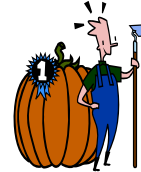




FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Allotment Newsletter

IT'S SHOW TIME!



Our show is once again upon us and it certainly doesn't seem like a year ago when we held our last one. I thought it might be helpful to you if you are intending to come down to outline the programme for the day.

Date **28th** July and to be held at West Street Greenhouses.

Staging time from **8 am to 10.45** with Judging commencing at **11 am**

The show will open to everyone at **1 p.m.** when refreshments will be available.

A question and answers session will be held at **2.30.**

Prize giving at **4 pm by the Town Mayor**

Mr Ron Watts has kindly agreed to answer questions not only on vegetables but also gardening in general. Ron has been in gardening all his life except for a break for the 2nd World War. As you can tell from this his knowledge is extensive and he is on various committees for the RHS and also President of the Delphinium Society. So come along and please bring samples of pests or diseases which we can hopefully identify between us, in fact, anything we can help you with.

You will find enclosed a show schedule. If you do intend to come along please can you fill in the form which is also enclosed.

This season so far has been very difficult for you allotment holders, a very dry and warm April with cold and wet conditions in May and June. This has of course led to bumper crops of weeds. I have had allotment holders grumbling at me because neighbouring plots have weeds that are seeding and blowing onto their plot. **If you are one of these allotment holders please get down to your plot as soon as possible and do something about the weeds. I would hate to have to send you a warning letter.** Another thing you are responsible for are the pathways surrounding your plot, between you and your neighbour you need to decide who cuts what path. There is little point in trying to keep your plot tidy if the paths are getting out of hand and harbouring all sorts of pests and weeds. The tenancy agreement does state that paths must be kept trimmed.

You still have time to plant many crops that will mature before the autumn, but you do need to get on with it.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the allotment show. Don't forget we do have a childrens class. If you don't feel able to put anything in the show, come along and compare your crops, have a cup of tea and a chat, so we can put a face to the name.

Best wishes and good gardening

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