

Your Allotment Magazine -

Journalist and Editor, Marcia MacLeod is launching a magazine for allotments in Barnet, Haringey and Camden and is looking for articles, diary notes and anything else we would like to send. One of our committee members, Brie Roderick – plot 125N – has agreed to liaise with Marcia on behalf of CHAS.

The magazine will include:

- profiles of allotment sites
- interviews with individual allotment holders
- local news, including Barnet's self-management plans and proposed rent increases, plant sales and open days, the site competition; Friern Barnet show, etc
- other news of relevance to local readers
- articles on how to grow different crops in clay, what varieties grow best in clay, etc
- 'how-to' articles, such as how to preserve water and find/make water butts; how to build and use raised beds; how to prepare clay soil (what nutrients it needs and so on); how to choose a shed, etc etc
- recipes for crops harvested that month
- readers' tips, advice and recipes
- diary dates

News can be anything from someone becoming a grower for the Heritage Seed Collection/Garden Organics or winning a RHS award to a site welcoming chickens for the first time or a plot holder having success with an exotic fruit or vegetable for the first time. Where possible, she wants to attend events herself but she also would love to have pictures of any plant sales, open days, barbecues, etc, and a report of the event, if Marcia is not able to attend herself. She would also welcome ideas for features and articles you would like to see in the magazine, and if you know of someone you think is worth an individual profile, she would be happy to hear from us. She is very open to ideas.

The first issue, which she hopes will come out at the end of June with a July cover date, will cover water preservation and water butts, so would love to hear about any unusual or interesting way in which you have obtained or preserved water.

Your Allotment will be priced at £1; she plans to distribute the magazine through garden centres and we will be having one or two copies available when it's published in our shop. If you want to secure a copy, please let us know.

To start with, all articles, diary details, photographs and all other information should go through Brie – brie.roderick@gmail.com – or she can be reached on 0870 199 5002 during office hours.