

BRIDPORT and DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY

Newsletter

Summer 2024

SUMMER IS HERE?!?

And so its nearly time for the BADAS BBQ -

Saturday 6th July—6.30 p.m. at the BADAS Hub



The BADAS BBQ is a very popular annual event and a great opportunity for BADAS members to meet, chat, eat, drink and moan about the weather!

We've nearly always been very lucky with the weather, and we have some weather proofing to cope with light drizzle (or baking heat!).

We cater for all tastes—veggie, gluten-free and even carnivore, as well as providing a modest range of drinks.

This event is free to BADAS members.

All we ask is that you let us know in advance (by the end of June) if you are coming, so that we can cater accordingly.

Email: badashub@outlook.com



In the event of bad weather we will send out an email the night before and postpone until the following weekend.



Please note our new email address

badashub@outlook.com



Dates for your diary and other notices



Talks/Demonstrations for Members

On 6th June BADAS organised a Summer Pruning demonstration at the BADAS Hub, which was attended by 14 members and was well received. (See Page 3 for more details)

We plan to offer a Winter Pruning event (apples and pears) in January 2025 but would also like to do more of this if there is the demand/interest.

So, if you would like similar events—more hands-on than a “table talk”- please get in touch and let us know what subjects would interest you. Look out for an email on this coming to your inbox shortly. Email us at any time—badashub@outlook.com or better still, come along to the BBQ and talk to us!

FUTURE EVENTS

6th July 2024 at 6.30 p.m.—BADAS BBQ

(Tbc) 18th Sept 2024 - BADAS AGM/Members' Meeting

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 2024

By now we hope you have renewed your membership. Any members not renewing by mid March will be taken off our mailing list.

Contact Membership Secretary, Mandy Rathbone, by email at badashub@outlook.com 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) badashub@outlook.com

Contributions for the next edition welcome at any time before **16th August 2024** please.

Pruning Workshop/Demonstration at The Hub

On a lovely summer's evening (6th June) Steve Hardy from Groves Nurseries came to the BADAS Hub site to give us a talk and demonstration of summer fruit tree pruning.

The Hub is an ideal place for this as in 2021, the BADAS Committee planted a range of fruit trees there which are doing well despite heat-waves, droughts and flooding. There were also some established fruit trees already on site.

Steve explained why some trees (stone fruit such as cherries and plums) should be pruned in the summer and was able to demonstrate on our own cherry and plum. He showed us how and where to cut and demonstrated "notching" to encourage new growth in the right place. Fourteen members attended and were able to ask questions about their own trees. We all felt it was very useful indeed, especially watching pruning in action, and went away keen to put what we had seen into practice.

We hope to offer members more events such as this one but we need your help. See Page 2 for details.



**Many thanks to
Steve Hardy of
Groves Nurseries
for his excellent
summer pruning
demonstration.**

BRIDPORT FOOD FESTIVAL 2024

Once again, BADAS had a stand at the recent Bridport Food Festival, where we gave away excess veg plants, donated gardening books and our ever popular “Plot to Plate” recipe sheets. Mandy’s borlotti bean plants proved interesting to many people.

We were situated in the Bridport Town Council gazebos near to the pedestrian entrance (a new position for this year) which was great—lots of people stopped by for a chat and we gained some new members. Unable to organize the seed planting for children this year, we fully intend to bring that back for next time.

Fiona Dare (Chair) June 2024



GARDENING TOOLS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Following a conversation with a new BADAS member/allotment holder, a call went out to members who might have spare tools that they could donate. For those who haven’t gardened before, it can be quite daunting to start from scratch buying a set of basic tools.

BADAS members have been very generous and we would like to thank Suzanne Finch, Alan Mildenhall and Brian Atkinson for tools that have been donated so far. We are in the process of passing these on to other members who need them. If anyone else would like to donate tools or spare gardening books please contact us e: badashub@outlook.com. We also have a wealth of expertise and gardening experience amongst our members, so please come along to one of our events, and tap into this.