

# FONSA Newsletter Autumn 2022

## Heaviest Marrow competition

The weigh in was held on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. As well as a prize offered by Newby and Scalby Town Council a cup, donated by Pete's family in memory of a much-loved gardener, was awarded to Robin Daplyn for his 15.4kg entry grown on plot 2. Honourable mentions go to .....

Colin & Sarah Goodall Plot 3 @ 13.4kg

Alison Ireland Plot 1 @ 11.5KG

Sally & Tim Barton Plot 42@ 8.8kg

Ray Wright Plot 25@ 6.5kg

Brian Atkinson 5.4Kg



The winning marrow with Robyn's brother Kevin holding the Pete Francis Cup

If anybody doesn't want to eat their marrow Sam and Jordan's chickens would appreciate them – or anything else green that isn't wanted. Please leave on plot 12N

In case you missed the AGM announcements, the winner of the best plot this year was Yvonne Beaton on plot 48. Most improved plot winner went to the Colemans on 21N

## Water Troughs

The committee urges allotment holders to make and use a lid for the water trough they routinely use. This serves two purposes. It keeps rubbish, grass cuttings etc and pests, particularly rats, out of the troughs. I am writing to the Town council about assistance with getting rid of our growing rat population particularly with an eye to reducing the opportunity for disease to be spread by rats. Secondly it reduces evaporation from troughs and thus helps to keep the bill down.

We will provide notices at each trough reminding users to replace lids.

The water supply will be turned off in the next couple of weeks, so you have an ideal opportunity to clean out your trough over winter and then cover it ready for the spring

## BBQ & AGM

The BBQ was a great success with about 50 member or families attending. With the help of sponsored supplies of meat from Proudfoot at Newby we managed to make a profit of £131 for FONSA

Some people had more chocolate cake than others .....



## Treasurer

Whilst we are on the subject of money Trevor has decided to give up his role as treasurer after many years of looking after the FONSA accounts, although he will remain on the committee to keep an eye on us. Many thanks to Trevor for all the time and patience he has devoted to keeping the books in balance over the years.

As a result, we are on the lookout for a replacement treasurer. If you feel you have the experience and or willingness to take over the role, please let me know as soon as possible.

## Shed – We need a work party

Thanks to the generosity of Pete Boast we now have a second FONSA shed. We plan to put it up at the rear of the existing shed and to put two 1000 litre water tanks up between them to gather rainwater. We are purchasing some slabs and hard core but could do with the assistance of a couple of people to help us put down the new base. Please get in touch with Sue, Graham or myself in order to volunteer.

## Pie Peas and Seeds

There's still time to book for the Pie Peas and Seeds open meeting to be held at the Scarborough RUFC on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October at 7pm. Cost is £7 for either steak, chicken and mushroom and vegetarian pies. The vegetarian pies will be a soya protein pie with a rich onion gravy, shortcrust pastry base and puff pastry top.

There is an option for gluten free pies too.

This is an open meeting where you can raise questions for the committee for general discussion as well as picking up your seed catalogue. You do not have to book pie and peas to attend but it would be helpful for room planning etc if you could let us know you will be attending the meeting but don't want pie and peas

## Looking after your neighbours.

FONSA, according to its constitution exists in part ....

“To foster good relations with residential neighbours and local statutory and non-statutory bodies.”

A recent unfortunate dispute has led to lady allotmentee giving up her plot. Whatever the rights and wrongs of any dispute you may have with other plot holders can we strongly suggest that if these cannot be dealt with in a civilised and polite way that you talk to the FONSA committee or to Newby and Scalby Town Council. It is never right to shout and swear or act in an abusive manner no matter what you feel the provocation may be.

I'm pleased to say that disputes are rare on our allotment site and most plot holders can rely on their neighbours for support and help. Let's try and keep it that way