

Rye Community Food and Wildlife Garden

Newsletter No 2 - September 2014

Dear Community Garden Supporters,

Our stand at the **Rye Flower & Vegetable Show on August 30th** (see photos below) generated a lot of interest among visitors: in all, 14 new Volunteers signed themselves up and our MP, Amber Rudd, dropped by to wish us well in our endeavours.

	
<p>Garden Design - Phase 1</p>	<p>From Left: Dominic & Nigel on duty!</p>
	
<p>From Left: Pip & Amber Rudd MP discussing artichoke heads!</p>	<p>Our Stand at the RAA Flower & Veg Show</p>

This Newsletter is not only to say **‘Welcome’** to the new Volunteers but also to flesh out the **ACTION PLAN** for everyone involved in the Garden over the rest of the year.

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WORK DAYS

There will be two Committee Members to assist any Volunteers who turn up:

- each **Saturday morning** 9-12noon; starting on **Sept 20th** with Katherine
+ 1 required
- each **Tuesday afternoon** 1-4pm; starting on **Sept 23rd** with Dominic +1
required

The list of critical jobs that have to be done in order to facilitate the further development over the next 12 months includes:

- ✚ Prepare ie. dig out, the site for the hard-core base - **done!**
- ✚ Prepare corner staves for raised bed - **done!**
- ✚ Shuttering around the 1st raised bed in order to receive the soil from the hard-core base work
- ✚ Clear existing soil heap of nettles/coarse weeds; transfer to raised bed
- ✚ Preparation of tree holes in time for 18th Oct
- ✚ Clearance of grass from Alder trees; repair of staking to these - **done!**
- ✚ Rubbish pick along fence line
- ✚ Raise canopy of trees along Love Lane boundary
- ✚ Clear brambles between Entrance Gate and hard standing
- ✚ Prepare holding area for cleared branches/weeds and for bonfire
- ✚ Prepare ground to accept fence saplings

There are plenty of other things required to be done but the above **HAVE** to happen if the Garden is going to thrive the idea is to simply turn up at the Garden, scan the list, pick a job and get stuck in!

**** Please wear sturdy footwear (the ground is still very uneven) but hard hats/gloves/appropriate tools will be provided for you ****

ORCHARD NEWS

RYE APPLE DAY - OCTOBER 18th

9am - 12 noon

(not the 21st as I advised in the 1st Newsletter; mea culpa!)

Mayoress, Cllr Bernadine Fiddimore

will be doing the ceremonial tree-planting

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Our stand on the 30th generated nearly £50 in donations towards the purchase of the 10 **Sussex Heritage** varieties of apple. In addition, the RAA have very generously donated the £100 profit from the Show on August 30th - for each and every donation we are most grateful. **So, we just need to raise £75 towards the cost of these: if 8 people donate £10 each, we'll be there!**

We had information available on the day but for those who couldn't make it on the 30th, the list is as follows. Those sharp-eyed amongst you will note that the **Saltcote Pippin** is NOT on this list only because we have been unable to source one in time for the Apple Day event but we will get one later in the year.

Variety	Pollination Gp	Season	Purpose ie. D/C/Du*
Aldwick Beauty (?Yr)	6	Aug-Sept	D
Bossom (1820)	4	Oct-Jan	Du
Capper's Pearmain (1826)	4	Oct-Jan	C
Crawley Beauty (1870)	8	Nov-Feb	Du
Duck's Bill (1937)	6	Oct-Dec	Du
Egremont Russet (1872)	2	Oct-Dec	D
Forge (1851)	5	Sept-Dec	Du
Knobby Russet (1820)	2	Dec-Mar	D
Lady Sudeley (1849)	4	Sept	D
Tinsley Quince (1942)	3	Oct	D

* D-dessert; C-cooking; Du-dual purpose

These 10 varieties will give us an apple season from **August through to March** and with a choice of both **cookers and dessert apples**. The apple trees will be interspersed between the existing Italian Alder trees that stand along the boundary between the Garden and the Primary School. The more mature Alders will offer some wind-protection to the apple saplings over the first 12 months allowing these to stabilise. Four of the existing Alders require replacement and we have already received sponsorship for these. In addition, we have the promise of 2 further apple trees and a plum tree from an existing allotmenteer.

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The pace is gathering so (hopefully) we'll be seeing some of you on any of the

scheduled Work Days

or

Rye Apple Day, October 18th ...

For further information:

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