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Summer 2015 Edition II

Welcome to the Burley Model Allotments Newsletter

Introduction

Hi, and welcome to this, the second edition of the summer newsletter. Here are a few more things that we think you will find interesting, well at least useful. This is a small sample, a taster if you will, of information regarding upcoming events. These include details of the Annual General Meeting as well as the show.



Some Appointments for your busy Schedule

Best Plot Competition

Judging for the best plot competition, will start week commencing the 10th August. Anyone not wishing to enter the competition for best plot may choose to opt out check the notice board and put your plot number on the list.

Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday the 24th October 2015 at 11.30 a.m. outside the Trading Hut. More information on this will follow in the next newsletter.

Dates
for your Diary

5 Things to know about the Annual Show

1. The Date

As you know by now, (and you should, because we have told you often enough) this year's Annual Show will be held on **Sunday the 6th September and starts at 1.15**. Please remember to add this date to your diary. The Annual Show is for the entire community and we'd like for oodles and doodles of you to put in an appearance, so come along and grace us with your presence. The more people that join in, the better the show is, so please remember to pop in here on the 6th September and have a good time. Remember "we don't grow to show, we show what we grow". Show up and take part this year, don't be bashful turn up, (with your turnips), and let your hair down.



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Annual Show (Continued)

2. The schedule

By this time, you should be well acquainted with the schedule, if not feel free to take it out one evening. A bottle of wine some fine dining and I am sure you two will be BFF's by the end of the night. You will find that it is, more or less, the same as in previous years (only the date changes, to protect the innocent). Copies of the schedule will be available at the Trading Hut from late July.



3. Advice and Information

There will also be information and advice available for those of you who are rookies at this showing malarkey. Please check out the Notice Board and the Website Library for tips on how to show. We really do want to help you with this so pop into the Hut and feel free to ask.

Best Plot Competition

4. Plot Judging

This year as ever, a number of "competitions" will be run in conjunction with the Show these include Best Border as well as the overall Best Plot and Best Half Plot competitions Plot judging normally happens twice a year this year however there will be only one judging cycle. This will take place on the week commencing the 10th August. The criteria for the Plot Judging will be based upon the usual format and will include points for the following:-

- Condition of the Plot
- Main Path
- Internal Paths
- Plot Number Sign
- Health and Vigour of Plants
- Broad Range of Plants
- Visual Aspect of the Plot



Help with the Show

5. Help!!!!

As ever, we are looking for help, this time putting the frame of the marquee up, we plan to do this the week before the show on the weekend of 29th and 30th of August. We intend to start (weather permitting) on the Saturday after the hut closes about 11.00 a.m. It would be nice to see you there and remember that many hands make; a man healthy, wealthy and wise; or something like that. Anyway, back to the plot; the aim will be to get the framework up on the weekend prior to the show and with a little bit of luck and a lot of help, we may be able to do this on the Saturday. However if the weather is against us we will return on the Sunday to finish the job.



We will of course still need help on the weekend of the Show starting on Friday 4th September to put up the rest of the marquees, helping to clean and set out the tables and chairs, moving furniture etc. as well as the more important jobs, making tea, labelling prizes, putting tablecloths on, making more tea, you get the idea.

All of these little things make the Show the success that it is. Please try call in and see us, even if you can only spend a short time helping us it is very much appreciated. We will also require help on the Monday after the show to take down the marquees and put everything away. Once again, as ever, with everything we do, (we do it for you), your help and support is much appreciated.

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Repairs to the Lockers

As you all must know by now gangs of repair crews are roaming the site (usually on a Saturday morning), with paintbrush in hand (as well as other things in their hands, that we will not dwell upon here), effecting repairs and restoring the lockers to their former glory. If you are bored or lonely one weekend and fancy helping us to touch up the lockers, well then, normally we wouldn't touch you with a 10 foot barge pole but, beggars can't; look a gift horse in the mouth; or some such nonsense. We are not proud folk and will take help from wherever we can find it. Anyway, regardless of the previous prattle, please contact us on the email above or call in the Hut one Saturday morning and help us out.

Pilfered Produce



Once again, we have been advised that fruit and vegetables are being taken from plots. Please be aware that this may be a problem and please report (in writing) any occurrences that you know of. Please try to respect each other's plots, if it's not yours don't take it.

Your Contact Details

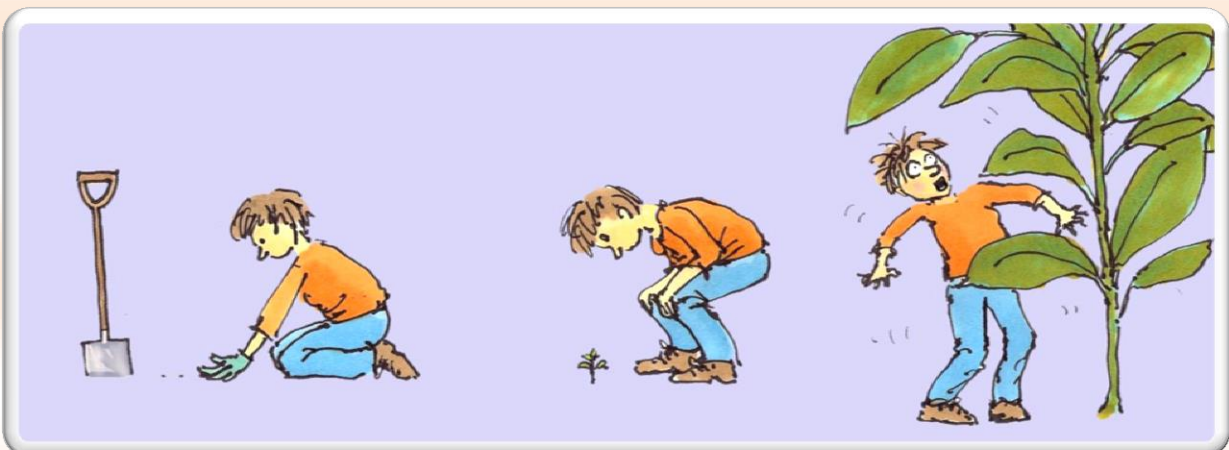


It is getting close to that time of year when the invoices will be sent out, around the third week in September. Can you all please ensure that we, (the membership Secretary), have your up to date contact details. If you get this by email then that is how you will get your bill, unless you have told us otherwise. If you have changed any of your contact details this year please let us know. You can contact us in the usual way email the Secretary at the address above, or pop into the hut one Saturday morning and drop your new details off with us. Alternatively you can email the Membership Secretary directly using the email address below.

Could you also let us know if you plan to give up your plot this year, hopefully before the invoices go out, but the sooner the better. Our Membership Secretary's divination skills are not what they once were and when I asked if his crystal ball was on the blink again he told me that it was none of my business.



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