

BRIDPORT and DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

Newsletter

Autumn 2023

*Got a glut of fruit or
vegetables?
Why not make some chutney
or pickle?*

**BADAS is holding a
“Pickle Event”
Saturday 16th September
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
At the BADAS Hub**

There will be pickle and chutney
tastings/recipes and preserving
tips to take away
plus Live Demo!

**Come along and be inspired,
share your favourite recipe
with us or just have a chat
and a cuppa with fellow
members**

**Please note our new
email address**

BADASHUB@outlook.com

For all your BADAS queries



Dates for your diary and other notices

Next BADAS Meeting -

AGM & Members' Social Event

**Wednesday 13th September 2023
7 p.m. at Mountfield**

Yes, we know AGMs can be a bit dull but we promise to canter through the official business, leaving plenty of time for members to raise any questions you have, or just tell us how the gardening year has gone for you.

We would also like your feedback on the events we have held this year—Seed & Plant Swaps, Food Festival Stall, BBQ and forthcoming Pickle Event—what else would you like BADAS to do?

BADAS Newsletter Editor needed!

There is currently a vacancy for a Newsletter Editor.

If anyone is interested in taking on this role—it's a few hours 4 times a year— please contact Mandy Rathbone—current temporary Editor— for details of what is involved. E:manwell52@hotmail.co.uk

**Chedington Compost (chedingtoncompost.co.uk)
have offered BADAS Members 5% discount on their bulk bags of composted manure etc.
See BADAS website for details of how to claim this discount.**

BADAS Membership 2023

**Contact Membership Secretary, Mandy Rathbone,
by email at manwell52@hotmail.co.uk for
information on how to renew.**

Newsletter contributions welcome

If you have any items you would like to see included in future issues of our Newsletter, (Published quarterly) please contact our Newsletter Editor (Mandy) manwell52@hotmail.co.uk

Contributions for the next edition welcome at any time before **16th November 2023** please.

NEW PERGOLA FOR HUB

Our new pergola was constructed in the middle of June over 2 days. Along with the shed, it has had a coat of preservative and we hope to treat them again before winter.

The pergola has been designed to take a 3m sq. tarpaulin so that we can have cover in wet or very hot conditions. Hopefully this will mean that we don't have to cancel future events unless the weather is extreme! You will see from the photo that the base of the pergola is raised off the ground—this is to prevent the wood from rotting as the Hub area can stay quite damp.

We hope to acquire some more paving slabs to provide a larger solid base. If anyone has got any slabs that they don't need, please let us know.

We look forward to welcoming you, our members, to the Hub for future events. Fiona Dare (Chair)



BADAS STALL AT BRIDPORT FOOD FESTIVAL



On Saturday 17th June 2023, BADAS Committee Members set up and ran a stall promoting BADAS and food-growing activities at the Bridport Food Festival.

It was a lovely day and attendance at the stall was busy and enthusiastic. We had our "Plant a Pumpkin" activity for children, which once again was very popular. We had books, plants and recipe sheets to give away, with a box for donations. At the end of the day we had £30+ for BADAS Funds.

We talked to many people—locals and visitors—about vegetable growing, cooking, preserving, climate change—it was a very busy and successful day.



BADAS MEMBERS BBQ AT THE HUB 8th July 2023



Pictures showing the Hub set up and ready for the BBQ

We held our BBQ on a Saturday this year so that it would be easier for members who work during the week to come and enjoy themselves.

The weather on the day wasn't promising, but it cleared up nicely and the sun came out in plenty of time to make it a very pleasant evening for the 25 or so members who came.

We covered the pergola with a tarpaulin and borrowed a gazebo just in case! Committee members brought along their own BBQ kit and extra chairs. Burgers (both beef and g/f, vegan/veggie) fried onions and sausages were much enjoyed, washed down with wine, cider and a selection of soft drinks and, as an extra treat, Sue brought some of her delicious cake for afters.



A big thankyou to the Committee who gave up their time and worked hard to make the BBQ possible and to Chris who did some mowing and kindly lent us his gazebo and table.

Fiona Dare (Chair)