

Brag's Livingstone Road Allotment Project

On a sunny Saturday afternoon in September, **Birchfield Residents Action Group** ran another successful community event at **Livingstone Road Allotments**.



On the day there were vegetable competitions with prizes for heaviest pumpkin, longest marrow, straightest runner bean, funniest vegetable and most unusual vegetable. There were photography displays, a special food tasting menu, a vegetable auction, crafts for children and a poster art display by pupils from **Holy Trinity Primary School**. We were also doing tours of our community allotment plot where we host weekly gardening sessions throughout the year.

A surprise appearance by musician **Milton Godfrey**, playing traditional Creole songs and a few Bob Marley numbers people joined in



with, took place thanks to **Grosvenor Road Studios**. And when the fire engine turned up from **Rookery Road Community Fire Station**, we got some free advice on fire safety!

We also launched our new **cultural food project** that involves connecting people through cooking and eating local produce. On the day we provided a tasting menu featuring



a range of allotment grown dishes such as

Courgette and Pea Soup, Potato Patties, Yellow Plum Chutney, Green Tomato chutney,



Blackcurrant Cordial and a few other home cooked treats!

As part of the food project, called '**Allotment Cooking**', we're asking local people for their recipes to help create a Community Cook Book. Find out more by contacting us and come along to our lunch club or one of our special food events, try something new and



share your cooking tips!

Thanks to **Near Neighbours** – a national scheme that fosters social interaction to help people transform their neighbourhoods – and also to **Birmingham City Council's Community Chest** scheme – for their financial support.

Many thanks to all the plot holders who contributed and to everyone who helped make the day such good fun

To find out more about the Allotment Cooking project or our work in general please speak to Rob (BRAG Community Allotment Project Worker) on 07528

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Rob and his helpers boil up Blackcurrants to make Cordial to fight those winter chills



"Job well done"

