

## Nottingham Allotment newsletter number 6

This newsletter is a new addition to the Allotment website. It is in fact a reduced version of the Good Life (the Allotment magazine).

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### *Editor's comments*

Welcome to 2015. It's been a windy start. Not good for garden furniture and green houses. We lost a few panels from ours plus a fence panel. However, the cold weather will help kill the bugs.

Last year all the events held by the Show and Event committee were all blessed with sunny weather.

The AGM for both the main management committee and the Show and Events sub-committee were held in February. The minutes from the management committee AGM can be found on the allotment web site.

This year's events to look forward to will be from MIKRON theatre production on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and the Big One on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. The other events are the OPEN day, Harvest Festival and Bonfire night. The final dates for these three events will be confirmed at a later date.

This edition provides some places and dates of gardening related events that might be of interest and some information on rents, working parties and a reminder of the site rule on dog poo.

Let hope the weather improves so we properly start work on our plots.

Mick

## Future events for 2015

1. *Chaddesden Carnival (the BIG ONE) on the 7<sup>th</sup> June (see <http://www.derbylive.co.uk/whats-on/the-big-1>)*
2. *Mikron Theatre Company playing at the \_Allotment on 23 May 2015. The performance is One of Each*
3. *Open day will be during August*

### THE 2015 PLOTHOLDERS VEGETABLE COMPETITION

**THE PARSNIP**

**OR**

**FOR THE CHILDREN**

**THE TALLEST SUNFLOWER**

£1 PER ENTRY

FOR YOUR SEEDS WHICH YOU CAN ENTER WITH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SHOP

2015 WEIGH IN WILL BE AT THE ALLOTMENTS VEGETABLE COMPETITION DAY, DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.



Heaviest



Tallest

The winner chooses the following years challenge. They also provide the seed so everyone sows and grows the same variety.

#### The Annual Vegetable Competition

This a day when plot-holders enter different types of vegetables and they are either measured or weighed and the winners are chosen in a first, second or third category winner. Winners receive a certificate and some prize money depending on how many people enter that category.

On this day we have a barbeque and sometimes a raffle, it is a day when we can all get together and chat and meet each other and swap hints and tips etc.

Why not join in, it's not always about winning but the taking part and having ago.

This day is usually in September and we usually refer to it as the veg competition and Harvest supper, though it is run during the day. All times and categories will be posted soon.

#### **Wind damage during the winter of 2014**



A couple of photograph taken showing some of the destruction caused by last year's storms to the allotment.

## Mikron theatre company.

The Mikron Theatre Company is visiting the site again this summer. Their performance of “One of Each” will be made on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May starting promptly at 7.30pm. “One of Each” is a savoury tale of Fish and Chips:

“Sir Caspian Delamere is a man on a mission, to find the finest Fish and chips in Britain. He’s narrowed it down to two seaside vendors – finalists for his GOLDEN FISH-FORK award.

By coincidence The Pickled Egg and The Silver Darling are rival establishments run by twins, Roderick and Annette Whale. Unable to agree on the best way to cook this iconic dish, they went their separate ways years ago, and now they find their food and their philosophies in direct competition for the coveted GOLDEN FISH-FORK.

Which portion will prevail? Rod’s old fashioned, homely style? Or Nettie’s high-tech twist on tradition?

Their story is covered by unscrupulous journalist, Meriel Hacker, and she is after a scoop.

So what will she do when she hooks a much bigger fish than she ever expected...?

Set sail with Mikron for a savoury tale about the British National Dish. Hot, salty and wrapped in newspaper!

We are going to use the middle car park for this event to lose the noise from the A52 and create a closer atmosphere. Please try to attend and let your family and friends know – we will have advertising posters ready for circulation about six weeks before the performance.

## **Annual General Meeting.**

The Association's AGM was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 with 20 plot holders and co-workers attending – thanks to all those who turned up. The meeting business was completed almost as quickly as last year. The main business was confirming the appointment of a new committee. For your information each year the committee and officers are all dismissed and new people appointed to the committee (list of Committee members in on the site's notice board). Next year the newly appointed committee will be dismissed and a new one appointed. It is important that all plot holders attend (as long as the rent has been paid) to ensure that all views are collected and considered. However if you have an issue or suggestion please let any member of the committee (or email the Honorary Secretary) know so that they can be considered at the most appropriate time.

Minutes of the AGM can be found on the Allotment's Website.

The first Management Committee meeting is to be held in the Site meeting room on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10.00am.

## **Rents**

Nearly all the rents have been collected with the exception of six plots. The Associations rules confirm that any rent not paid by 31st March will be considered as a resignation and the plot will be let to the next person on the waiting list (There are currently 12 names on the waiting list). Two starter plots are vacant and awaiting new tenants.

## **Working Parties:**

The Allotment site is maintained by plot holders for the benefit of plot holders. There is a need for essential work to be carried out; hedge trimming; mowing grassed areas in the spring and summer; painting and maintaining the buildings drive and car parks. When people apply for a plot they have all completed an "Application Form" and agreed that they are willing to help on these "maintenance" projects. Please try and find some time to attend a working party or two during the year.

## **Rule 17 Reminder:**

Rule 17: “Dogs accompanying their owners must be kept under control. All dog “Poo” to be picked up and disposed of”. It has been noticed that some plot holder’s dogs are not being kept under control and have been defecating on other people’s plots. If your dog is running about it needs to be kept under control or put on a lead. This action will allow all plot holders to enjoy the site to the fullest extent.