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GGAA Newsletter 6 July 2020

Dear Plotolders,

You may or may not know that the Barnet Allotment Federation (BAF) each year hold a site and plot competition. Our site has often been commended or highly commended and one of our plot holders Silas has won best plot twice, and runner up over the past 3 years and Silas is now one of the BAFs judges.

Because of Covid-19 the BAF won't be holding a competition in the way it usually does so have invited all the Barnet sites to submit photographs of the plots they want to nominate by 25th July. A member of the committee will take these photographs and submit them. If you would like to put yourself forward for best plot please let me know via email by 15th July. The BAF offer, in addition to a trophy, a 1st prize of £50, 2nd prize of £30 and a 3rd prize of £20.

The BAF have also asked the sites in Barnet to send them photos of nice plots for their website.

Under the extraordinary circumstances we have all found ourselves in since March we thought it would be nice to have our own competition. We thought it would be good to look at the new plotolders who took on plots just before the lockdown in February and choose the best plot and award a prize of £50. We will also choose 3 best existing plotolders plots and award a 1st prize of £50, a 2nd prize of £30 and a 3rd prize of £20. Some of the committee will be looking over new plotholder plots and existing plotholder plots over a period of a couple of weeks and score them using the system that the BAF use. The winners for Best Newcomer and 1st, 2nd and 3rd existing plotholder winners will be notified by 25th July.

We will not include any of the GGAA committee members plots in the best plot for our site competition but might take photos of some of them to send to the BAF for their website along with all the others. We will put these photos up on

our website too.

The BAF competition poster has been put up on our noticeboards.

Water Usage

Please can we remind you about water usage, especially when the weather is warm as it has come to our attention that some taps have been left on attached to hoses when ploholders have left their plots. This is not allowed. Recently a tap was left running overnight with water overflowing from the tank. Please check the taps before you leave. Can we also remind you that sprinklers are not allowed and when watering you should always be holding your hose to water and directing the water at the base of your plants. Polytunnels also do not benefit from when it rains so take more watering with a hose as obviously that bit of ground is covered! Can we suggest that you remove the cover of your polytunnel during the summer months as it's not really needed.

Many thanks

Sara

Any queries contact Sara on sarathebells@gmail.com

Barnet Allotment Federation Circular

Annual Plot Competition

Lockdown Special Photographic Event

18/19 July 2020

As BAF is unable to run the normal Plot Competition this year, it has been decided to offer members the opportunity to enter with photographs instead.

If you want to participate, please contact your Chair/Secretary who will arrange for a committee member to take 3 photos of your plot (just one plot if you have more). These will be taken over the weekend of 18/19 July and the deadline for receiving the photos will be 25 July.

The judges from last year will decide which plots will be classified as first, second and third prize winners. In addition to a trophy, there is a monetary prize of £50 for 1st, £30 for 2nd and £20 for 3rd.

We hope you will take part.

