

# Woburn Sands Allotments Newsletter

## January/February 2010

### Work of Committee

The Committee has been looking at the issues surrounding having tenant plot holders on the field. Since the 2008 AGM, when we were instructed by the members to ensure 5 pole plots were available, we have taken on nearly 40 tenants. This will be an important matter for discussion at the AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Please make a note of this date in your diary.

### Potato & Onion Orders

The potato and onion order has arrived. Would you please collect your order between 10.30 and 12.00 or 1.30 to 3.00pm over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January. Your order can be collected from the shed about half way along the centre track (Peter Toogood's plot).

### Working Party/Compost Area

Many thanks to the 20 or so people who helped out with the 'hedge and ditch' working party at the beginning of December. The hedge was thinned and the laying will be done by Andy Malleson over the last weekend in January (we still need some help with this if you can spare a couple of hours). As well as sorting out the hedge and clearing the ditch we organised a communal area to put any compost you can't manage on your plot. Please put **compostable material only** on the pile. There is still a pile of compost which will be moved once the hedgehogs wake up!

During the next few months additional bays will be added to the compost area to allow a year-on-year pile to build up. Once this has rotted down it will be made available for plot holders.

### Area for scrap metal

In addition to the compost area we have set aside an area for any scrap metal from your plot. This will be collected once there is a lorry load to make it worthwhile for the scrap metal merchant.

### Reminder

Flitwick Seed Shed is open on Friday evenings & Saturday afternoons. Please collect a membership card from one of the Committee if you are going shopping there.

### Membership News

We were all saddened to hear of the death of John Perry who had had a plot on the field for many years. Our sympathies have been passed on to his widow, Marlene.

Two members have given up their plots; Miles Demner has reluctantly given up his plot after many years of cultivating on the field and Clive Kirkman has also given up both of his plots.

We have a number of new tenants on the field. Welcome to all new plot holders.

### Gates

If you lose your gate key please contact a member of the Committee for a replacement. **Please do not climb over the gates.**

### Driving on the Field

The tracks are very soft, with the wet and snowy weather we have been having recently. **Please do not drive on the field.**

### Water

The water was turned off at the beginning of December and will be turned on again during March.

### Insurance

Our members can apply for insurance cover for individual sheds and contents. Proposal forms can be found on the web at [www.newspaceinsurance.co.uk](http://www.newspaceinsurance.co.uk) under the heading Allotment Insurance and follow the links to download the forms. Alternatively contact Newspace Insurance on 0870 4116622.

### Contact Details

We are able to contact the majority of plot holders by email now which saves both time and money. If you have an email address would you please let Marie know on [secretary@wsallotmentsociety.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wsallotmentsociety.co.uk)