

HAZELBURY BRYAN ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT 2013

Dull, very wet and windy or dull, very cold and windy. That pretty well sums up the weather since the last report in May 2012. In the third full growing season we battled on against the elements, pests and diseases and achieved some successes, noticeably with a glut of runner beans, and had some failures. In line with most of the country we had a nasty attack of potato blight which seemed to sweep through the allotments very quickly.

If you remember there was a dry day in July which enabled the BBQ to take place and all in attendance had an enjoyable time.

Notwithstanding the diabolical weather all the plots are occupied. Three new plot holders have been welcomed and there are two couples on the waiting list.

The Annual Plant Show in the village hall in August was well supported by members of the association. The 2012 allotment cup was won by Caroline & David Hutchinson, second place – Sarah & Matthew Mills, third place Jane & Roger Palmer and Highly Commended by Jean Riley.

At the AGM in October Matthew Mills took over as Chairman from Clive Rance with Sarah Darnell and Caroline Hutchinson continuing as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Many thanks to Clive for his time as Chairman of the Association and also to Sarah and Caroline for their continuing involvement.

The idea of a wild flower garden has been abandoned. Instead some fruit trees will be purchased and planted in the same area.

On a beautiful Spring morning at the beginning of April we held an allotment tidy up morning, mainly to clear away the hedge trimming resulting from the work kindly carried out earlier by David Maugham on the hedge between the allotments and the Poores' Land Charity field.

Here's looking forward to a better growing season this year.

Matthew Mills
Chairman

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