Horfield & District Allotments Association

Newsletter January 2020

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

****at B&A (St Michaels) Church Main Hall, Pigsty Hill,
160a Gloucester Road, Bristol BS7 8NT ****

Monday 17th February 2020
Tea and coffee available from 7.30pm. Meeting begins at 7.45pm

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM (Will be tabled)
3. Matters Arising
4. Report from the Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee.
5. Short talks on H&DAA and the environment:
   a. H&DAA Plastics Strategy – Lucy Vilarkin
   b. Bonfires on allotment sites - Tim Foster
6. Resolutions (see below)
7. Annual accounts and treasurers report.
8. Election of H&DAA Company Directors.
9. Community Garden report
10. BCC Allotments Officer.
11. Presentation of prizes.

Resolutions:

1. H&DAA Member Tim Foster proposes that all bonfires should be banned from all H&DAA sites throughout the year, except for the community bonfire on Nov 5th..

2. An alternative resolution to 1. above, recommended by the H&DAA Committee, is that bonfires should be banned on all members' individual plots on all H&DAA sites, but that a limited number of communal bonfires, organised by Field Representatives, be allowed on specific days between Nov. 1st and Feb 28th each year.

Please come and have your say.

****Please note the change of venue this year. There are a few disabled parking spaces outside the Hall, otherwise parking is limited to the main road or nearby side streets. There are regular buses that serve Gloucester Road and stop very near the Hall.**

NB: See overleaf for change of code to padlock gates. Please note carefully.

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Change of Lock Code

From 1st March 2020 there is a new code for the gate padlocks on all the Golden Hill sites and Grahams site. Contact info@horfieldanddistrictallotments.co.uk for details

Contact details

Here is a roundup of the personnel in the admin & field rep departments, including changes since last year.

Coming

New field reps in this last year are:
Joe on Birchall,
Helen on Grahams.
A grateful welcome to both and thanks for donating your time & energy.

Going

Thanks to Phil Hall at Grahams, Katharine Alsop at Birchall, Roger Chainey at Longs for all their good work as Field Reps over the years

Christine and Brian Styles have left the committee after many years of hard work as Plot Manager and Treasurer respectively.

Baptist Field Reps		
19	Joe McSorley	942 3449
33a, 34	Kathryn Sadler	942 3054
33a, 34	Pete Bill	942 3054
Birchall Field Reps		
26a	Joe Baxter	07913 644 467
8a	Kirstin Whimster	9441175
9a	Tony Jones	962 0462
Grahams Field Reps		
Telecoms 15	Helen McCreadie	07804 490 542
Highbury 29a	Jamie Darke	07816 772096
Highbury 35	Rhoda Lock	951 4679
Longs Field Reps		
4a, 5a	Wendy Hawthorn	924 6372
10a/10	Dominic O'Dwyer	07925 595 339
St Agnes Field Reps		
7	Pete Clee	975 6647
49, 50	Neil Pirie (Chair)	942 7123
Davies Field Reps		
5	Roger Hake	942 7915
18,18a,19a	Steve Soffe	924 0916
2	Sarah Newns	924 3977
Useful numbers		
Neil Pirie - Chair		9427123
Debbie Bradley - Secretary		9245390
Phil Hopkins – Treasurer		9240140
Steve Soffe- Plot manager		924 0916
Phil Hopkins – Website Manager		9240140
Email addresses on the web site		

H&DAA things you need to know

Rent payment

This year payment by bank transfer is encouraged although we will still accept cheques. If you are using this facility please read your bill carefully and follow the instructions. Without your plot number your payment is difficult to process.

Dates for your diary

February 17th AGM
June: Plot appraisals

Who to contact

- Change address, give up plot, have a friend helping who would like to join as a member: Steve Soffe
- Something for the web site: Phil Hopkins
- Everything else: your Field Rep

What is an Associate Member?

If you have a friend who regularly works on your plot it is important that they become an Associate Member. Anyone accessing the site and using the facilities on a regular basis should have agreed to the terms contained in the tenancy agreement and understand the rules of the Association. Should you decide to give up your plot your Associate Member can apply to become the tenant providing they have been a member for a minimum period.

Concessions: If you are on a means tested benefit you may be entitled to a reduction on your plot rent. Please contact Phil Hopkins to apply.

Strimmers Petrol strimmers must only be used between the hours of 10 am and noon on any day of the week. It is recommended that 30 minutes should be the maximum duration for a strimming session.
Battery-powered strimmers can be used at any time. See Pete Clee to borrow one at Golden Hill.

Bee Swarms: If you find a bee swarm in or near any of our allotments sites, please contact Susan Carter in the first instance. Susan is registered with the BBKA as a swarm collector.
Susan Carter: 07944 191238

Bonfires: Currently only allowed between between 1st Nov & 28th February. Please be aware of the impact of any bonfire on your neighbours both on and off the field
However, please note the AGM 2020 resolution to amend this policy.

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