

# Hempland Lane-Heworth Allotment Association



## Summer Newsletter 2019

### Hot from the Hut!

#### Committee Members

Name		Plot
Julian Ayres	Committee Member	43b
Ellen Bradbury	Committee Member	9
David Brinklow	Site Secretary and Treasurer	14
Nigel Collinson	Secretary	66
Gayle Enion-Farrington	Chair and Publicity Officer	34,35
Moira Grainger	Committee Member	93a
Kevin Holland	Committee Member & Easy Access Area	44
Jean Pulleyn	Committee Member	81
Lisa Tindale	Committee Member	59b
Lisa Maunder-Wood	Committee Member	95
Lorraine Wood	Shop Manager	64
Dave Wood	Shop Manager	64
Mark Farrington	Website Administrator (not part of the committee)	35

#### **Hempland Lane Allotments – new Community Space update. Well its now called ‘Hempland Haven’.**

We have nearly spent all of our £10,000, National Lottery Awards for All fund and we received just over £300 from Waitrose Community Token scheme. I am sure you will all agree that Kevin Holland, Project Manager and the team / committee of Hempland Havens’ development have done an excellent job so far and the transformation is outstanding. If you haven’t had a chance to see it yet, please go down and take a look.

As previously mentioned, the total cost of transforming the Easy Access area into our new community space, now named Hempland Haven is about £14,000.

In order to make up the difference this year’s summer fair will be a “fund raising opportunity”, so that we can finish off Hempland Haven. We still have some funds in our account so if we need to we can use some of this to finish off Hempland Haven before the Summer fair (but don’t worry we won’t go crazy, we just want to get it to a safe and useable space for the summer) and the money raised at the summer fair can replenish our bank account to fund future projects across the entire allotment site. We are also pleased to announce that Sainsburys is 150 years old and their way of celebrating is to support local communities. We have been successful in them choosing Hempland Haven 😊. So we are just awaiting to find out how they can help. We know they will give us 150 hours of Sainsburys staff volunteering on our site, but as yet we are unclear as to whether they can also contribute to supplies. Ie, we would like them to build 2 bespoke brick BBQs that York Handmade Bricks have donated and need to buy the materials to complete the project. We will continue to look for funding to make up the difference. If you’d like to help with fundraising, or make a donation, please contact any member of the committee.

Wednesday afternoon 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 1-3pm the Early Years pupils of Hempland School (next to the allotments) came to plant their sunflowers and other plants that they have been growing, further to a visit we did just before Easter. They then had a tour of the allotments and wildlife area and will hopefully now go home and tell their families about it, as so many people just don’t seem to know we are here and advertising

through the school can instantly access over 400 families within the community. Our second group come and do the same on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 1-3pm. Thank you so much to Lisa, Chris, Nicola, Ellen and Dave W for enabling this to happen.

Hempland School Early Years Class 2 visit



*"I loved planting my sunflower and the allotments are beautiful".  
David, aged 5*

### **Summer Fair Planning so far!**

We anticipate this event to be much larger than previous ones. So, there will be no car parking available on our site between 8am - 3.30pm on the day.

Due to anticipated numbers we have first aid provided by 2 x St John Ambulance volunteers, 2 x portaloos booked, in addition to our accessible composting toilet and this year people can purchase BBQ food. (but you can also still bring your own, if you prefer). The Walnut Tree will also be there with a Cash bottle bar, spirits and lots of soft drinks.

As stated previously we have partnered up with Sainsburys Monks Cross who are doing 150 hours volunteering in the community (our project) to help celebrate them being 150 years old. So, they will be helping us prepare for the event and will also be helping on the day with our catering and some stalls.

Calling all Cake Bakers and Salad makers – please let us know if you can help in any way for this event. Also, if you have any raffle or tombola prizes please give to the shop (or any committee member) by the end of June 2019.

Or are you a great raffle ticket seller and promoter? Please contact Gayle if you can take some raffle tickets to sell and posters to promote our event. Maybe at your workplace or social clubs that you attend, or even friends and family?

Children can get involved in many activities from the dog show and dressing up as a Roman (for a photo shoot), making Roman Pottery, as well as looking around all the lovely stalls.

Our Roman Themed Scarecrow competition will be judged by Dan Kirk from Murton Park Farming Museum and the Winner will be awarded with a Family Pass to their museum.

We look forward to seeing you there and if you wish to help on the day, please contact either Gayle (Chairperson) or any of the committee.

### **Gayle Enion-Farrington Chairperson (Plot 34)**

#### **Future dates for your Diary**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019** Hempland School Summer Fair 11.30am – 2.30pm – all donations to Nigel, David or Lorraine Wood prior to the event or straight to the stall by 10.30am on the day at the school.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019**, Summer Fair, 10.00am – 3.00pm

Roman Scarecrow Competition and Roman Theme Fair – come dressed as a Roman! And a FUN Dog Show! With great prizes and rosettes.

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2019** (Proposed date) Autumn Fun show

Tbc Opening Ceremony of Hempland Haven - Centenary Celebration 1919 dress code!

#### **Skips**

As part of your annual rent, YACIO provide us with one landfill skip every year. Despite a couple of dates having been arranged (the latest on 6 June 2019) YACIO have so far not been able to organise one.

Sadly, there is now a lot of material collected adjacent to where the skip should be. Please do not add to this and as soon as a skip is sorted, we will let you know again. Thank you so much for your patience in this matter and hope that you understand that this has been out of our control so far.

We do recognise that some plots have a lot of non-compostable rubbish, often left by previous tenants. In previous years your allotment association has paid for extra skips from the funds that we raise. You might be surprised to know that it costs us approx. £250 for every skip that we provide. Please use them wisely, only putting in things that cannot be reused or composted. Donations towards the cost of the skips that we pay for can be made at the shop.

#### **David Brinklow, Plot 14**

#### **National Allotments Week 2019**

From the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of August we will be once again celebrating the many benefits of allotment life. This year the focus is on the “Shared Harvest”. Most plot-holders share their crops with family and friends, some people take baskets of spuds and green beans in to work for colleagues and others distribute food to care homes and food banks.

How many people will your plot benefit during National Allotments Week? We would like to take a snapshot during the campaign week of how many people have benefited from allotment grown food. Please SIGN UP now to let us know by emailing [diane@nsalg.org.uk](mailto:diane@nsalg.org.uk) we will send you a reminder email during the week for you to reply with numbers of lucky people who have dined on your produce.

As usual, the Society will also be supporting associations that open their gates for Open Days and Events with a striking poster and publicity.

Can we just say a big thank you to all of the plot holders & indeed dog walkers who very kindly support our Sunday morning tea/coffee & cake stall. This has proved an invaluable ongoing fundraiser for our site. I think you will all agree what excellent value it is at only 50p for a hot drink & 50p for a piece of cake. We have had a vast variety of cakes over recent months from Rhubarb Crumble cake, Coffee cake, Bakewell

tart, Chocolate cake to Lemon & Poppy seed cake to name but a few. Our thanks go to Pam (Plot65), for her sterling efforts on providing the cakes on the majority of weekends. See the recipe below; I am sure this cake will be making an appearance in coming weeks! **Nigel, Plot 66**

### **New Taps**

They have a metal adaptor screwed on to take a hosepipe ( see first picture ).

If you have your own screw on adaptor on the end of your hose, such as one of the 'click' attachments, it's easy to change over and takes seconds:

- 1) unscrew the metal adaptor from the tap and put it somewhere safe ( picture 2 )
- 2) screw your own adaptor onto the tap - be careful not to cross the threads as this will cause damage and leaks ( picture 3).
- 3) when you've finished, unscrew your adaptor and screw the metal one back on. I'll happily show you how to do it if you're having problems. **Kevin Holland, plot 44.**



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3

### **Courgette Cake – Ingredients**

240g softened unsalted butter  
150g golden castor sugar  
150g soft brown sugar  
3 eggs (preferably free-range)  
350g peeled & finely grated courgettes

1tbsp vanilla extract  
350g self raising flour  
1tsp of baking powder  
5tbsp cocoa powder  
120ml semi skimmed milk

### **Method**

Grease & line a rectangular cake tin approx 20cm x 30cm

Cream the butter & sugar until light & airy

Add one egg at a time, whisking lightly between each egg

Next add the milk & vanilla & whisk a little

Sift in the dry ingredients & fold into the egg mixture

Steadily add the grated courgette & fold until the courgette is evenly mixed in

Bake in a moderate oven at 180C for 30 to 40 minutes

Your skewer in the cake coming out clean indicates readiness to remove from your oven

Allow your cake to cool in the tin for a while before carefully removing it along with the lining paper to cool completely on a wire rack.

Cut your cake into even pieces & eat or store in your fridge for two or three days **Nigel,**

**Plot 66**

**Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the Summer Fair only £2.50 per book or 50p each. They are available from our shop on a Sunday morning or from any committee member. We have had some lovely prizes donated!**

**Summer Fair Raffle Prizes 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – More still to come in!!!**

£50 Gift Voucher from Barnits

2 x Adult tickets to York Racecourse in September 2019

North York Moors Railway - 2 x adult tickets

Family Pass for Piglets Adventure Farm

Nestle Chocolate Hamper

£20 Gift Voucher from Marks & Spencer

£20 Gift Voucher The Haven (Beauty, Hopgrove)

Betty's Gift Hamper

Boots Gift Set - Michael Kors Bag, gym towel and Perfume set

Salter Compact Digital Bathroom Scales - Toughened Glass, Measure Body Weight Metric / Imperial, Easy to Read Digital Display, Instant Precise Reading w/ Step-On Feature, 15Yr Guarantee – Black

SalterArc Digital Kitchen Scales - Electronic Food Weighing, Slim Design Cooking Scale Appliance for Home, LCD Display, Add & Weigh, Compact Storage, Easy to Clean, 15 Year Guarantee – White

£15 Gift Voucher Toby Carvery Hopgrove

Bean on the Green Pizza and Prosecco Gift Voucher

£10 Gift Voucher Butchers Block

£10 Gift Voucher Deans Garden Centre

£5 Café Gift Voucher No. 3 (Formally Mairs) "Bee on Time" 34cm Bright Warm

Yellow Sunshine Clock, almost an allotment theme!

NETTA Electric Egg Boiler Poacher Cooker-7 Eggs/Water Measuring Cup and Egg Piercer / 350W

**OUR THIRD AUTUMN "FUN" SHOW & BBQ PROVISIONALLY BOOKED FOR SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2019**

Now is the time to be thinking about what classes you might be entering. You can complete your entry forms anytime between now and the show and its only 50p an entry so have a go. The emphasis is about fun but if you can grow foot long carrots get them entered. **ONLY 50p per entry & some prizes & Rosettes will be awarded on the day!!!** Classes for our Autumn Show provisionally planned for Sunday 1st September 2019

1/ Potatoes on a plate, the same size (3)

2/ Your most unusual vegetable

3/ Tallest Sunflower

4/ Individual Sunflower with the most flower heads on it

5/ The most unusual container used to produce vegetables, let your creativity run wild on this one.

6/ Longest bean of any type or variety.

7/ 5 x Beetroot on a plate all the same variety or mixed but the same size.

8/ Best overall plot on the site. NOTE this will be judged you do not have to enter!!!

9/ This class was very popular last year, the plot with the most varieties of vegetables, flowers, and weeds.  
(Listed with names)

10/ Largest Apple

11/ Most Unusual Pumpkin or Squash (this year's show is earlier so this will test your skill!)

12/ Largest Marrow.

13/ 5 x Carrots on a plate

14/ Best recycling idea!

15/ Selection of Salad Leaves, minimum of 3 varieties but more will be better?

16/ Biggest improvement on a plot by a new plot holder in 2019

17/ 5 x Tomatoes on a plate

18/ The heaviest vegetable (excluding marrow, squash & pumpkin)

19/ Mixed vegetables (minimum of three) – presentation up to you!

20/ Sweet Peas in a container (10 stems or more)

21/ Mixed flowers in a vase (minimum 5)

22/ Three Onions, presented how you wish

23/ Collection of herbs artistically presented

24/ Mixed tied bouquet of flowers

25/ Your most original photos taken on your own plot or from the Hempland site.

For Children under 12 to enter:- **no entry fee (except 25E which is 50p to enter)**

A/ Best garden in a tray (standard size seed tray)

B/ Any plant you have grown from seed yourself (not Mum or Dad!)

C/ Best Creature made from fruit & vegetables from your parents plot

D/ Mixture of wild flowers in Jam Jar

E/ Using vegetables, herbs, leaves in a display using a soft toy in the middle

Please join in & make our third fun show a big success, thank you. Entry forms now available from our shop. If you have any suggestions for classes you would like adding please let us know!!!

If you would like to write something for the next newsletter, please email it to [gayle.farrington@btinternet.com](mailto:gayle.farrington@btinternet.com), by mid August 2019.