the **3rd of September 2017**. Please call into the hut for your supplies we have potatoes, onions and shallots available for sale as well as all the usual paraphernalia.....

