

June Newsletter 2017

It has been an excellent start to the growing season and many people already have a good range of crops on their allotment with even some early courgettes peas

broad beans and soft fruit ready. Onions and garlic planted in the autumn are looking good and soon will be able to be cropped and dried. The lack of rain and high temperatures are clearly not affecting the growth of plants. Please continue to respect the hose pipe ban. First early potatoes will be ready soon.

With the current good weather set to continue please make every effort to enter our annual summer show. Posters will be soon on notice boards.

Summer Show: 15 July at Kennington Junior School. Upper Vicarage Road.

Entries from 10 am to 11.45. Only 25p an entry and many prizes to be won

Judging 12.00 noon

All welcome from 2 pm for cakes and other refreshments and a raffle,

Please take part by entering your produce even if you have never done it before to make this show really successful. There will be help and guidance if you need it. The schedule is available on the website and we will re email it out in July. Paper copies can be picked up from the trading store. Donations of homemade cakes are also needed please as well as raffle prizes. Come along and enjoy a social and relaxed afternoon.

Plot judging

This year judging will begin on Friday 30 th June to include Westrees, Musgrove Bybrook, Beaver Fields, Cryol and Wye. Other plots will be judged on either Saturday or Sunday dependent on the availability of the site Rep .

Please note the categories include quality of crops, overall appearance, paths and edges and crop variety. It would really help if you could check to make sure your plot is clearly marked to avoid confusion and errors. Winners will be notified and awarded certificates on the summer show afternoon.

The Trading Store

We have been busy over the last few openings and have continued to enrol new members. There is still time to renew your membership for 2017 to enjoy our excellent range of stock at great prices. Next opening: 24 June: 10 am to approx. 1.00 pm

Other Events

The Pilgrims Hospice Fete: Saturday 5 th August Please support this by coming along and donating produce for our stall. All money made goes to this wonderful charity.

Ashford Allotment Society

**I hope to see as many of you as possible over the summer
P.Winston**