

# Woburn Sands Allotments Newsletter

## Summer 2011

### AGM 2011

Over 70 plot holders attended the AGM on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Waste disposal was a particular concern and it was agreed that the Committee would decide the best way to deal with the issue. Details are below. The same Committee as last year was voted to serve for the coming year.

### Committee

Chairman:	Ron Hale
Vice Chairman:	Peter Toogood
Secretary:	Marie Baker
Treasurer:	Paul Hamer
Committee Members:	Dave Cockerill Anne Corbett Tony Gale Bob Gregory

### Waste Disposal

The Committee has decided to establish an area at the bottom of the field, under the oak tree, for a recycling centre. There will be areas for metal, wood that can be burned, branches for shredding and wood chippings. This will be done on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August. We would appreciate help in doing this work. We will start at 9.30 and hope to be finished by lunch time. If you can help, would you please let Marie know.

### Skips

Once the waste disposal area is set up a skip will be hired to get rid of any waste that can't be composted or recycled. This skip will be on the field on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

### Water Tanks

Several water tanks are leaking. We will be seeking advice about the best action to take (repair or replacement). If any plot holder has any experience of these, please contact Paul on 587649.

### Children and Dogs

If you bring your children or your pets onto the Allotment Field you are responsible for their safety and behaviour. Recently there have been complaints from the local farmer about children from the allotments chasing sheep and the donkeys in the adjacent field. Some plot holders have also complained about children chasing each other over plots and we have received complaints about dog fouling. Item 18 of the ByLaws requires you to keep your dog/s on a leash. Further complaints about this may lead to you being asked to leave your plot.

### Driving on the Field

If you really need to drive on to the field it should be only be for loading or unloading. Please make sure that you close and lock the gates and do not park on the tracks while you work on your plot.

### Security

Please assume that you are the last person on the field and close and lock the gates when you leave. Two years ago we had over 40 sheds broken into and a lot of equipment taken. We have been warned that the thieves are likely to target us again in the future – so even if your shed is locked it is unwise to leave valuable equipment in it.

### Gate Keys

Over 120 people use the keys to the gates. The padlocks are regularly oiled but each padlock has its own eccentricity; with one you have to pull the key out then try again, with another you need to pull the key back a couple of mm. They will work but rather than brute force it is better to treat each one gently!!!!

### Plot Judging

Each year we invite a judge to tour all of the plots on the field and then decide upon the best three and the best novice. The judge is invited to use her own criteria for judging. This year Penny Barnwell, the owner of the nursery in Ridgemont will judge the field on 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### Awards and Social Evening

Penny will present the awards on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July at the social evening held at the bottom end of the field. All plot holders are invited to this evening. There will be a Barbeque and a bring-and-share supper. If you are coming to the evening would you please contact Peter and Tina Toogood on 01908 645670 to let them know what you will be bringing. Food or drink is welcome.

### Small Ads

*There is a 8ft x 6ft chalet shed, already dismantled, which needs new roof. It is free to anyone who can pick it up.  
Contact Colin on 584212 or mobile 07941571552 or email [cwhart11@gmail.com](mailto:cwhart11@gmail.com)*

You can contact Marie at [secretary@wsallotmentsociety.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wsallotmentsociety.co.uk) or [marie@twinwood.me](mailto:marie@twinwood.me) (please note this is a new address)