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ALLOTMENT UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2010

As in previous years, the Town Council has decided to continue with its policy to increase rents by 1p per square metre in order to continue with the investment and improvement programmes supported by the Boniface Allotment Association and the Town Council. A breakdown of the income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2010 is as follows:

<i>Income (£)</i>		<i>Expenditure (£)</i>	
Income (Rents)	1,972.81	Grounds Maintenance	1,119.00
Town Council Allocation	200.00	Water	166.79
Allotment Assoc. M'bshp	262.89	General Maintenance/Repairs	0.00
C/F from 2007/08	302.48	Noticeboards	0.00
		Allotment Admin	4.00
Surplus Earmarked for Noticeboards.	0.00	Boniface Allot. Assoc. Costs (rechargeable) Insurance, Admin & NSALG Subs.	500.00
		Tree Mulching	0.00
		Earmarked for costs to Sep. 2010	500.00
Totals	2,738.18		2,289.79
<u>Balance:</u>			448.39

Please note that the apparent deficit in Allotment Association subscriptions are as a result of the changed billing date from March to September, with an apparent surplus last year as a result of the double invoicing that occurred in that year.

The expected income from rents for 2010-11 is £2,150.00. Together with the Town Council's allocation, plus or minus any carry forward sum, makes a total of £2,350.00 available for 2010-11.

There is still an extensive waiting list of prospective tenants and existing tenants are again urged to review their requirements.. If you would like to discuss the possibility of splitting your allotment into more manageable plots, please contact Council staff who would be willing to help.

The **tenancy agreement** has had minor changes from September 2009 and there are two copies enclosed with you new bills.

To reduce administration time, once again we would request **postal payment of rents by cheque** if possible.



October 2010

Boniface Allotments Association

Improvements to allotment sites

Remember!
5% reduction on all gardening items at Tuckers!

Want a smaller plot?

**We need your ideas!
Get in touch**

Ring Alan on 775462
Maggie on 775202

Or email
Pennitearle@gmail.com

AGM on 18th October at 7.00

at the Boniface Centre
includes a talk on

Making Wine from Allotment Produce



Open Day: Chairman's report

Between 10am and noon on June 26th I was at the entrance gate of the Exhibition Road allotments to welcome approximately 10 people. We all walked around the site and discussed good points as well as problems. Most people had never been on site before and hopefully found the visit

interesting. Some of the visitors were plot holders from the Barnfield site, but there were also people on the current waiting list and one couple from Beech Hill allotments in Morchard Bishop.

Maybe there will be a similar event on one of the other sites next summer.

Bees

The General Purposes Committee of Crediton Town Council has decided that the allotments are not suitable for siting beehives. We should not be too discouraged

by this. Planting lots of flowers and herbs, such as chives, thyme, lavender, foxgloves, hollyhocks, lantana, roses, and sedum encourages bees.

Improvements to the allotment sites

Work will commence in the next few weeks to reduce the steep slope at the Cherry Gardens entrance to Barnfield allotments. This should make life a lot easier for tractor drivers delivering manure.

The taps at Exhibition Road have finally been replaced and you should now have ready access to water. The broken one at Barnfield has also been replaced.

Well maintained plots!

The overall maintenance of plots across all three sites is improving each year. This is good news for all of us, hopefully meaning fewer weeds going to seed and blowing onto other plots.

One way this has been achieved is by tighter action where there are allotments not being fully cultivated. This, and the practical aspects of the allocation of allotments, are two of the roles of

the BAA Committee. A system of 'warning' letters is in place leading to contracts being terminated if problems persist.

Sometimes the problem can be solved by people choosing to 'downsize', releasing part of their plot for someone on the waiting list. Do get in touch if you would like to reduce the size of your plot.