



Barton Allotment Society News

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HELP - YOUR VIEWS ARE WANTED!

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We would like to know what you want us to achieve for the allotments in 2020 and beyond. We need your feedback and your ideas so that a plan can be made and priorities can be set. Please, please let us have your suggestions on the attached slip (name not required).



Have your chance to have your say!

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dates for Your Diary

WEDNESDAY
11TH DECEMBER
at 7pm
CHRISTMAS DINNER
AT THE OLD MILL

TUESDAY
7TH JANUARY 2020
at 7pm
AGM AT TRINITY
METHODIST
CHURCH

The AGM is your chance to have your say on all things allotment related so come along and join us at Trinity Methodist Church Hall (side entrance).

A summary of the past year on the plots will be given, finances reported on by the Treasurer and elections for this year's committee will be held. Proposals should be given to the Secretary by end December.

It is also a good opportunity to pay your annual plot fees. The Committee are recommending that fees

stay at £25 for a full plot and £13 for a half plot. Wes, our Treasurer, will be available on the night to receive payments. All fees must be paid by 31st January 2020 latest. Anyone wishing to pay by bank transfer should contact Wes (tel no. on page 4) who will provide full details. Please include your plot number as a reference on the transfer.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in paying your plot fees, please get in touch with Wes as soon as possible so we can see how best to help.

69TH ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL SHOW



Once again the Annual Horticultural Show drew more crowds than ever before, and made approximately £400 profit, which will be put towards staging next year's 70th Anniversary Show. Our sincere thanks go to every-one involved in making this such a success.



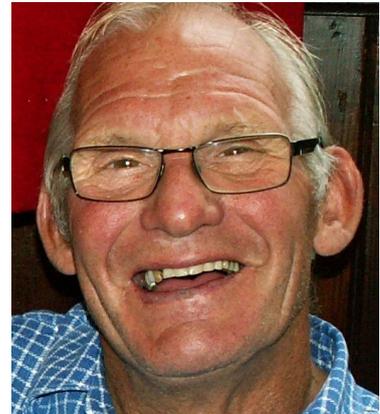
2020 ALLOTMENT SOCIETY COOKERY BOOK

Recipes for the cookery book are starting to come in. We are hoping to include as many recipes as we can, especially those using allotment produce or Show awarded recipes, but if you have a favourite that uses other ingredients, then let's have it!

SPOTLIGHT ON A PLOTHOLDER - BOB PAPWORTH (PLOT 53)

Bob is probably known to more of us than any other plot holder. He's had his own plot for more than 30 years, possibly 40. It's so long ago he can't remember! These days he welcomes each new plot holder in his role as Site Manager.

It was through Bob Blackburn, an old family friend and active allotment society member, that Bob was first offered a very overgrown plot, Number 31. Bob accepted the challenge and worked hard to get it in shape, even though he had a young family and worked 7 days a week at the time. If he managed to find 4 hours on a Sunday to dig, it was a blessing.



When he first started Bob recalls older plot holders sitting together on the benches outside the main shed and, from there, they put the *world to rights* over a mug of tea. These men voluntarily formed a working party to tend any overgrown plots, John Drayton's dad, Jack, being the foreman, but all worked as a team. They obviously had an influence because, all these years later, Bob is one of our main organisers when it comes to maintenance. Demolition of the old shed was organised like an Amish house building exercise - everyone pulled together.

With limited gardening time Bob worked until a job was completed - four hours a week meant he couldn't garden as he wanted but he 'slogged' during those few hours to keep control, keep the weeds down, and feed his entire family. "Ten minutes with a hoe does wonders" he says "and never leave them for more than 2 weeks because small seeds soon cover everything - and then you lose interest!"

After a short time Brian Pearson on Plot 53 let it be known he was giving up. He had a very expensive shed on his plot and, when Bob expressed an interest in moving from plot 31, Brian negotiated a steep but still knock-down price for the shed. Bob moved and has been happy there ever since. However, one day, Babs (Bob's wife) took a phone call from Fred Sewell, a man known to be a bit of a joker - he said Bob's shed had been stolen! It was dark before Bob got to the plots but, as he approached, he saw an orange, flashing warning light. Someone had deliberately placed it where his shed had once stood and all Bob could do was laugh. It turned out that four itinerant men had lifted Bob's shed, lock, stock and barrel..... and literally walked off with it. Neither men nor shed were ever seen again! Bob built another shed from an old, salvaged one, and that stands proudly to this day.

The year Bob retired he won the coveted 'Best Plot' award. For the first time in years he had plenty of time to devote to his gardening. "It's a good hobby to have", he says.

He also enjoys playing bowls and travelling around the country supporting his granddaughter in her dancing career. He still feeds his growing family but, these days, helps Babs with the food preparation and cooking too, loving every minute.

ALLOTMENT SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday, December 11th at 7 p.m. at the Old Mill (upstairs room). Numbers are limited so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Cost is £12.50 for a fabulous two courses and great company. Payment in full needed by 11th November. Please see /tel. Chris 01652 409498 or Penny 07725 486570 to book your place.

SITE INFORMATION

Discounts on Seeds

If you are thinking about your plans for next year's planting do make use of the Allotment Society's group discount scheme run via Suttons. Discounts on seeds and other products are available to members. The new catalogues should be arriving any day and will be available to collect from the main Shed. Orders can be placed by post, phone or online with payment made at the time of ordering. Goods will then be delivered direct to the member's address. Simply quote the offer code (available shortly - see notice boards) and discount will be automatically applied.

Dam Road (or "that damned road!")

Following questions about the condition of Dam Road at last year's AGM the Secretary and Chair took the matter up with North Lincolnshire Council. The initial response was positive, however no work has been done.

WELCOME TO NEW PLOTHOLDERS

Welcome to Rick and Dave who have taken on the challenge of Plot 9 and are already doing a fantastic job.

The matter was also raised by Wes with the Barton Neighbourhood Action Team. The 3 North Lincs councillors on the team are aware and have undertaken to take this forward, Councillor Jon Evison taking prime responsibility. All 3 councillors had first hand experience of the road when they visited the site. No inspection has been made by the Highways Department. Some filling of holes has been done by Colin Andrew and by the caravan folk. This is a public road and is NLC's responsibility. Anyone who feels that their vehicle has been damaged due to the condition of the road should report it to Barton Town Council and NLC.

Gates

Now that the nights are starting to get darker and plots are not so busy please make sure that, if you are last to leave, you close both gates. The last thing we want to hear is that things have gone missing from our sheds again.

Difficulty Managing Your Plot

If you are experiencing any difficulty managing your plot, please don't be afraid to ask for help. If we can help, we will.

CONTACT US:

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Plot application forms, Committee minutes, Show Schedule can be found on the website.

Facebook: [Barton upon Humber Allotment Society](#)

Website: Barton-upon-Humber-Allotment-Society.com

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER ALLOTMENT SOCIETY



Please help the Allotment Society by sharing your suggestions, comments or ideas for the future of the plots. You can include your name below, or make your suggestions anonymously.

The Committee is hoping you will help to influence the way our Society is to grow. You might wish to comment on the site itself, or the administration of the Society? Perhaps you have ideas for future plans, social activities, sharing gardening skills as an educational activity, reaching out to younger people, the townspeople, environmental considerations, organic gardening, health initiatives, etc.

All suggestions made will be discussed at future allotment committee meetings. Feedback and follow up will be given in the Newsletter, on the Notice Boards and at the next AGM.

Each suggestion will be taken seriously and, after looking into everything, we hope our future path will be one we will all feel proud of achieving together. Thank you for your help.

SUGGESTIONS

Name and Plot Number (optional)

Please give to the Secretary, Neil (Plot 25) or leave in the Chairman's, (Penny's) shed (Plot 27) - top drawer of cupboard.