

Woburn Sands Allotments Newsletter

Spring 2011

Future Newsletters

Given the amount of information on the website, the committee has decided that in future there will be just four newsletters each year. This is the first of this year so we would like to wish all plot holders a very Happy New Year. (Deadline for the next is 1st May.)

Work of Committee

The Committee continues to meet each month, although the winter meetings have been fairly short. We have now cleared plots and the ditch at the bottom of the field. We have also sorted out the potato & onion orders which came in a little earlier than last year. Thank you for collecting your orders from the Allotment Shed.

AGM

The AGM will be held on Thursday 14th April at the Memorial Hall. The papers for the AGM will be sent out during March. Please make sure you note the date in your diaries.

Skip

One or two people have asked if a skip can be arranged. In order to see what interest there might be in a skip would you please let Marie know if you interested – please include what type of rubbish you need to remove. (If there is enough metal, for example, we can make money for the Society.)

Flitwick Seed Box

For a number of reasons we do not have an Allotment trading shed. However, we are associate members of the Flitwick trading shed call the *Seed Box*. This is located behind the leisure centre off the Steppingley Road. It is open at the following times:

February – May:	Tuesday	6.30 – 7.30pm
	Friday	7.30 – 9.30pm
	Saturday	2.00 – 4.00pm

From the end of May it does not open on Tuesdays. The Seed Box carries a wide range of compost, fleece, netting etc, tools, pots, seed trays, fertilisers, seeds and stakes. You will need a membership card to make purchases – these can be collected from one of the Committee.

Membership News

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Ray Lunnon last Autumn and Miles Demner early this year.

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

Gates and Padlocks

Gates are still being left open. Please make sure you close and lock them after use. We know the padlocks are sometimes difficult. They are regularly oiled but do need patience rather than brute force to open them. 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 so **please do not drive on the field.**

Events

The **Edible Garden Show** is at Stoneleigh from 18th-20th March

The third **Bletchley Seed Swap** will be held on Saturday 19th February at the Freeman Memorial Methodist Church Hall in Buckingham Road from 10.00am – 2.00pm. Details of how this works will be on the website.

Insurance – information for new plot holders

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 under the heading Allotment Insurance and follow the links to download the forms. Alternatively contact Newspace Insurance on 0870 4116622.

Paris House Restaurant

The Paris House has a kitchen garden plot of about 8 poles which has herbs and soft fruit already planted. The Chef is looking for an allotment gardener who would be interested in planning and tending the plot. This will not be paid but bartering could be involved! If you would like more details contact Marie – contact details below.

Small Ads

A plot holder is looking for a shed. If you can help, please contact Marie for details.

This space is available for advertising any items for sale/to give away to allotment members.

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