

Woburn Sands Allotments Newsletter

June 2010

Welcome to the June newsletter with an apology over the mistake in the last newsletter – the date of the Awards & Social Evening is **Friday 9th July** not 19th as published in May.

For those of you who are new to the field we have an annual judging of the best three plots and the best novice. This will take place on 25th June. The Social and Awards evening then takes place on the field with a BBQ and we ask that you bring something (food or drink) with you. To make sure that we don't end up with 20 plates of samosas 10 bowls of trifle, Tina and Peter Toogood will coordinate the food and drink. Please contact them on 645670 or email p-toogood@sky.com

IMPORTANT UPDATE - Kings Seeds Visit
If you are expecting to go on the trip to Kings seed and Hyde Hall and have not received confirmation in the last few days, please contact Paul Hamer 587649.

Folk Festival

There is a Folk Festival to be held on Edgewick Farm on 10th July. To avoid safety issue with cars and pedestrians the Committee has suggested that all plot holders should be asked to park at the Bow Brickhill end of the field on that day. **No vehicles will be allowed on the Allotment owned part of the Woodland Way track on that day.**

Committee News

The first meeting of the new Committee took place on 27th May. The revised ByLaws and Constitution are now on the website and will be posted to members in July. Also, at the Social Evening, the new share certificates will be available.

Most of this paperwork is now organised which leaves us with our particular concern: the state of the field. Much of the rest of this newsletter talks about what we are proposing to do.

Scrap Metal

We are contacting a scrap merchant to remove the current pile. This will be done at the end of June. If you have any metal that needs to be removed from the field would you please get it to this pile by Wednesday 30th June. **After this date no more scrap metal will be accepted.**

Compost Piles

Compost piles were made at the bottom of the field to try to help members when the bonfire ban was imposed. The new compost area has spilled over as people have been careless in just dumping rubbish.

From the last newsletter you will know we intended to shred in April but nesting birds prevented this. However, there has been blatant fly tipping of rubbish by some people. The pile is for materials which will be shredded in August. Some people have put chip board, wood full of nails, trellis, plastic cement sacks etc etc. here. Please do not put tree or bush roots here as they are not suitable for shredding.

In future, if anyone is seen dumping rubbish the Committee may seek their expulsion from the Society.

Shredding Working Party 21st August. On this day (9.30 onwards) there will be 2 or 3 shredders, new compost bins will be established and there will be compost areas put at points on each of the three tracks. **Please try to spare a few hours to help with this.** If you can help out contact Marie on 585284 or secretary@wsallotmentsociety.co.uk

Compost Bins on your plot

Please make sure you have a compost bin on your plot. They are simple to make – you need a few 6inch nails and a hammer. There are pallets at two points on the field – bottom gate and top track – for you to take and use to make your own compost bins.

Bonfires

These are banned from the field. **The Committee may seek the expulsion of anyone who breaks this ByLaw.**

Bags of Soot

There are several bags of soot at the bottom gate. Please help yourself.

Wood Chippings

Following the removal of the trees from the ditches the wood chippings were left at the bottom gate. As these were very popular we will try to be arrange for further piles to be delivered and placed at various points on the field. Please help yourself.

Please make sure gates are kept closed and locked at all times as we do not want other people dumping rubbish on the Allotment Field.