BRIDPORT and DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

Newsletter Autumn 2019

Our Summer barbecue

This year the location for the BADAS summer meet was the Flaxhayes Allotment Site at North Mills. Following the success and enjoyment of last year's BBQ addition the committee decided to establish this as a regular summer fixture.

Flaxhayes allotment holder and longstanding BADAS member, Barry Thomas, kindly allowed us to set up on and around his lovely plot in the corner of the Flaxhayes site.

Unlike last year, this June the weather was rather uncertain but on the night we were lucky, the rain held off and all who attended were able to enjoy a pleasant walk around the allotments and then have plenty to eat and drink, thanks to the efforts of Fiona and her team, as well as much chat and exchange of views.



As well as the pleasure of seeing members come together for this convivial event, one of the highlights of the evening for me was to discover the delights of the beautifully personalised sheds on this part of the Flaxhayes site. Monica Phillips and her partner had adapted a Wendy House with additional verandah as a haven for themselves and their dogs. Sue and Phil had imported her mum's old shed with lots of homely additions, comfy chairs, a stove for making a brew.



Sue and Phil's shed

What came across was the way that these sheds had moved on from the purely practical places to store spades, forks and spiders, to places where the weary allotmenteer could rest, relax and have moments of quiet contemplation - surely such an important part of why we do what we do.

I'd love to see pictures of other people's sheds - I'm feeling rather inspired to give mine a bit of TLC too!

Mandy Rathbone



Monica's Wendy House

BADAS AGM—Wednesday 11th September 2019

The Annual General Meeting of the Bridport and District Allotments Society will be held at Mountfield (Town Council offices), starting at 7 pm.

All members welcome.

Community Allotment News

In the last newsletter we were just netting the blackcurrants – successfully I'm pleased to report as we had our usual heavy crop. Some of these have been made into jam for Apple Day (shameless plug - it's on 12th October this year!). The netting has now been moved over to protect the grapes which are colouring nicely.

Most of the things we sowed and planted have not done too badly although the runner and French beans got off to a slow start.



The polytunnel is full to bursting with a selection of tomatoes, a couple of cucumbers, chillies, aubergines and lots of basil and coriander. This winter we fully intend to replace the polytunnel cover which has become rather holey over the years, mainly from pecking gulls. It will be a bit of a task but needs doing.

We've not had too many new faces joining us this summer but we'll be having a publicity blitz in the autumn to try and attract more allotmenteers for next season.

Jenn Baker
Community Allotment Coordinator

BADAS AGM

All members (especially new members) of the Bridport and District Allotments Society are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, which will be held at Mountfield on Wednesday 11th September starting at 7 pm. Officers and committee members will be elected—interested volunteers should contact our Secretary Lynne on [redacted].

The committee has decided to discontinue the March general meeting, but we will continue with the popular Summer walkabout and barbecue and the December social gathering. Please note that all meetings are on Wednesdays and start at 7 pm.

Congratulations!

… to BADAS members who were winners in the annual Melplash Agricultural Society Gardens and Allotments competition. Maggie Howarth won third prize in the Allotments section, and also won the special George Payne Memorial Trophy for her allotment at West Allington which is devoted to herbs for her herbal treatments. Ian and Anne Bark won first prize in the Small Gardens section.

Horse Manure available

Horse manure available in 3+ ton loads dropped off at your address. £50 per load cash on delivery. phone Colin Sparkes [redacted] to make arrangements.

Bridport and District Allotments Society

Membership of the Bridport & District Allotments Society costs £2 per annum, and gives entitlement to discounts e.g. on some items at Groves. Our Membership Secretary/Treasurer Mandy Rathbone will be pleased to receive your subscriptions at [redacted]. For information please contact Mandy by email [redacted].

Receiving the newsletter: We now send out the newsletter, meeting agenda and minutes by email — *if any member is unable to receive these by email, please contact the Secretary, Lynne Atkinson, on* [redacted] to receive a copy by post or hand delivery.

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