

# Little Stoke Garden Society

Newsletter November 2014



## Welcome to the autumn newsletter

A special welcome to the newcomers, maybe not the best time of year to be starting out but plenty of time to prepare your plots for the coming year. It is a good time for digging the plot and adding manure; and perhaps making your trench, and filling it with lots of organic material, if you are planning on growing runner beans.

A quick reminder to keep plots tidy, especially the paths. Some of the paths are quite dangerous, and it is the plot holder's responsibility to maintain them. If for any reason you are having a problem maintaining either your plot or the surrounding path, please let a member of the committee know, so that we are able to help.

## The Committee

The allotments are owned by Stoke Gifford Parish Council, and we administer them on behalf of the Council. All rent collected by LSGS is passed to the council.

All members of the committee are volunteers, and we are in need of more support both to be actively involved on the committee, but also in running the shop.

If you are interested please let one of us know, or come to the AGM in March.

It does not take up much of your time to be a member – maybe 6 meetings a year, and help for the Open Morning in May and the Annual Show in August

There has been a change on the committee recently. Linda Eason, while remaining as

chairperson, has given up the job of allocating and letting vacant plots. This role has been taken on by Maureen Harris.

We do not have any vacant plots at the moment, and only 4 people on the waiting list. There are also 2 people who already have plots who have asked for another – we are able to add members to the waiting list who have a half now, but if you have a full plot you will only be able to increase your holding if a plot is available and the waiting list is empty.

**Hose pipes** a reminder that these are not to be used on the allotments please.



We are on a water meter, the council pays the bill. If you have a water butt a hose pipe can be attached to make life easier, but if not then watering cans should be used. There are plenty of taps around for this purpose.



## Dates for your diary 2015

**Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> – AGM** Owl Room Little Stoke Community Hall

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 11.00 – 13.00 – Open Morning** at the allotment Bush Avenue

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August – LSGS Annual Show**

Held at Little Stoke Community Hall – entries staged and ready for judging by 10.45 please

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## Little Stoke Garden Society Annual Show

The show held in August was very successful, with lots of entries and some very good produce shown. The handicraft entries were down on previous years, so all of you crafty people need to get your entries in for next year.

It would be good to have some more entries from children next year, especially as I know that a lot of children are now coming to the allotments.

There will be a new Junior Cup for photography in 2015, following the growing interest in this class.

There have been a few changes made to the schedule for next year's show, to add variety and bring the show up to date; so make sure you all read the rules and classes to make sure you know what's what.

**One of the changes is that all entries must be staged and ready for judging by 10.45 – any entries not staged by this time will not be judged.**



## Winners for LSGS show 2014

Most points in show Linda Balchin

Most points vegetable section Paul Hardy

Most points flower section	Joe Hicks
Most points flower arranging, and handicraft and homecraft	Rosemary Davis
Most points junior section group A	Ruby Stacey
Most points junior section group B	no entries
Most points junior section group C	Emily Davis
Runner up vegetables	Linda Balchin
Runner up flowers	Linda Balchin
Best kept allotment	Linda Howe
Most outstanding exhibit	Dave Shergold
Most points handicraft	Rosemary Davis
Best fuchsia	Linda Balchin
Most points in Dahlia class	Linda Eason
Longest runner bean	Paul Hardy
Most points homecraft	Jan Szczelkun
Most points fruit section	Linda Balchin
Most points photography	Les Davis
Most points classes 45, 46, 47 – roses	Linda Balchin
Heaviest onion	Dave Shergold
Best Victoria sandwich	Lin Howe
Best pot plant	Linda Balchin
Tallest sunflower	no entries
3 onions grown from seed	Joe Hicks
Collection of 6 vegetables	Linda Balchin
Most points flower arranging	Rosemary Davis
Most points wine class	Rosemary Davis
Best effort by newcomer	Margaret Silverthorne

