



NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2019

NOTICES!

- 1. COMMITTEE MEETING** – See Notice Board for dates!
- 2. WORK PARTY** – See Notice Board for dates! Please come and help if you can - just for a couple of hours! Further dates will be posted in Committee Meeting Minutes (see Notice Board) and are also on the Website under 'Work Parties'.
- 3. HEALTH & SAFETY** - Please note that First Aid boxes are located in the Gents and Ladies toilets.

Annual Rent

It is that time of year again! Very shortly, you will receive a letter informing you of how much and how to pay.

The following dates and times are when you can pay in person on site:

Dates:
 Sunday 6th October 2-4pm
 Saturday 12th October 10am – 12pm

This year we will also be taking payment by BACS from 1st – 14th October – further details will be issued with your Rent Letter.

SUMMER SHOW!

Despite the rain, this year's Summer Show turned out well with some excellent produce on display. Thank you to all who volunteered, took part and just came along to support us.

Main Results:

Best Plot:	David Bevan (Plot 56)
Runner up:	Geoff Lloyd (Plot 2)
Best Half-Plot:	Gary Kelly (18A)
Runner up:	Michael Simmonds (13B)
Best Newcomer:	Gary & Olivia (Plot 30A)

Best in Show (Points System):

First Place:	Russell Smith
Second Place:	Douglas Wain-Heapy
Third Place:	Frank Mulrennan

Photographic Competition:

Fruit & Veg:	Robbie Sandison
Nature:	Russell Smith
Wildlife:	Wendy Burnett



More details and pictures can be found on the website:
www.forgefarmallotments.weebly.com

SHOP SUPPLIES

A reminder that the shop will be open during Work Parties and Committee Meetings. Alternatively, look out for the Red Flag!

ACCESS ROAD MAINTENANCE!

It has been suggested to us that if we keep the main access road clear of weeds and soil, this will assist in the drainage of water and will SUBe less likely to silt up the drains.

The committee has started working on this from the gate to the shop. I know most of you do this already.



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Bonfires!

Please note that these are only permitted during the months of March and November for green allotment waste/diseased vegetation. Please refer to the Rule Book or ask a member of the Committee for further clarification.

GREY PORTACABIN / CLUBHOUSE

Now that we've moved the containers and the portacabin / clubhouse – if any member would like to access the portacabin / clubhouse, to take a tea or coffee break, then a key is obtainable for a deposit of £10.

Contact Lynne or a Committee member.

AUTUMN TIDY UP!

At this time of year our minds turn to clearing our plots in readiness for winter.

We have no plans for a skip at the moment, so please act responsibly when disposing of any glass or plastic waste. This is not just hazardous to people but also wildlife – which the allotment is actively trying to encourage.

If you have wood, however, if you deposit the wood on Plot 1 we will endeavor to burn this off.

PLOT LETTING

We have 90% + occupancy at the moment. Lettings Officer is **LYNNE SMITH**, plot 44

- Forge Farm Allotments now have a waiting list for rentable allotment plots.
- If a plot is given up it is first offered to a member of that potholders family.
- If a family member does not take it then it is offered to the next on the waiting list.
- Birmingham Allotment Association will not allow sub-letting.
- If you or anybody you know wishes their name to be added to the vacancy list please text 07758 236598 OR contact Lynne via the website contact form.
- Confirmation will be acknowledged