



NADCAA

Newton Abbot & District Co-Operative Allotment Association

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WHAT A WHOPPER!!!



One of our allotmenters on Decoy, Jane, felt an itch under her loose top. On investigating why, she found this!

EEK! We found out from another allotmenteer, Andrew, who researched it and took the photo (after Jane put the insect in a plastic bottle) - **IT IS A GREAT GREEN BUSH CRICKET- ONE OF THE LOUDEST AND BIGGEST INSECTS IN THE UK at 7 centimetres long.** It was safely released afterwards. I think it took a while for Jane to get over the shock.

NOTE: Please be careful if you see one as it can give a nasty nip whilst handling it and cause infection.

Moths Butterflies and other insects.

Have you seen any different ones recently, but you don't know what they are?
Email Kevin with a description or photo so we can record them krj661@hotmail.co.uk



Allotment Association Shop, Decoy Field

The Association shop at Decoy Field has been very busy this year and despite the difficulties we have continued to offer a large range of quality allotment products.

This is thanks to our volunteers who have enabled us to keep the shop open.

We would like to continue this success into next year, but to help us achieve this a few more people are needed to add to our existing list of shop volunteers for 2021. You only need to be able to offer 2 hours every 4-5 weeks at the Association Shop, Decoy Field. Currently the shop is open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information about what is involved, please contact Kevin on 07891967546



Teignbridge DC Local Plan Review

As we have reported previously, the new allotments at Lemongrove and Hele Park are still beset with problems. To hopefully reduce the risk of these problems in the future the Association has submitted detailed comments on the Local Plan Review setting out the standards for new allotments that are provided in new developments, hopefully they will be included in the updated Plan when it is finalised. If you would like a copy of our submission, please email the Secretary. Steve Garlick. nadcaa@yahoo.co.uk



COACH ROAD NEED HELP WITH ERECTING THEIR SHED ROOFS FOR THE SOCIAL/WILDLIFE AREA.

ANY STRONG PEOPLE FROM ANY OF THE FIELDS ARE WELCOME TO HELP. Just an hour would be good. Please let Jackie know on info@nadcaa.org.uk

OTHER GOOD NEWS. Tim our Chairman has been instrumental in setting up the South West Branch of the National Allotment Society. It is important as our allotment association can link in with others and have a stronger voice about the importance of allotments for bio diversity, reducing pollution and giving people space to grow their own food and enjoy and promote wildlife on their plot. Tim was proposed, nominated and voted in as Chairman at the AGM on the 4th August with Vice Chairman being Ian Johnson of the National Allotment Society.

Digital Photo Competition Please send your photos to info@nadcaa.org.uk by September 30th (Landscape format please!) Renowned Wildlife Photographer Andrew Cooper has agreed to judge the photos online.



AGM 2020 There is a legal obligation to hold an AGM to comply with Companies House. Due to Covid_19 this will be a short cut down meeting held in the car park on Decoy Field. The meeting will be on Saturday 5th September at 2PM in the afternoon. Reserve dates of 12th and 19th

September if the weather is against us. We would like some representatives from each field, please park in the decoy Country Park car park. Covid_19 restrictions will be adhered to. The committee agreed that there should be an option for members not wishing to attend to give the Chairman their voting rights, everyone to bring their own chair.



Toby Buckland I was invited to do a small 10 minute slot on the Toby Buckland show a few months ago and this week he came to Decoy Field to have a chat, see the plots and take a look at the wildlife area. He was very impressed with the plots and especially with the work that all the volunteers Mike, Chris and Clive had done. They did it all on their

own using their own initiative and it has paid off. Well done to all of them and special thanks to Steve & Meryl, the grant they secured made the project possible. It was a shame that he didn't have time to visit the other fields to see the other wildlife areas. (Tim Callard)

Courgette Cake Recipe

350g Courgettes. 200g soft brown sugar. 125ml 125g sunflower oil.
3 large eggs lightly beaten. Grated zest of 1 orange, 1 tsp of vanilla essence. 100g sultanas, 300g Self Raising flour, 1 tsp. baking powder.
Method. Grate courgettes and squeeze liquid out. Prepare a greased 1kg loaf tin. Stir courgettes, sugar, sunflower oil, eggs. Fold in flour and baking powder.

Bake for 50 min. 160deg. c fan oven, or 180deg. other oven. Gas 4.
I have also tried it with caster sugar and cranberries or hazelnuts and brown sugar.



Enjoy your allotment. Meryl Basham.