



# Burley Model Allotments

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## + NEWSLETTER +

Summer 2015 Edition III

### Welcome to the Burley Model Allotments Newsletter

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#### Greetings

Hello, and a good day to you all, from this, the third summer edition of the Burley Model Allotments Newsletter. There seems to have been a lot of Newsletter's this year but there is a lot going on and therefore we need to let you know what is happening, or happened or about to happen. This issue is to notify you of the upcoming Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) and also to give you an update from this year's Annual Show.

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#### Dates for your Diary



#### Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday the 24th October 2015 at 11.30a.m. outside the Trading Hut.



#### The Annual General Meeting

The usual format for the Annual General Meeting is that there will be:-

- ❖ **Introduction**
  - The Chair will outline the procedures that the A.G.M. will follow.
- ❖ **Secretaries Report**
  - This will outline the achievements of the year.
- ❖ **Membership Secretaries Report**
  - This will detail the current membership numbers and vacant plots as well as detailing the steps needed to achieve full occupancy and why we need this.
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report**
  - This will provide a detailed report on the finances of the Association.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

At this point the outgoing Committee will all resign and a new Committee will be elected. The Chair of the A.G.M. will manage this process.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

If you want to nominate someone for a role on the Committee or to become a Committee Member yourself there are Nomination Forms in the Trading Hut or on the Website.

#### **CHANGES TO THE RULES OR CONSTITUTION**

Should you wish to make any changes to the Rules or the Constitution these are welcomed both are seen as living documents in that they should be challenged and move with the times.

***Any nomination or changes to the rules or constitution must be sent to the Secretary (in writing) or by email at least 28 days before the A.G.M.***

**Copies of the Rules and Constitution are available in the trading hut and on the website.**

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## 5 Things We Learned From the Annual Show

### 1. Highlights From the Show

Here are a few of the main features, in detail from this year's show.

The number of entries this year was in excess of **330**. This was from over **24** different entrants with most of these winning a place. The Association raised a total of **£490.00** this year and thank you to everyone who helped with this.

### 2. The Award Winners

Our congratulations go to the winners of each of the main classes.

*The Burley Model Shield* - Presented to the exhibitor obtaining the most points at the show in the vegetable and fruit classes. This was presented to: - **Tony Handby**

*Eric Emms Trophy* - Is awarded for the best entry in the tomato classes. The winner of this year's trophy was: - **Tony Handby**

*Joe Wray Trophy* - Presented to the best entry in the potato classes. This year the winner was: - **Tony Handby**

*Old Boys' Trophy* - Awarded to the best floral entry in the Show. This year the best display was from: - **Jackie Fleming**

*The Bella Cup* - Presented to the best entry in the Onion Classes. This year the trophy was presented to: - **Alan Withall**

*Pickle Trophy* - Awarded to the best entry in the jams, pickles and preserves classes. This year's winning entry was from **Gillian Eden**

*Best in Show* - This year's award was for the entry in the "any other fruit not in schedule" classification. The winner of best in show was: - **Sue Hollington**

*Best Newcomer* - This award is self-explanatory and goes to this year's best newcomer. The award this year was presented to :- **Dave Wrigglesworth** for Plot 86b

### 3. The Best Plots and Border Winners

The Awards for best plots and the best border went to the following:-

#### **BEST PLOTS AND BORDER**

#### **Best Full Plot**

**1<sup>st</sup> Matt Win (Plot 38)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Clipsome (Plot 45)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> John Dickson (Plot 28)**

#### **Best Half Plot**

**1<sup>st</sup> Colin Halliwell Plot (74b)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Kate Clifton (Plot 103b)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> James Langstraat (Plot 23a)**

**Best Border Keith Barrett (Plot 78)**

### 4. Congratulations For the Show

Once again another fantastic day was had by all, hats off to the Show Secretary, and the Show Committee for this. It was another stunning and amazing spectacle and everyone enjoyed what was a remarkable day. All of the judges were again magnificent, and our appreciation goes to everyone who contributed on the day. More especially to those of you who contributed the delicious cakes.

### 5. Thank You All

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of you who entered and well done to those of you who won something this year, in particular if this was your first time. Thanks are in order to all the volunteers who turned up to both put up and take down all the show paraphernalia. We cannot say this often enough (but we do, over and over again); a big thank you to everyone who made the effort to put an entry into the show. Without you and your efforts there would be no show.

So again a big **THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU**, you all did very, very, well.



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**Here are some other items that are NOT related to either the Show or the A.G.M.**

## Invoices

The invoices for the site should have by now been sent out and all accounts must be paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015. If you have trouble with this deadline then please contact us as soon as possible. If you have not received your invoice (or you know of someone who hasn't) please let us know as soon as possible.

Due to the cost cutting antics of the Council we are under more and more pressure to ensure that the site is fully occupied and that all rent is paid to them on time. Failure for us to do this costs us all, so it is imperative that payments are made on time. If you are having trouble making payments or considering giving up your plot please let us know as soon as possible so that we can try to help you.



## Your Contact Details



If you have changed any of your contact details this year please let us know. Remember that it is your responsibility to provide us with any changes to your contact details. Can we all ensure that the Membership Secretary has your up to date contact details. You can let us know in the usual ways; write to or 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, the sooner you can let us know the better. Our Membership Secretary's knack of prophesying leaves quite a lot to be desired and his predicting and forecasting skills will not win us the lottery this year, so any help you can give us in this area will be greatly appreciated.



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## Pilfered Produce

Once again, we have been advised that fruit and vegetables are being taken from plots. Please be mindful that this may be a problem and please report (in writing) any occurrences that you know of. Please be aware of your neighbour's point of view and respect their boundaries both real and imagined. Please do not go onto other peoples plot without their permission. Stealing produce is an offence and if caught the perpetrator will be dealt with under the rules of the Association.

**IF YOU DID NOT  
PLANT IT  
DON'T PICK IT!!!**

## Volunteers and Help Needed

We are always hoping against hope for people to come along and lend a hand, (and anything else you may have), to help support us in looking after the allotment site. So if you hanker after spending an hour or so, one evening a month in our company at the Committee Meetings please feel free to come along. They are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 7.00 for a 7.15 start, although in winter these are held on Saturday mornings. Should you wish to join the committee or just help out in any other way, then please let us know at the Annual General Meeting or just come along and join us.



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## Trading Hut

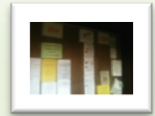
The hut is staffed by volunteers and we are looking for help with this. We require more people to help in the shop on Saturday mornings, full training will be given. The Trading hut is open between 10.00AM and 11.00AM every Saturday (Except Christmas and New Year).

## Notice Boards and Website



Please do not forget to check the Notice Boards and the Website for further information about what is going on.

To help provide more up to date information we are looking to set up new Twitter and Facebook accounts. If you can help in any way with this please contact us.



## What Do You Think?



We really would appreciate **YOUR** views about anything to do with the Allotment site and how it is run. We are asking for your input and want to know what **you**; the members of the association are thinking, wanting or need from the Association.

We would like to know about the following:-

- ❖ **The running of the site**
  - **Is the site managed as you would like?**
    - **Do you want a more rigid or a relaxed approach?**
- ❖ **What would you like to see done**
  - **Are there any changes we can make?**
    - **Are there some small but important things we are; or are not doing?**
- ❖ **Improvements**
  - **What Improvements would you like to see done?**
    - **We are aware that the gates to the site (in Lumley Place and Beechwood Crescent) are last ones we need to renew.**
    - **Are there any other improvements big or small we need to make?**



There may be lots of other things you want or need, please let us know what we can do to help make the site a better place for you and for your family and friends. As ever there are many ways you can let us know your feelings regarding the site and by now you must know them all; you can email the secretary or write to us at the address above or call into the hut one Saturday morning and have an informal chat over a cuppa.

You can also use the upcoming Annual General Meeting to raise any issues you have and this should be done in writing to the Secretary 28 days prior to the meeting so that any item can be added to the agenda but please shout out if you want to, we are used to it. Seriously we look forward to hearing from you.



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