

Annual Parish Meeting 2019

Ovington Allotment Association

As a group we are pleased with the success of our activities in the year to date. All our plots were let at the start of the year, largely due to the efforts of our secretary, Jill Burgess. Disappointingly, some members have since given up, finding it too demanding, and others, who have done little or nothing with their plots have been persuaded to do so. We are having to take an increasingly hard line with those who fail to make proper use of their allotment to the detriment of other members, a consequence of the low annual fee of only £20. We have, however, no intention of raising this despite increasing insurance costs which we endeavour to cover by social events.

The only such event since the last Parish Meeting has been our annual show and prizegiving. This was well attended with lots of entries despite the dry weather. We were pleased that Peter Johnson won a well earned top prize on his last year and that Tracy is doing a good job maintaining it to his high standards.

The shed/toilet project has proved popular. The toilet is obviously being used, a situation viewed with mixed emotions by those committee members tasked with cleaning it! The storage compartment on the other hand, having remained inactive over the summer, came into it's own when Stuart Burgess made us all bacon and egg butties, tea and coffee on the stove inside when a working party spent several days trimming the hedge between the allotments and the church.

We have acquired a second rotavator from one of our members. This being of the Howard variety is, I am advised, far superior to our existing Mountfield. We had been wondering how to start it but, once again, Stuart came to the rescue and demonstrated its effectiveness on a neglected plot.

We have one plot vacant (though paid for) at the time of writing this so there's an opportunity to take up an interesting and fun hobby. But only if you are not afraid of hard work and can put up with disappointment along with pride in your achievements.

Chris Lewis Hon. Treasurer