

The Beverley Park Allotment Newsletter #2

It's this time of year again and newsletter no.2 is underway. Well what has been happening since last time? (apart from rain that is!)

CELEBRATION!

This year is the 25th Anniversary of Beverley Park Allotments being under voluntary management.

We were first in the borough to do this and what it means is that the elected committee take responsibility for the overseeing of the requirements of the lease. Maintenance is the responsibility of the plot holders but because we are all working for each other this autonomy has brought out the best for Beverley Park. To celebrate this achievement it would be fitting to have a **Tea Party** at the allotment (tea and home-made cake) on:

**Sunday September 9th
3-5pm.**

Contributions of cakes etc. very welcome.

Please e-mail Alan at al.greasley@gmail.com, or phone Gloria on 8942 9686.

COMPOSTING SCHEME

A joint project between RBK, London Community Recycling Network and Kingston Federation of Allotment Gardeners is coming to us to show us how to make good compost and generally increase our confidence in this area. The date is to be confirmed but those who sign up to it will get a free compost bin.

WEBSITE

A big THANK YOU to Alan Greasley who is setting up a website for Beverley Park Allotments. For a preview go to the home page at:

<http://www.e-voice.org.uk/bevparkallotments>

Contributions are very welcome.

Please send a brief e-mail to Alan (al.greasley@gmail.com) to be included on the allotment mailing list for updates to the site etc.

AGM

The AGM was held in April. There was a record 21 present which the committee were delighted and encouraged by. One of the decisions made was to stop the ½ price concession for future pensioners. Unfortunately this was decided because the bills are continually increasing but the maximum income is not high as we are such a small

association.

WILDLIFE WATCH

There seems to be a decline in the bee population and very few worker bees. This is a concern as they help with the pollination. The pigeons have been well fed this year they seem to have organised themselves especially concerning gooseberries, blackcurrants and strawberries. On a positive note there seem to be an abundance of frogs and toads.

RECIPE

For those with a glut of courgettes a very simple and delicious soup recipe:

- Dice courgettes and place in pan with water and bring to boil then simmer until courgettes are soft.
- Add Marmite to taste and several 'laughing cow' soft cheese segments.
- Add more water if necessary. Stir until dissolved and blitz when cooled down.

Please use the website to add any more recipes especially family favourites.

NEWS EXTRA

The stable has finally been renovated and very handsome it looks too!