

# Hempland Lane-Heworth Allotment Association



## Summer / Autumn Newsletter 2015



### Hot from the Hut!

#### Committee Members

Name		Plot
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
Ulrike Manara	Minutes Secretary	40
Lisa Tindale	Committee Member	59b
Lorraine Wood	Shop Manager	64
Dave Wood	Shop Manager	64
Julian Ayres	Committee Member	43b
Ann-Marie Knowles	Committee Member	16
Available !	Easy Access Plots Rep	?
Jean Pulleyn	Committee Member	81
Mark Farrington	Website Administrator (not part of the committee)	35

Would you like to represent the Easy Access Plots? If so please speak to a committee member



#### Summer Fete 2015

This year it was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 10am - 2pm and was a fabulous success. Glorious weather and a lovely relaxed atmosphere. We had the biggest number of attendees to date, and raised a total of £308.52, and after expenses a total profit of £255.43 which will be reinvested in the site. It will pay for a skip in October and we have bought some hot water flasks and now offer hot tea and coffee at the shop on Sundays 10am-12noon for 50p per cup. We also hope to put the rest of the money towards our existing funds and get 2 of easy access beds refurbished and modified (once done we can show to some charities and the council and hopefully gain some funding or an award to pay for the remainder. If not we will do a few each year as and when funds permit) and get some fencing done along paths, at the end of the growing season.

Some pictures below of the day:





Daphne won the cake auction. A beautiful chocolate cake with vegetables iced on top. Then shared it with everyone on the day. Yummy xx



Winner of the Guess how many onion sets are in the jar was Louie Pouw (Algarth Road) who guessed 384 and there were actually 381. Well done £5 goes to you.

The scarecrow competition had a 'Fairytales' theme this year. Pictures of the entries are below and the top 3 were as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Plot 81



2<sup>nd</sup> place - Plot 2a



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Plot 54a



The top 3 places won gift vouchers to spend in the shop 1<sup>st</sup> £10, 2<sup>nd</sup> £8 and 3<sup>rd</sup> £5.

The other entries were:

Plot 9



Plot 33



Plot 53a



Well done to all that the time and effort to enter. Thank You

Nigel also had a stall selling plants, all of his profits will go to the Martin House Children`s Hospice To provide family led care for children with life shortening conditions.

<http://www.martinhouse.org.uk/> & The Yorkshire Air Ambulance. To keep both of Yorkshire's air ambulances in the air it costs need £12,000 per day.

<http://www.yorkshireairambulance.org.uk/>

Moria had a stall in aid of Brooke Charity in Cairo. An international animal welfare organisation dedicated to improving the lives of working horses, donkeys and mules in some of the world's poorest communities. <http://www.thebrooke.org/our-work/our-countries2/egypt>

Copies of all the acknowledge letters will go up in due course, so people can see how much money was actually raised.

### Association Membership Benefits

If you are a plot holder, then please consider joining in the fun and become a member of the allotment association. It only costs £5 per year and this entitles you to a 10% discount on all garden related items at both Vertigrow and Deans Garden Centre. Renewals were due in January 2015 but you can still join now at the Shop on a Sunday 10am - 12noon.

If you would like to make use of our composting toilet whilst on your plot, please purchase a key from the shop for only £3. Keys for the perimeter gates are also available from the shop. Please do not get a key cut from someone else as they are the property of the council and we must track who has a copy. All you need to give is £5 for refundable deposit to the shop. Please lock the gates behind you (even when entering the site) to prevent people coming in without keys and then getting locked in. We need to improve our site security and we can all do our bit.

**Strimming Weekend is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – please put it in your diary and more details will follow nearer the time.**

### **Innovative Tool Marking Initiative across all allotments in York**

Between a small working group made up of Police representatives, Dave Gash from Bootham Allotments and Darren Lovett at City of York Council several mobile machines that will *property mark* by dot engraving.

This is the first of its kind in the North Yorkshire area and the Police alongside City of York Council are very excited about their new purchase.

**Our date is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015 10am – 3pm**

The machine we have will mark literally anything from the back of a watch, spades, bikes, all tools, plastics, metals & many many more. These unlike schemes in the past will significantly reduce theft from allotments, we believe, with a clear engraved text on allotment items. It is then intended to roll out the programme to neighbourhoods around the areas of the allotments then wider a field with the Police using their machine for Bike Campaigns & other household *Billy burglar* wanted items...

Of course with all things there is still the opportunity to grind out the marking - but this will be clearly identified and will prompt alarms bells when observed.

Each year opportunities to repeat the tool marking programme together with open days here at Hazel Court for ad hoc engraving for new tenants or new equipment. Or for that matter at Allotment shops for a period of time...

#### Technology



Allotment database and MailChimp system. Should you wish to get a message to all allotmentees via this system, please email [gayle.farrington@btinternet.com](mailto:gayle.farrington@btinternet.com) and it can be sent to everyone on the database. Please also email Gayle if you are not receiving allotment email notices, so that we can get you on our database or double check the spelling of your email address.

**New to allotmenting or just need a helpful reminder? Have a look on our website at all Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter Newsletters in 2014 for a detailed guide on what to do.**

## Gooseberry and Elderflower Jam

Makes 12lbs

#### Ingredients

6lbs (2.7kg) Gooseberries, topped and tailed (prepared weight)  
1 ½ pints of Water                      12 large heads of Elderflowers  
8lbs (3.6kg) Sugar

#### Method

Day Before Preparation - Top and Tail the Gooseberries.

Put the Gooseberries into a large Jam Pan with the water. Tie the Elderflower heads in a piece of muslin and add to the pan. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer until the fruit is soft. Mash with a potato masher to break down any fruit still whole. Remove the elderflower bag, squeezing out all the liquid. Add the sugar and stir over a low heat until completely dissolved. Increase the heat and bring to the boil for 10 minutes and then it has reach setting point.

Add a knob of butter to dissolve the jam scum

Spoon into warm, sterilised jars, seal, label.