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Longbarrow Allotments Newsletter

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – AUTUMN 2007

When I said, in the last newsletter, there would be lots happening this summer I didn't realise what a momentous year it would be for our site.

In August Longbarrow was awarded second place in the National Best Site competition organised by "The Kitchen Garden" magazine. The winner of the competition was a site in Birmingham therefore can lay claim to being the "best in the South". Incidentally, that is exactly what one of the Britain in Bloom judges told me some five years ago.

On a personal note I was very proud to be awarded first place in the National Best Individual Plot competition organised by "Garden News" magazine.

In August we held our first open day. The weather was a little disappointing and visitor numbers were down as a result. Never-the-less it was a very successful day. My thanks to all those who helped.

Our annual show, held on August Bank Holiday Monday, was a roaring success and a lovely day was enjoyed by all who attended. It is interesting to note that when the judges walked round the site to decide the scarecrow competition they noted many crops being grown would have scored very well had they been entered in the show. So next year why not have a go, you may well do better than you think and I am sure you will find it good fun.

A very big "thank you" is due to all helpers, especially to Dave Stone, show secretary, and his band of assistants.

The final accolade was received was on Wed. 10th October when we were awarded, for the umpteenth year in succession, the best site in Bournemouth, this one judged by Council officials. (It won't be so straight forward next year as upgrading of the other three sites in Bournemouth is now complete and they are all very smart!).

Still to come is the bonfire night celebration, Mon 5th Nov. 6 p.m. start. There will be free soup and hot dogs. Whilst we cannot supply fireworks there is no reason why you cannot bring your own.

At Christmas there will be free mince pies etc on the Sunday before Christmas Day (10 - 12).

Now, on a slightly negative note, we have been admonished by Council officials for bonfires that have "smoked out" our neighbours. The Council officials realise that this year there has been more material than normal that required burning because of potato blight. They have asked me to pass on a request to everyone to carefully check the wind direction before lighting up.

Lastly can I remind you of the AGM to be held on Thursday 15th November at 7.30 in the allotment building. Free refreshment will be available.

Peter Whiting

OLD GARDENERS NEVER DIE THEY ONLY GO TO SEED

OPEN DAY

August 18th Saw the very first Longbarrow Open Day. This was held as our contribution to the national allotments week.

Although the weather was not very kind high winds and heavy showers we had an incredibly successful day a good crowd including our local M.P. Tobias Elwood turned up and all the stalls did well as did the barbecue the showers stopping just long enough to light the fire and cook the burgers.

Many thanks to all the helpers led by Jill Owen who made the day. Well Done

ANNUAL SHOW

The annual fruit and vegetable show took place on August 23rd and despite the awful weather this summer there were some fine entries. The items to suffer badly seemed to be onions, tomatoes, and courgettes but other items such as runner beans and potatoes were top class.

As usual the day was superb wall to wall sunshine and the barbecue was a real family fun event Burgers Hot Dogs Fruit Flans and Cakes All for free!

This year saw an increase in adult entries in the scarecrow competition. And whilst touring the site the judges remarked on the amount of produce on plots which was well up to show standard and it is a shame that more plottolders who could enter don't.

So Why Not Try Next Year.

RESULTS

1st prize Peter Whiting Plot 110 with 52 points. Joint 2nd with 20 points were .

Peter Tarrant plot 29 and Ray Carver plot 65a

The Novice Trophy went to Jill Owen plot 1 The Scarecrow competition.

Under 12 Maia Bronwen plot 114

Adult Jill & Richard Owen plot 1

Thanks go as usual to our independent judges

Our show secretary Dave Stone, and his judges runners, and all the helpers, cooks, cake makers etc who made it a great day JT

BONFIRE NIGHT

Monday 5th November.

Our annual bonfire night will again be held on the 5th starting at 6 pm the usual hot dogs and soup will be laid on .

Sadly because of insurance costs we are not able to have any organised fireworks but if you wish to have your own on your own plot please feel free. Obviously you are urged to take other plottolders well-being into consideration .

Christmas Mince Pies

Following the success of this event last year it has been decided to repeat it this year

MINCE PIES & COFFEE

FROM 11am

SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER

FREE

Don't Miss Out Be There

Best Plot Competition 2007

Judged By Brook Road 23 rd May

	Plot	Points
1st	110/111	189
2nd	51/52	171.5
3rd	108	168
4th	90	157
5th	65a	155
6th	23	147.5
Joint	29	147.5
7th	66	145
8th	119a	144.5
Joint	1	144.5
9th	115	143.5
10th	28	143
11th	30	141
12th	109	139
13th	121	135
14th	57	133
15th	120	130
16th	24a	128

Well done to all that entered

LONGBARROW ALLOTMENTS A.G.M.
THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 7.30 pm

The annual general meeting of the Longbarrow allotments association will take place at the Longbarrow hall on Thursday 15th NOVEMBER at 7.30pm all members are urged to attend as this is probably the most important event of our calendar particularly as it is your chance voice any matter you feel could be of benefit to the association .It is also the time we vote for our management committee and if you wish to stand for any position you need to do so then. Remember we are self managing and a strong committee with the backing of the whole association is essential.

So please make the effort and be there .
Refreshments will be served.

BOURNEMOUTH ALLOTMENTS PRIZEGIVING

In previous years the annual prize giving for allotments in the Bournemouth area has been held as a part of the Bournemouth in bloom event at the Pavilion . Sadly the allotment section had been a bit of an afterthought and so it was suggested we held a prize giving especially for allotments at the newly opened hall at the North Bournemouth site .

The evening started with a wonderful talk by John Trim who apart from being a national showman and judge was also one of the judges in the recent television programme the Great Village Show.

We were so impressed we have booked him to give a talk at Longbarrow hall next spring see below for details.

This was followed by the prize giving By Ed Alexander of Bournemouth council and John Trim. Longbarrow won the best site award

Peter Whiting the best individual allotment

And the best newcomer at Longbarrow was M Fuller Plot 89a

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

A Lecture on Growing & Showing Vegetables.

By John Trim F.N.V.S.

John is a National showman and Judge and any one who goes to the New Forest show will have seen some of his produce there.

He was also recently seen as one of the Judges on the recent television programme The Great Village Show. alongside such as Medwyn Williams, Alan Titchmarsh ,Prince Charles etc.

Any of the members who heard John at the allotments prize giving will definitely be there make sure you are. Put this date in your diary

Thursday 21st February 7.30pm

Dates For Your Diary

Nov. 5th Bonfire

Nov 15th A.G.M

Dec 23rd Mince Pies

EDITORS CORNER

Many thanks to contributors

We had our biggest yet entry to the prize quiz (must have been too easy) Never mind keep them coming in.

Any offerings please leave in office addressed to me John Troke Plot119a or E.Mail to j.troke@ntlworld.com

JULY PRIZE QUIZ	
1	SAPED (EASY)
2	PLAYERS
3	AR-MENU
4	RIVULET MICE
5	BOLD DO RISE
6	LAWMEN ROW
7	REAK
8	GI CARL
9	BOG RAGS
10	RENAL MIDGE
11	A BREW HOWLER
12	ECHO THUD
13	WORM OGRE
14	FOOLISH BOB AND NED
15	LIDL

JULY PRIZE QUIZ ANSWERS	
1	SPADE
2	PARSLEY
3	MANURE
4	VERMICULITE
5	DRIED BLOOD
6	LAWN MOWER
7	RAKE
8	GARLIC
9	GROWBAGS
10	GARDEN LIME
11	WHEELBARROW
12	DUTCH HOE
13	GROWMORE
14	BLOOD FISH & BONE
15	DILL

WINNER
This editions winner of a £5 shop voucher is D. Stone plot 63

OCTOBER QUIZ	
Once again we have a garden anagram Quiz sent in by Pauline Manby. All words are garden related not just vegetables.	
1	FROK
2	A RACING NEWT
3	NOBEL MEA
4	MUD RATS
5	TOCKER
6	LACED FORM
7	ENGRAVED SLOG
8	PHASE OUT FLASH TOP
9	EAR GO ON
10	ARMY ROSE
11	RIBBED
12	WELL RED IKE
13	ENSURE HE GO
14	COMB IN POST
15	SAY RESTED

RECIPE	
Butternut Squash Chutney	
This vegetable seems to have become the in thing and Caroline Carver Plot 65A has sent in her own recipe	
11/2 lb	Butternut Squash
11/2 lb	Apples
8 ozs	Onions
8 ozs	Sultanas
1 lb	Sugar
1 pint	Vinegar
1 1/2 tsp	Ginger
Chop squash, apples and onions into small pieces	
Place all ingredients into a preserving pan and bring to the boil .Simmer for three hours mashing occasionally until it becomes thick.	
Pour into warm sterilised jars and seal.	

LONGBARROW WEBSITE
longbarrow.co.uk

We would like articles, recipes any ideas that you might have. Things you would like to see on it. Remember the site is available 365 days of year. We also intend to affiliate with over organisations, such as seed companies and garden supplies for items that are not normally available through our shop. I would also like to here from people who would like to add these articles themselves direct to the site, it's very easy. If not I can add them. Leave your articles in the shop addressed to Richard or Jill Plot 1 or pop over and discuss them with us, you can also email at firechick@fsmail.net