



# Compost Corner

At this year's Annual Parish Meeting, held on 7 March awards were given out to plot holders from Allum Lane and Melrose allotments for their achievements throughout the year.

## Melrose allotments

### Alf Warman Cup

#### Best plot

Helen Stamp has worked hard to create an immaculate, charming character plot, well stocked with a variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers – including edible flowers! Her plot is an excellent example showing what can be achieved with regular and manageable attention.

#### Best effort

Adel Kovacs, Andreas and their two children have put in an incredible amount of effort in a short time with the whole plot cultivated and producing plenty right from the 'get go! Well done!

### The Neil Mapp Cup

#### Most produce

Alan Bennett has successfully grown a huge amount of produce, with special varieties grown from seed, using vertical space as well as horizontal... including the 'ceiling' with an arc of dangling cucumbers. Envious and inspirational!

## Allum Lane allotments

#### Best kept plot

Peter Woolveridge has kept a very neat and tidy plot which is pleasing to look at. He has considered details such as putting board on the outside of his chicken wire fencing to enable safe and efficient strimming of paths and perhaps more importantly to Peter... intact fencing!

#### Best grown

David Worley has grown an abundance of fruits and vegetables, all winning specimens, and tasty looking! No doubt his success has been due to careful attention to conditions, and well managed beds, giving the utmost chance for a good crop.



## Gratitude for bird feeders

On 13 March the Woodcock Hill Village Green committee were presented with several bird feeders which were put up on trees at the open space. The feeders had been donated to Gratitude by one of their regular donors.

Sheila and John Carlisle run Gratitude to put something back into the community. They solicit donations of overstocked or surplus products and items to redistribute where they can be put to good use. They often have food available to pass on to those in need. If interested you can contact them at [sheilacarlisle.gratitude@gmail.com](mailto:sheilacarlisle.gratitude@gmail.com) to find out what, if anything, is available.

### Gratitude Lunch

The following day Elaine and I were invited to attend the 5th birthday lunch held at St. Teresa's Parish Hall, along with the Borough Mayor, Cllr. Charles Goldstein. All the food is cooked on the premises by volunteers, mainly using ingredients donated to the group. After a short video about Gratitude produced by Phillip Appleby, we were serenaded by Paul Lomax and Friends whilst eating the delicious food.

These lunches take place on Wednesdays during term time and you can just turn up. It is all vegetarian. See [www.gratitude4all.org](http://www.gratitude4all.org).



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