

***** Stop Press *****

**Quiz evening with
Fish and Chip Supper**

**Friday 12 November, start 7pm
Bricket Wood Social Club
Cost £8.50 (paid in advance)**

- **Please put names on list in shed
(by Monday 8 November)**
- **Please clearly mark envelope and
post through Barbara's door
(2 Mill Cottages)**

cakes or biscuits, wine, wherever your talents lie! Please let Barbara have these items (2 Mill Cottages).

Message from Ian

Competition for best kept plot results

In July the plots were judged by Eric who is the son in law of the late Roger Aylett. He spent a long time looking at every plot and he asked many questions, such as how long each plot had been worked and if the tenant was on their own or a husband and wife team so as to get a feel for the progress that had been made on each plot. He was keen and enthusiastic and thought the new tenants had made very good progress. Eric is keen to return next year to see the progress the new plot holders had made a year later.

Annual Draw

Shortly we will be contacting you to ask you to sell some tickets for the Annual Draw. This is our main fund raising event of the year and it is hoped you will be able to help. Money should again be clearly marked and posted through Barbara's door – 2 Mill Cottages.

Hamper – appeal for produce

We would like to be able to produce a Burydell Lane hamper as a major raffle prize. We are seeking produce with which to fill it, it could be home-made jam or chutney from the plot,

Finally when we had covered the whole site it was time to go back and see which plots he had short listed. Off we go again and after about half an hour he made his choice with Gill and Sandra in second place on plot 1B. The winners by a whisker were Jan and Pat on plot 29. Many were commended and he felt that they should be encouraged to go that bit further to gain a place next year. The presentations were made at the summer BBQ which was enjoyed by 40 plus members and friends.

We look forward to members taking up the challenge to give this year's winners a run for their money next year. Keep up the good work and happy gardening!

Some encouragement - the District Council visited the site for their inspection and commented that our site is one of the best in the District; so lets keep it up and make it an outstanding site! I am sure we can do it if we try.

Ian Getley Site Coordinator



Ian presenting the runners up prize for the best kept plot to Gill, who shares the plot with her sister Sandra.

Sunflower competition

For the tallest sunflower this year's winners were Derek and Keith. The flower with the widest head was won by Colin and Janet.

Site Matters

Your committee have taken the decision on your behalf to pay for materials and give the area by the gate where manure and chippings

are delivered, a make-over. We have made two designated enclosures to improve the appearance of the site. Please help to keep this area tidy. Manure will be delivered shortly.

Security

Please continue to be diligent in ensuring the gate is kept locked at all times.

Plant Sales

Plant sales have raised £42 this year. A big thank you to all those who donated or purchased items.

Pat's poem

GARDENING IS FUN, I THINK

I have thought about this on many an occasion.
Is it worth all the sweat and tears?
As I stroll round my garden and ponder awhile,
Can it really be as hard as it appears?

We plant and sow our seeds with lots to gain,
Willing them to grow strong and tall.
Wishing that we have sweet gentle rain
Not a deluge that flattens them all.

But what about the pleasure our gardens give
As we look at the colours that abound?
The beautiful aromas that waft in the breeze
Gifting us nature that is all around.

Gardening is fun and I don't have to think.
I enjoy it so much, I know
I smile a lot at what has been achieved
And like the flowers it makes me glow.
YES GARDENING IS FUN!

Trivia

Forget fencing, security cameras, extending the gate

You are invited to provide a caption for the following article. We will put the best ones in the next Newsletter. Not too rude please! to start you off –



Your Personal WMD



A woman fended off a bear attack with a courgette

The 200lb black bear attacked one of the woman's dogs on the porch of her home near Missoula, Montana. The county sheriff Lt Rich Maricelli said. 'When the woman tried to separate them, the bear bit her leg'

Lt Maricelli said the woman reached for the nearest object at hand on the porch railing – a large courgette she had harvested from her garden.

The woman threw the courgette at the bear, which fled!

Article from the Daily Telegraph 24.09.10

Items for sale

Please send any details to the editor for the next Newsletter.

Rabbit Hutch for sale, vacant possession

48" wide X 18" deep X 20" high, Free to anybody who can collect it from Bricket Wood or from the site. Contact Pat or Jan

Next Newsletter

The next issue will be Spring next year and the editor would welcome contributions by the end of January.

Committee

In the first instance please call Ian if there are any problems with the site

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