



WELLINGTON FIELDS ALLOTMENT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this first edition of the new Wellington Fields Allotments Newsletter.

This will be a regular publication to update you on the latest news regarding Hixon Allotments as well as offering useful tips and ideas. If you wish to contribute to future issues, please contact a member of the committee.

COMMITTEE NOTICES

SEPTEMBER 2015

Welcome Sign

We would like to have a welcome sign at the entrance to the allotments and we hope that a plot-holder with artistic tendencies might be able to help with the design. The sign will need the name and possibly the logo, website address and a 'Sorry no Dogs' note. If you think you might be able to help, have a word with a member of the committee.

Plot Inspection

During the last committee meeting we had a quick look around the plots to see if anyone might need any help. We were very impressed with the way that most of the plots are being looked after and it was lovely to see such productivity. A garden voucher for the best kept plot has been awarded to Sean and Daphne Watkins. Ron Richardson, Frank Shelley and Diane and Alwyn Davies are also highly commended. The winners' voucher and certificates will be presented soon.

Facebook

The Wellington Fields Facebook page has interesting photos and tips. Please take a look and feel free to post your own allotment photos, recipes and ideas. You can find it here:

www.facebook.com/WellingtonFieldsHixon



NSALG

As a plot-holder, you are automatically a member of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners. Their website has lots useful of information and it's worth having a look. The website address is www.nsalg.org.uk, or you can just search for NSALG. To access the members' area you will need the username (A7890) and password (nsalg12). We get four copies of the magazine each quarter, so we will have to pass them around. Let Jane know if you would like to read a copy. Back copies of all the magazines are published on the website.

Improvement Plan

Chris Hilton and the committee have been working on the Improvement Plan and we think that there are lots of exciting developments. A copy of the draft plan will be emailed to all plot-holders in the next few days and we would very much like your feedback. Please have a look and let us know your thoughts. We will be arranging a meeting later in the year when we can all get together and discuss the ideas.

Fundraising Calendar

This has been on the committee's mind for a while, but we would very much like to produce an allotment calendar with photos and possibly month by month tips for growing and/or recipes. If you have any good photographs showing different aspects of the allotments which you think might work in a calendar, please let the committee know.

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Recipe Idea

Do you have loads of courgettes this year and are fed up with ratatouille? This idea sounds very wrong, but we've all tried carrot cake.....

Courgette Muffins

INGREDIENTS

50g courgettes,
1 apple, peeled and quartered
1 orange, halved
1 egg
75g butter, melted
300g self-raising flour
½ tsp baking powder
½ tsp cinnamon
100g golden caster sugar
Handful of sultanas
1 tub soft cheese mixed with 3 tbsp icing sugar, to make icing

METHOD

1. Brush the muffin tin with oil & switch the oven to 190C/ 170C fan/gas 5.
2. Grate the courgettes and put them in a large bowl. Grate the apple and add to the bowl. Squeeze the orange and add the juice to the bowl. (Wring out if courgette is watery)
3. Break the egg into a bowl. Stir the butter and egg into the courgette and apple mix.
4. Sieve the flour, baking powder and cinnamon into the bowl. Add the sugar and sultanas. Mix with a spoon until everything is combined.
5. Spoon the mixture into the tin & place in the oven and cook for 20-25 mins. Cool in the tin, then spread some icing on each.

If you would like to contribute to future publications, or have any comments regarding the format, please contact one of the committee members listed below. – HAPPY GROWING!

Current Committee Members

Chairman: Simon Ellin
Treasurer: Karen Appleton
Secretary: Jane Garner

Committee Members:

Joe Craen;
Barry Williams;
Mark Connell; Mark
Pearce;
Chris Hilton;
Alan Hartley; Rose
Jones.

Don't Forget!

Alan Hartley has worked extremely hard on the site compost heap, so please help yourself to it. It needs to be cleared ready for the next batch!

There has been 1 or 2 minor accidents on site in recent weeks. Although not a legal requirement, we would like to monitor and record such incidents. Please notify committee member Mark Pearce of any accidents.

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