



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



We Need You!!! - As we reported last month this will be a busy year with many challenges. A very conservative estimate showed that our 14 volunteers work on average 81 days a year between them, a large workload for unpaid volunteers working on behalf of all the members. So we ask again for more volunteers to help, this Newsletter may be one of the first things to go if members don't come forward.



Saturday 2nd April - Bacon Butty Morning In Support of Ukraine - Bacon Butties are once again on the menu at Decoy Field from 10am – 12 noon weather permitting. These mornings are always well supported and you will be able to drink tea or coffee and tuck into a delicious bacon butty while you chat about gardening or whatever takes your fancy with fellow members. Gluten free options will be available. Members from all fields are very welcome and all proceeds will go towards the Ukraine Appeal.



Saturday 9th April - Planting up Hanging Baskets Demonstration 10.00AM -12 Noon- Back by popular demand and as part of our ongoing series of events, Shop Manager Ferai, will be demonstrating the best way to plant up a hanging basket at the Decoy Shop Hub. Ferai ran a very successful gardening business for many years and has a wealth of knowledge to share on getting the best out of your flowers and plants. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day and no pre booking is required. Members from all fields are very welcome. The shop will also be open so that you will be able to stock up on any seeds, plants or compost that you need.



Cultivation Update – Despite reminders in previous newsletters some members have yet to visit their plots. With over 100 people on the waiting list who want to get onto a plot, this is unacceptable. Under the new Tenancy Agreement Field Managers will be assessing all plots this week. The first Delayed Tenancy members who are not on top of their plots will not progress to Probationary Membership. Full Members will receive the first Lapse in Cultivation Letters of the year.



Who Are Your Committee – Stephen Garlick Company Secretary

Introducing your NADCAA Secretary, Steve has been Secretary for the past three years and below he answers a few questions on the role:

Q: Why did you volunteer for this role?

A: To be honest my reasons were pretty selfish. I realised that if there were insufficient volunteers to run the association then it could fold which could put all of our allotments at risk.

Q: What do you most like about the role?

A: I'm fundamentally a process person - so I'm happy to work on new policies and procedures and over the past couple of years or so we have reviewed and updated the way that we operate which will hopefully benefit us all going forward. I'm also pleased when we get notified that a grant or funding application has been successful as this allows us to pursue new initiatives whilst keeping our rents low.

Q: What do you least like about the role?

A: Understandably we all see things differently and have different views but I do get frustrated when some members get "aggy" with committee members when all we are trying to do is run the Association in the best interests of the membership.

For more insights from another member of your NADCAA committee see the April Newsletter.

There are vacancies on the NADCAA committee and if you would like more information please email us on info@nadcaa.org.uk or call 07804 122826

Tim Callard (Chairman) - On behalf of all the NADCAA Volunteers