

WAHGA NEWSLETTER 16th AUGUST 2014

SHOW & FETE NEWS *Editor: Lesley Spence*



We're fast approaching our Show and Fete: the biggest day of the year. Please come along to the Gardeners Hall and enjoy this fun afternoon. The Big Day at a glance...

- ** The Show and Fete are open to all from 2.00 to 5.00pm**
- ** Entry is free (donations welcome)**
- ** You can park at Trevelyan school from 12 noon**
- ** For the Show Schedule go to**
http://www.wahga.org.uk/Resources/Schedule_2014.pdf
or pick up a copy at one of the Trading Sheds
- ** Entry fee for most classes is just 50p**

TAKE PART IN THE SHOW!

Our Show Secretary, **Graham Ashley**, has organised a great programme with a wide range of classes for both children and adults. Why not enter for some of the following: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Floral Art, Baking, Preserves, Handicrafts and Photography. There are also classes for Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs. Don't be shy about entering your produce, we have classes for the novice exhibitor and the show is intended to be fun, not intimidating. If you want advice about the best way to display your produce help is at hand in the trading sheds.

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 (large and small, plain or fancy) to the Gardeners Hall on the evening of 15th August or on the morning of the show. Alternatively contact **Fran Hartridge** on 01753 855754 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.

FETE - SOME GREAT THINGS TO DO

Attractions for all ages including Scarecrow competition, an Art Exhibition (in the Guide Hut), Raffle, Coconut Shy, Splat the Rat, Hoopla, Bouncy Castle, Skittles and lots more. There will also be Basket Weaving and Cookery demonstrations.

Refreshments: Teas, Homemade Cakes and Sandwiches, Beer Tent, Barbeque and Ice Creams

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, please let us know.

Stalls: Membership, Plants, Produce, Trading Shed, Bric à Brac, Tombola and Books plus stalls selling Gardening Goodies and Novelties.

The Chrysanthemum, Fuchsia and Pelargonium Society will be on hand if you want to know how to grow, propagate and care for these plants, or want to join the Society.

Braywick Heath Nurseries will be running a plant stall.

Surplus produce: As we approach the show may I request those of you with crops to spare, please contribute something to the produce stall. This is always popular with the visitors and additionally advertises the purpose of our Association. Any contributions will be gratefully received at the trading sheds in the run up to the show. Also, the kitchen would be grateful for any spare salad vegetables for the lunches.

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

Staines Lammas Band will be entertaining you during the afternoon.

All helpers and prizewinners are invited to come to the prizegiving evening on Friday, 19th September at 7.15pm.

STOP PRESS.... A message from Don Hartridge, our Allotment Secretary

The growing season is now in full swing and it is good to see that many plot holders have excellent crops in progress. At the other end of the scale, some allotment holders have neglected their plots, which inconveniences their neighbours and longer term may involve the Association in cost and effort to reclaim the plot. If you are unable to work part or all of your plot please let us know and take steps to suppress the weeds. If you plan to give up let us know as early as possible so that we may take the necessary steps to keep the plot under control.

The best allotment competition was judged at the end of June and the results were as follows:-

Best Allotment:

1st Fred Fletcher - Spital
2nd Denzil Jones - Municipal
3rd Paul Woodrup - Bolton Road

Best Small Allotment: Winner Mike Samuel - Fairground

Best Newcomer: Winner Radka Sobierajski - Clewer Park