



# Reservoir Digs®

Stuart Road Allotment Society Newsletter



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## Harvest Barbecue

Our Harvest BBQ is on **Saturday 14th of September 2013**  
at **12.30pm - 4.00pm ish!**

Outside the HUT

Grand Raffle, Fruit and Veg Hat Competition, Photographic Competition Judging,  
Archive Film Showing.

Bring a dish to share if you can - barbecues for roasting provided.

**Refreshments available.**



### Polytunnel Grand Opening

The Society's polytunnel was officially opened on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May by our secretary Maureen Marks. The polytunnel will be used to bring on seeds, cuttings and plants for sale at our stall at Nunhead Cemetery Open Day and for members to purchase at knock down prices during **Sunday shop hours only**. It's already proving a great success and a valuable asset for members. Thanks to everyone who has contributed time and donations of seedlings - keep them coming and don't forget to return pots! All profits to the Society's Social Fund which brings us on to the main event of the season.

**Our annual BBQ** takes place on the second Saturday in September and is open to family and friends. Now's the time to start designing your **fruit and veg hats**, snapping a few pics for the **photographic competition** and clearing out your 'unwanted gifts' for donating to **The Infamous Never-ending Raffle**. Please leave prizes in the shop. **Cinema in the shed** will once again be showing archive footage of old London. Take a rest from the festivities and come in and watch film of Peckham, how it used to be.

### A word from our Chair

At last some sunshine but be careful when watering. If you have left your watering can in the sun with water in it then the temperature of the water is likely to get hot enough to burn and kill any plants that are watered with it. Likewise if in your garden at home you are tempted to use a hose pipe, although the hosepipe may be connected to a cold water tank or the mains there will still be thirty or forty feet's worth of water left in the hose from when it was last used and if the hose has been left in the sun the water in it can get quite hot. Ideally the best source of water will be from a water butt that has been situated in a shady place. OK so during hot periods it does not take long for the butt to be emptied. But instead of using water straight from the tap, whether it be via a hose or not, why not at the end of the day's gardening pour just enough water into the butt for the following day's use and then use a watering can. The water will be at the ambient temperature and you will use less of it.

**John Clark, Chair**

**For their safety's sake please observe Rule 19: No children shall be admitted unless accompanied by an adult and under their control. They shall be restricted to the members plot only and must not be permitted to use the grounds as a playground.**