

Food and Growing Group report. Jan 2021 Admin meeting

GQT

Extremely successful zoom Gardening Quiz night held last Friday, 15 Jan, attended by 20+ folk from local area and further north. The team of Penny, Jimmie and Julian and led the event very well, very professionally ...and much was learnt by the participants (well, certainly by this one !) Thank you to the 'team' for an informative, enjoyable and entertaining evening.

Potato Day etc

- * Decision made not to go ahead with PD. (But date booked for next year at NK Hall !)
- * Alternative plan agreed by majority of PD Planning Group - to order about 1/3 rd usual order of tatties (focus on organic/ blight resistant and most popular varieties - this order has gone in) and distribute via system of 'tattie hosts', approx one per village across BI. End of Feb/ beginning March. Also via a stall at Culbokie and NK outdoor markets.
- * Each host would hold about 4-6 varieties. We feel we'll be able to safely split sacks to enable this sharing, but wouldn't be able to split into smaller amounts for each to hold more varieties. (Taking into consideration the space of the garage they'll be delivered to and the requirements of social distancing)
- * Name, village, varieties held and contact details of each tattie host will be advertised. Buyer gets in touch, gives order and makes arrangements for collection. Suggest host prepacks and puts in agreed collection space (but up to host how they do it). Donation jar or buyer can make donation by bacs.
- * Going to give guidelines related to restrictions on advert eg if possible go to nearest tattie host, that social distancing will apply, donation method etc

However in light of recent increased restrictions I have communicated with Police for advice on whether above meets the spirit of the restrictions. Waiting for reply.

Grow North

Lesley, Fuggo and Julie met before Christmas to discuss possibilities for a GN series of workshops in 2021. Some ideas generated and we were hoping to initiate something. However the latest set of restrictions have meant this plan has been shelved. But we're hopeful of perhaps putting some workshops on in the autumn - depending on how COVID vaccination schedule proceeds.

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