

Food and Growing Group Admin report. February 2017

GQT - well organised by Comms Group - panel of Maggie Dove, Dan Ross, Maggie Wormald. Julie chair. Very successful, enjoyable evening...very well balanced panel of 'experts', lots of questions from the floor. Layout and ambience allowed relaxed feel which encouraged audience participation in answering questions. A sort of extended conversation. Thanks to Wendy and co for organising. Donations £72 incl seed swap.

Seed swap - successful first 'outings' at GQT, then Cromarty and Ferintosh markets in Feb. £180 donations so far (incl GQTs) . One finding so far is that there's been little seed 'swapping', folk mainly just collecting some seed and giving donations. Contact made with Ullapool seed savers and also John Wood at Poolewe where they had a very successful local version of GQT. (We had provided our spare seed as a contribution to their stock.) Possible networking in the future over seed saving.

Potato Day 4 March - all in hand. Plenty volunteers in the end. :-)
Possible new venue for potato storage next year..at Sue Lowe's.

Community Garden, Netherton - Romay happy to allow land to be used for 'plots' that people can work so long as informal and loose arrangement. Lesley has advertised locally and in TBI newsletter - some interest. First serious expression of interest last week. Allotment also available in N Kessock, and at Rosemarkie allotments. Netherton to be used as venue for first two GN workshops.

Grow North - programme compiled and advertising initiated via poster person network, newsletter, website, around developing GN network, and out to local growing organisations by email. Bookings have started. Have sent application for funding into one Co-op funding stream (Richard's suggestion), will apply to second Co-op option (Martin's suggestion) this month.

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