

Elder Stubbs Charity Allotments

2016 Newsletter - Summer Edition

Elder Stubbs Allotment - Summer Events

Saturday 20th August - Elder Stubbs Vegetable Show & Festival



Elder Stubbs Vegetable Show

Our show relies on you! It is an excellent tradition and helps to showcase our Allotment and what we can grow and produce from our plots. Participation to me is more important than winning though this year there will be a prize of £40 for our winner of the best in show award as well as receiving our engraved shield. So do give it some thought and do consider putting in at least a few items for the show.

John Purves my esteemed predecessor as Estate Manager has again very kindly agreed to judge entries for this years show - He particularly enjoyed the home made entries of Victoria Sponges, scones, jams and preserves so it is a good excuse for some finesse in the kitchen! John will also be delighted as would I in lots of entries to make all the effort worth while!

Cut Flowers, displayed vegetables and fruit are the mainstays of our display.

Details about the show will be on the accompanying Entry Form and Category List.

The Festival attracts a lot of families and people from our local community. It could be a great addition to this years show if you could let me know if you would be happy to showcase your allotment plot and enable people to come and chat to you about aspects of allotment growing and how you manage your plot. This could be denoted by a tall cane and flag, which I can provide and be as little or as much time during the afternoon as you like.

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to assist with the show in setting it up and also with auctioning everything that has not been collected at the end.

This year the show will take place in our event tent which will be approximately 4 meters wide x 6 meters long. This will be on the lawn area in front of the Restore buildings. Restore Education have taken over the room that we previously used for the show.

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Elder Stubbs Festival - Starts at mid-day



For new tenants the Festival is a great family occasion with many local people attending and in the past there have been lots of stalls selling interesting items, community groups promoting causes that they are actively involved with, a number of groups and musicians performing on 2 stages, face painting, drumming, raptor displays, multicultural food, circus acts, swing boats. What is described does vary from year to year depending on availability.

This Festival is organised by Restore and they work hard to convey what their charitable work does in supporting members of our community recovering from mental illness. There is also planned to be workshops discussing mental health issues.

Every year Restore staff and members work really hard to put on the Festival.

Volunteer support is welcomed and if you would like to help please contact Katie Rowell at Restore E-mail katie.rowell@restore.org.uk or telephone 01865 747176

Tuesday October 11th at 7pm - Tenants Open Meeting with Guest Speakers



This will be held in the Restore buildings in their canteen area.

David Mead has kindly agreed to give a presentation about what is entailed in keeping ones own bees. He has an enthusiasm for maintaining a healthy bee population in their hives, as well of course of enjoying the honey that the bees produce. David has kept bees for a number of years also supporting people new to bee keeping. So if you have thought keeping bees sounds a brilliant idea this is a great opportunity to find out more about it.

It is also an opportunity to discuss any issues with our trustees.

Kings Seed Catalogues - These provide very good value seed representing roughly a 30% saving on usual prices. I have notified NSALG how many catalogues we need and they should arrive July/August.

I plan to leave them as before for you to help yourself from under cover by the restore buildings in or near the metal cabinet or in a box by the Bhandari Close gate.

Our organising the order also raises funds for Elder Stubbs with our receiving a percentage of the order cost. Your order will be individually packaged and you will be notified when it is ready for collection.