



NEWSLETTER

Thank goodness for Allotments. In these strange times Allotments have become a safe haven for plot holders to briefly escape the home, and we have all benefitted. Hopefully restrictions will continue ease as we try to get back to a normal existence.
The BDAC would like to thank the National Allotment Society who have been an invaluable source of support during the out-break. Their website Covid-19 advice to Allotment sites is up dated regularly and the site well worth a visit.

Dates for your diary
Executive meetings are held at the Guild Guide Headquarters, Trefoil House, Brownsea Drive, B1 1QL
Meetings starts at 7 p.m.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions BDAC executive meetings are no longer taking place. We will give Allotment Sites notice when they restart.

National Allotments Week A
August 11th to August 18th

 **Congratulations** go to Vilja Laura, who won the BDAC's Facebook Challenge and received a £10 garden voucher!
We welcome members to our new Facebook group "BDAC Birmingham Allotments"

The BDAC's new way of working.(The new Normal!)
Due to the outbreak and restrictions we have had to cancel all our meetings, our Annual Show and our Site and Plot competitions. However, we are still here to help Associations and plot holders alike who need support. Although we are not at this time able to visit sites, we still can communication via telephone and e-mail so don't hesitate to get in touch if you need us.

Our Web manager, Executive member Mark Hanson, endeavours to keep our website up to date and has been keen to encourage plot holders to use social media to keep in touch with each other. Many thanks to all those who have posted lovely photos of their plots on our new Facebook page **BDAC Birmingham Allotments**



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Figure 1 Vilja Laura's winning photo of her new plot.

June Gardening quiz

1. Which flowers name comes from the ancient Greek word for Star?
2. Which fruit has main varieties called slicing, burpless and pickling?
3. What is Pomology the Study of?
4. What fruit comes in varieties Orco Blanco, Ruby Red , Thompson and Pink
5. What has varieties beefsteak, plum and cherry?
6. Which fruit was cultivated from crossing a black berry and raspberry?
7. Helianthus is another name for which flower?
8. Which TV presenter owns a garden in Herefordshire called Longmeadow?
9. What word is used to describe plants that like acid soil and will not grow in alkaline soils?
10. Which campaign encouraged the British population to use gardens, parks and sports pitches to grow vegetables during World War 2?

To enter the quiz please email your answers to markhansonbdac@gmail.com all correct entries will be put into a draw for a 10 packet seed giveaway. Please get entries in by 30th June. Winners will be notified by email and answers posted on the BDAC website and in the BDAC facebook group on the 1st July. Good Luck

Plot enquiries are on the up!

Over the past two month the BDAC and the Council have seen record numbers of people expressing the desire to rent a plot. Good News indeed. If you are a new plot holder, welcome to the world of Allotment growing!

News from Walsall Road Allotments



You might like to see how we had our committee meeting yesterday. We are lucky to have grassed areas which are big enough for us to be at a safe distance. (the two people sitting close to each other are husband and wife) *Photo sent from Walsall Road Allotments-many thanks to them.*

NEWS FROM MOOR GREEN ALLOTMENTS

As the fear of an imminent egg shortage swept the nation in the early phases of the UK's lockdown, Britain's demand for pet hens rocketed. One breeder in Kings Heath, Birmingham, reported an entire year's worth of sales in just three weeks. Some towns have reported thefts of hens from gardens and allotments, and there are concerns that after the lockdown has lifted, new hen owners will change their minds causing an influx of hens up for adoption.

Moor Green Allotments in Moseley has had a couple of dedicated chicken keepers on site for a number of years. Goose, aptly named by his friends, has kept a healthy and varied flock of more than a dozen chickens on his plot since 2019; their favorite snack is a cabbage dangled from the ceiling of the pen.

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Web links

If any Association would like a link to their website in the BDAC website please email your web address to Executive member, Mark Hanson using the following address: markhansonbdac@gmail.com. And he will install the link for you.

From time to time we have prospective plot holders visit our site and make plot requests the link will help you publicise your site.