



Burley Model Allotments

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NEWSLETTER+

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Welcome to the Burley Model Allotments Newsletter

Hello Allotmenters

Hi, and welcome to the spring newsletter 2016, here are a few items of news that we think you will find interesting, well at least useful. There have been a few things going on since the last newsletter and they will be covered in more detail below. We have the results of the Survey regarding the Annual Show as well as a few other articles that you may, or may not find interesting.

Annual Show Survey



As most of you know (and you should, because we have brutally, attacked, pummelled, and hounded you with email after email about this and we are truly, truly sorry about it). We instigated a survey regarding the Annual Show. As it was an anonymous survey we could not target those who had already voted so apologies to all of you who were hounded time and again into taking the survey. There is also a big thank you to those who completed the survey. For those of you who missed it (where were you) and for new members we recently held a survey regarding the future of the Annual Vegetable and Flower Show. The results of the survey are published below and are also available on the website.

Annual Show Survey Results

We asked 4 questions in the survey and there was also a comments question which due to the large number of answers we are unable to publish here, these are available to view and download from the website. The results of the questions are as follows:-

Total number of responses = 72

Q1 Do you want an Annual Show next year?

Yes 83.33% No 16.67% (60 Yes 12 No)

Q2 Will you attend next year's Annual Show?

Yes 79.17% No 20.83% (57 Yes 15 No)

Q3 Would you be prepared to help with next year's Annual Show?

Yes 63.89% No 36.11% (46 Yes 26 No)

Q4 are you prepared to enter items into Next Year's Show?

Yes 66.67% No 33.33% (48 Yes 24 No)



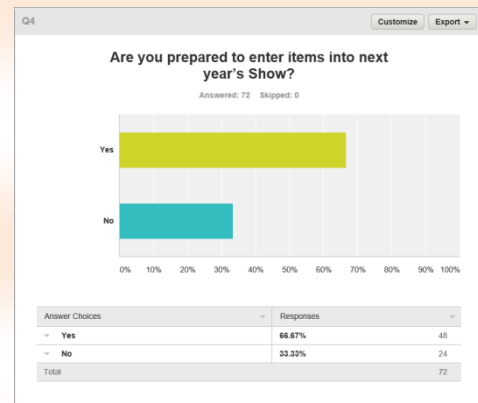
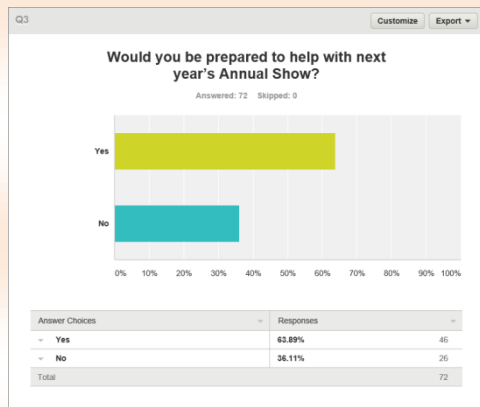
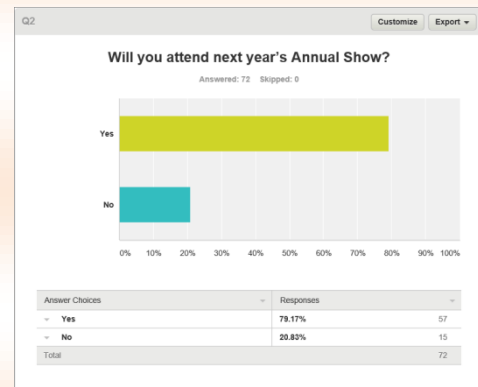
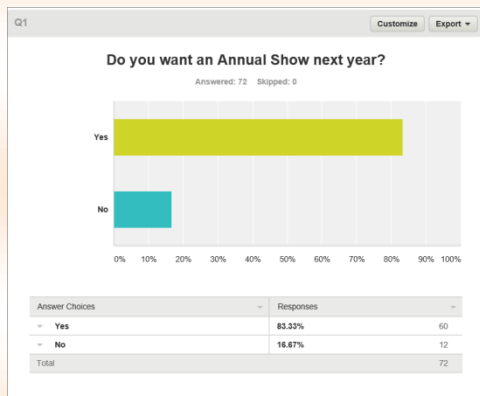


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Annual Show Survey Results

Figures taken directly from the Survey Monkey Website



Given these results, the Committee, after a great deal of discussion, decided at the meeting in December 2015 that this gave a clear mandate that the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show should continue in 2016. This will be held on Sunday the **4th September 2016** a red letter date for your diary no doubt.

Feedback from the Survey

More than half of you replied to the survey; so, here's some more detail of it. As stated earlier we do not have the space to go through all the comments so below is an overview of just a few of them. There were some negative comments about the show; some thought it outdated and belonged in the past, some were concerned about the waste of food and that if plot holders had surplus produce it should be donated to charity or a food bank. Some said that they liked the idea of a show but were just too busy, others that the survey was too early to know what would happen in nine months' time. Most people said they would be happy to help if the date of the Show was advertised earlier and if there were specific tasks or roles available. A lot of the feedback was positive and most thought that the Show was a good way to meet up with other allotmenters and used it as more of a meeting of like minds and an opportunity to see familiar faces and make new friends rather than a competition. In the main people said they wanted a Show and would try to attend this year, holidays permitting.



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Annual Show 2016

In the spirit of giving out more information as early as possible, this year's Show will be on Sunday the **4th of September 2016** (and don't worry we will continue to tell you about this over the coming months). We will require help from those who offered (and from those who did not it's not too late) with things like:-

- Help 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 help in any way please call at the hut or email any of the members of the Committee.

Again in response to the survey results some other ideas include:-

- Music or a band on the day (do you know someone who could perform?).
- Charitable organisations where any unwanted produce could be donated to.
- A later start time.
- More interaction with/from people in neighbouring houses.
- Ways to make it a more simple less competitive day.

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.

Potatoes, Onions and Shallots

This year we have the following potatoes 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 or leave a note under the door with the type, quantities and your name and plot number.

First Early's

- ❖ Home Guard
- ❖ Rocket
- ❖ Pentland Javelin
- ❖ Swift.



Second Early's

- ❖ Charlotte
- ❖ Kestrel.



Main Crop

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



We will also have the following onion sets and shallots available

Onion Sets - Sturon are priced at £1.20 per 500g for approx. 140

Shallots - Yellow Moon are priced at £1.20 per 250g for approx. 10



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Redhall

For those of you who do not know, Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside Service runs a large plant nursery at a site known as Redhall in North Leeds. They grow over 3 million plants a year to brighten up parks, roundabouts, flower beds, school grounds and other locations across the city supporting 'Leeds In Bloom'. They have also been responsible for the L.C.C. entries into the Chelsea Flower Show. Four of these can now be seen at Rounday Park in the specialist gardens; which is well worth a visit.



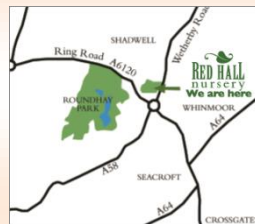
They also support community groups and organisations across the city including 'In Bloom' groups, schools and gardening clubs. There is also a Nursery shop where they will try to flog you anything and everything; that said however it is worth a visit.

Opening hours

Monday - Sunday, 9am - 3pm. (Open every week except Christmas and Easter Sunday)

Location

Red Hall Plant Nursery
Red Hall Estate
Red Hall Lane
Leeds
LS17 8NB



New Site Location

Redhall is re-locating some 50 yards (well it could be more of a country mile) further down the road and because of this some further items are for sale or may even be free, you never know it's worth a look and you may pick up a bargain or two.

Contact Details

It is important that your contact details 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.



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Contact Details (Continued)

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.

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 in April, May and June. The dates are not finalised yet so be on the lookout for these, there will be posters on the notice boards and gates and no doubt another newsletter will be out before then. You will also I fear be bombarded with emails regarding these events as well.



The format will be the same as last year 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 swap plants and seeds 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.

And Finally

Thank you to all who took part in the survey, to get over half the members responding to a survey is quite something; most surveys of this kind fail miserably (usually less than 10% of people reply to surveys). Again apologies if you were bombarded by emails asking you to take the survey; as it was anonymous we were unable to target emails to people who had not responded.

Please call into the hut for your supplies we have potatoes, onions and shallots available for sale as well as all the usual paraphernalia.....

Please make sure that you call in and see us some time and be on the lookout for details of the upcoming Coffee Mornings and plant swap dates.

