

The Beverley Park Allotment Newsletter #1

Well here is the first newsletter, which is hopefully a happy partnership between scribe and word processor. I thought I would start with the general site news because we have secured a new lease for 12 years from January '06. The lease is registered under the Land Registry Act 2002, which has now been completed, and we are in possession of our certificate of registration.

Earlier on this year the stable was given a makeover when some doors that were especially made to match the originals were put on. This may seem like a straightforward operation but was less so when it was found that the foundations on one corner of the shed had collapsed due to subsidence (is this the Iceberg Principle that a job in hand always seems to have 2/3 more work than meets the eye?). We are grateful to the council who gave us a grant for the materials. In fact, whilst on the subject of the council, thank you again for replacing the lower gates on the driveway with some shiny new ones.

SITE MAINTENANCE

A big THANK YOU to the team - you know who you are - who have been so helpful in trimming the hedge and replacing the chain link fence on the part perimeter. We are Planning on replacing another section this Winter.

NEW TREASURER

We have a new treasurer - Mike Duckering - who has taken over from Gill Pollard. Gill has gone back to college and Mike has volunteered to look after the finances - thank you for your time.

THE ORCHARD

The orchard has looked particularly beautiful this year. The wildflower area has had an abundance of ox-eye daisies and the rambling rose and honeysuckle along the hedge has been quite striking. We are very lucky to have such a tranquil setting for our association that encourages the birds (pigeons not included here), butterflies, newts, frogs and toads.

INTER-ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

The standard of this competition gets higher every year. All the displays were quite magnificent. Groveland Way were the winners so congratulations to them from us. Considering the summer was so difficult regarding the drought and watering restrictions, it was amazing just how much produce was

collected. Thank you everyone for your help!

RECIPE

This is a tried and tested recipe for anyone growing raspberries.

- Preheat oven 230C; 210C fan oven; Gas 8.
- Put 8 trifle sponges in the bottom of a 2 litre (3½ pint) ovenproof dish.
- Lightly crush 450g raspberries and spread on top.
- Drizzle over 2-3 tbsp raspberry liqueur.
- Whisk 3 medium egg whites in a clean grease-free bowl until stiff peaks form. Gradually whisk in 150g caster sugar until mixture is smooth and glossy.
- Spoon meringue mixture over raspberries and bake for 6-8 mins until golden. Serves 8.

If anyone has a recipe they would like to share please pass on to [Gloria](#).

TOP TIPS

- Cover your plots with compost for the worms to get busy over the winter.
- Preparation before Xmas will allow the frosts to do some of the hard work of breaking up the soil in the Spring.