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BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT ALLOTMENT CONFEDERATION

NEWSLETTER

Season's Greetings from the BDAC.

Now the weather has turned colder and wetter you will be taking the time to study seed catalogues planning what to grow in 2023. Winter being a good time to sit back and reflect on last year's successes and failure.

2022 turned out to be a busy year for the BDAC and we are very grateful to those plot holders around the city who stepped up and volunteered to be members of a working party. They looked at making changes to the Management Agreement and researching alternative ways of managing Allotment sites.
It has been a challenge, but we are now at a point where Associations can come together to discuss the options that we have for future Management of Allotment Sites across Birmingham.

In January there will be a series of meetings arranged, chaired by the BDAC to help Associations understand their options. It is important that representatives of every Association attend one of the meetings.

GOODBYE to Executive Members

Sadly, we have lost two influential members of the Executive this year. Derek Cullen our Show Secretary, we said goodbye to in the Summer, and more recently in the last month, Mick Merrill passed away. Mick was the Chairman of Ward End Gardeners. He was also on our Executive and a Show Committee member, being a respected Vegetable judge. He has represented the BDAC at Regional and National Levels for many years. His experience and depth of knowledge will be missed and hard to replace.

Barbara Smith, Secretary BDAC

2022 Dates for your diary

Executive meetings will be held at Bordesley Green Allotments B9 5PD
Meetings start at 7pm

Monday January 9th
Monday February 6th
Monday March 6th

Management Meetings 2023
Saturday 14th January
Meadow Road Allotments, Harborne B17 8DB and Thornbridge Avenue, Great Barr B42 2PT
Saturday 21st January
Moor Green Allotments B13 8RG and
Bordesley Green Allotments B9 5PD *all meetings start at 11am*

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WOTTA LOTTA CULTURE!

Photos of Bordesley Green Allotments & Uffculme Allotments, Kings Heath, 1975.
Image Credit: Wilf Thust/Four Corners Archive

*The project tagline WOTTA LOTTA CULTURE! is taken from a Birmingham Evening Mail article (Monday 26 August 1996) about Uplands allotments in Handsworth: "The Brum allotment where world-wide friendship grows and grows. WOTTA LOTTA CULTURE (...that's multi-culture and horticulture!)".

An exciting new project by General Public exploring the heritage of allotments in Birmingham from the 1960s to the present day.

Heritage Fund

Thanks to National Lottery players

GENERAL PUBLIC .ORG.UK

THE BIRMINGHAM ALLOTMENT PROJECT .CO.UK

In 2022 The Heritage Project has collected many oral history stories about Birmingham Allotments and Allotmenteers. You might have been one of the contributors. Chris is still looking for more stories to add to the collection so his contacts are below. More details about the Exhibition will be given out during the year.

Chris's contacts are:-
email: generalpublicprojects@gmail.com Post: 69 Station Road B14 7SS
Call/text Chris at 07792736125
The Project will finish in a major Exhibition at the Library of Birmingham in Autumn 2023.
He has set up a web site. https://www.thebirminghamallotmentproject.co.uk/ that is well worth visiting for updates on how the project is developing.

Avian Flu

Avian flu continues to be a concern. If you have chickens or there are chickens on your site you should keep up to date with the requirements by visiting the Government website. To find out more you could follow this link.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flu-national-prevention-zone-declared?fbclid=IwAR0FJgRqNtc1g_nT-WP0M0iBE2EugttzECT5N0SrOAatBBR3GJWJkz3LkLQ

Do you have experience of managing an Allotment Site and would you like to use that knowledge to support all Allotment Associations across the City?

The BDAC is short of Executive members and Advisors. We pay a vital role in supporting plot holders and Associations, representing you at meetings with the Council and at Area and National level.

If you would like to have an influence in how the Council manages Allotments please get in contact. It is important that the BDAC continues to work to protects and support Associations across the city.

Web site up date

Many thanks go to Executive Clive Fenn has been working to up-date our website and it is looking very different. Well worth a visit. We would welcome your constructive comments and any ideas about anything you would like to see on it.

www.bdacallotments.co.uk

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Our page book page is "BDAC Birmingham Allotments" the link is https://www.facebook.com/groups/674161326681373

The BDAC would like to thank **The National Allotment Society** for all their support and guidance throughout the year.
I know that quite a few Associations enjoy the benefits of Association membership including free personal insurance for plot holders. Their web site is well worth visiting https://www.nsalg.org.uk

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CALLING NOTICES FOR:

CONSULTATION MEETINGS ON THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY 2023 AT 11 am

MEADOW ROAD ALLOTMENTS, MEADOW ROAD, B17 8DB

AND

THORNBRIDGE AVENUE ALLOTMENTS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TREHURST ROAD OPPOSITE SITE ENTRANCE B42 2PT

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY 2023 AT 11 am

MOOR GREEN ALLOTMENTS OFF HOLDERS ROAD B13 8RG

AND

BORDESLEY GREEN ALLOTMENTS, BORDESLEY GREEN, B9 5PD

Please come to one of these meetings your views are essential for us to proceed with negotiations.

Members of the Working Party will be at the meetings. The members have worked extremely hard to enable these meetings to take place.

Clive Birch

Chairman BDAC