

# WAHGA NEWSLETTER    SUMMER 2009

## SHOW & FETE NEWS    *Editor: David Hickman*



**Summer's here and we're fast approaching WAHGA's biggest day of the year. Please come along to the Gardeners Hall and support this fun afternoon. The Big Day at a glance...**

- \*\* The Show and Fete are open to all from 2.15 to 5.15pm**
- \*\* Entry costs only 50p and it's free for kids and disabled people**
- \*\* You can park at Trevelyan school from 12 noon**
- \*\* The Show Schedule can be found here [www.wahga.org.uk](http://www.wahga.org.uk) or pick up a copy at one of the Trading Sheds**
- \*\* Entry fee for most classes is just 50p**

### **\*\*Helping you prepare for the Show - SATURDAY 22 AUGUST \*\***

Some of you are worried about entering classes in the show due to a lack of past experience but no longer will it be possible for you to say "I don't know how to stage my vegetables / flowers" or "I don't know how to interpret the Floral Art theme".

***On Friday 7 August at 7pm, at Gardeners Hall***, we are arranging a special event for you when **Ted Bailey, the WAHGA President**, is going to demonstrate how to present vegetables and flowers in the Show – including all those quirky things like how to show onions at their best and tie their tops with raffia, how to display tomatoes etc. As part of the same evening **Alison Mount**, a specialist in Floral Art and regular entrant in national competitions, will be explaining how to interpret the themes for the Floral Art classes in this year's Show. She will then demonstrate how to create an arrangement. It'll be a great evening and it will give you the information you need to enter this year's Show. We look forward to seeing you there.

Many allotments have promising crops at present. Our Show has classes for most types of produce and a couple of more general classes for the 'slightly unusual' or more exotic cultivars! In addition to the produce, there are classes for general horticulture, including flowers and plants, and floral art. There are also classes for handicrafts, photography and other interests.

The children's categories are free to enter and include great events like **Animal Made Mainly from Vegetable, Garden on a plate and Two vegetables you have grown** AND there is an adult class as well. This is a fun and creative activity. It is great fun for all, so have a go, bring out the inner child and go wild.

### **Cakes and Helpers needed!**

All those master chefs out there please note. Your cooking skills are needed to make this year's tea tent the best place in town!! Please bring scones and cakes of all types to the Gardeners Hall on the morning of the show. Alternatively let Fran Hartridge know if you need a cake to be collected. Please, please help as our tea tent is always very popular. AND,

If anyone also has some time to spare and would be willing to help on the day do please let Fran know. You can contact her by e-mailing to [secretary@wahga.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wahga.org.uk)

### **FETE - SOME GREAT THINGS TO DO...**

**Attractions** for all ages including Live Jazz, an Art Exhibition (in the Guide Hut), Water Pistols, Hoopla, Bouncy Castle and Punch and Judy.

**Refreshments:** Teas, homemade cakes and sandwiches. There will also be a Beer Tent!

**Stalls:** Membership, plants, produce, trading shed, bric-a-brac, tombola and books.

**New events for 2009:** Pool Bull and Scalextric.

**If you are able to display a poster, or know of a shop or notice board that would be prepared to display one advertising the event, these will be available in the sheds at the beginning of July.**

**The Brownies** have been invited to join in the prizegiving to take their hostess badges – sit back and let them serve you.

**Surplus produce:** the kitchen would like any spare salad vegetables for the lunches. The produce stall needs vegetables to sell – runner beans are always popular. Plants and flowers for the plant stall will be most welcome.

**Quality Bric-a-brac** (no electrical items) and books are always appreciated for the stalls.

All helpers are invited to come to the prizegiving evening on Friday 18 September.

### **STOP PRESS.... A message from Don Hartridge our Allotment Secretary**

It is anticipated that the Best Allotment competition will be judged during the last week of June. Now is the time to spruce up your plots so that you may attract the attention of the judges. *Don*