

The Bushy Times

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AUTUMN FESTIVAL 8TH SEPTEMBER

We will be holding our Autumn Festival and our next open day from 12 NOON to 3 PM on Saturday 8th September. Once again we look forward to your support: -

- Entering the competitions, see the details below.
- Help on the day to set up, assist with the food and other stalls and clear up at the end.
- Donate cakes or other finger food, home baking is very much appreciated!
- Donate any spare plants or produce for sale to visitors
- Simply come and socialise, we expect plenty of visitors particularly if we have good weather. Some will be new to the allotments and it is good to welcome them.

The back gate next to the Brew House should be open so that visitors can circulate through Bushy Park.

COMPETITIONS

Judging has taken place for the **Best Plot** and **Best Newcomer's Plot** and the results will be announced at the Open Day.

If you have a Winner's Cup for any of last year's competitions please return it to a Committee member.

TALLEST SUNFLOWER – please add your name and plot number to the list in the Shop to make sure that we come and measure your sunflower for the competition. We will be measuring during the week 3rd – 7th September.

JAM & PICKLE COMPETITION – bring your jam or pickle jar along to the shop on Sunday 2nd September between 12 and 3PM or find Giuseppe and hand it to him to enter the competition. We do stipulate that it should be mostly made from allotment produce.

- ***Please label with your name and plot number.***
- ***One pot of jam and/or pickle per plot holder.***

BIGGEST PUMPKIN – we will have difficulty weighing pumpkins and you may not want to harvest it in early September. We will therefore judge the largest by taking the joint

measurement of maximum circumference added to average length from stem to tip. **Please add your name and plot number** to the list in the Shop to make sure that we come and measure your pumpkin during the preceding week.

FRUIT AND VEG DISPLAYS -, This will be a display of fruit and vegetables from your plot displayed on a tray no larger than 60 cm (24 inches) by 40 cm (16 inches). **Please label with your name and plot number when you deliver it on the day.**

FLOWER DISPLAY – this will consist of a single vase of your flower selection from your own plot, **please label with your name and plot number when you deliver it on the day.** Herbs, decorative foliage and vegetable flowers are permitted.

PLEASE NOTE FOR THE PUMPKIN, SUNFLOWER & JAM/PICKLE COMPETITIONS YOU MUST REGISTER/DELIVER YOUR ENTRY BEFORE THE EVENT, FOR THE OTHERS REGISTER ON THE DAY BEFORE 1:00 PM

JAM YESTERDAY – JAM TOMORROW

Tricia Brown is a volunteer for the Environment Trust for Richmond upon Thames's project **Jam Yesterday Jam Tomorrow** which will explore the heritage of market gardens and nurseries in the Twickenham, Hounslow and Hampton areas. Tricia visited the allotments on Friday 3rd August and met some of our plot holders.

She is interested in stories or memories of allotments, market gardens and nurseries in the area; knowledge of local and heritage plant varieties; your own or family recipes you may have for the food you are growing on your allotment; spare seedlings or seeds you want to swap. The project is hosting two 'Down Memory Lane' events: the **White House Community Centre**, The Avenue, Hampton, 12-3, Monday 20 August, and the **Methodist Church Hall, Butts Farm Estate**, Churchfields Avenue, Hanworth, 12-3, Thursday 23 August, where people who are interested in the market garden heritage of the area are invited to visit and share their memories.

Tricia sends the following message: -

"I would just like to thank everyone who took the time to speak to me and hope to see some of you at our events."

THEFTS OF PRODUCE

We have had several reports of thefts of produce. Fruit trees seem to be the main target, a whole tree of ripe cherries was stripped last week and other reports have also concerned fruit trees. This is distressing for the plot holders. Please keep a look out and let the Committee have any details that you have of these incidents.

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