

# Woburn Sands Allotments Newsletter

## Autumn 2011

### Best Plot of the Year Awards

We were very pleased that Penny Barnwell, who judged the field this year, was able to join us for the Awards and Social Evening on 8<sup>th</sup> July. She presented the following awards:

#### Best Plot of the Year:

Carol and Tony Gale (plots 132 & 133)

#### Second Best Plot:

Ralph Pursell (plots 42, 43, 44, 45)

#### Third Place:

Jane Roberts (plots 80, 81, 107, 134)

#### Best 5 pole plot:

Angie Demner (plot 76b)

#### Best Novice:

Matthew Morris (plot 59b)

Thank you to everyone for bringing food and drink to the evening. Particular thanks to Peter and Tina Toogood who coordinated the food and to Paul Hamer and Tim Kirkwood who arranged the BBQ. Once it stopped raining, it turned into a very balmy evening with well over 60 people attending. *(A silver slice was left behind – please contact Peter Toogood if it's yours.)*

### Committee News

Phil Rowe (plots 2 & 6) has joined the Committee and was welcomed by the Chairman at the last meeting. The Committee continues to meet each month. This year we have carried out two plot inspections and is involved in the Working Party to establish a recycling area (see below).

### Working Party

On 6<sup>th</sup> August, a working party of plot holders, established a recycling area at the bottom end of the field. The details of this are shown below.

### Skip

There will be a skip on site on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. The skip will not arrive until Saturday morning so please do not bring any items to it until 10.00am at the earliest.

This year there will be members of the Committee supervising the loading of the skip so that we can get as much into it as possible. However, materials that can be composted or put in the recycling areas will not be accepted for the skip.

This skip is only for plot holders and only for material from the allotment. There will be another skip later this year.

### Water Tanks

Paul has been working his way through repairing the water tanks. The ball valves have been set at a lower level to prevent overflowing. If you have a problem with the water tanks please contact Paul to let him know.

### Fresh Water

The middle water tank on the middle track has been fitted with a tap for fresh water. The tap will only stay on while it is pushed so that it can't be left flowing and can't be used for a hosepipe.

### Gates

It is difficult to know how to make the point about closing and locking the gates. A request is made in each newsletter to close and lock gates on the field yet they are still left wide open – as they have been on numerous occasions recently. **Please close and lock the gates whenever you leave the field. Do not assume that anyone else will lock them.**

### Compost Bin Available

A plastic compost bin is available – please contact Peter Toogood on 645670.

### *This is how the RECYCLING AREA will be laid out*

Hedge	Hedge	Hedge	Hedge	Hedge	Hedge	Hedge	Hedge	Hedge
<b>Shredding</b>		<b>Tree Cuttings</b>		<b>Wood</b>		<b>Metal</b>		
Tree cuttings will be shred into this area		Maximum tree branch width of 3" (70 – 80mm). Please remove any metal or anything else that may damage the shredder.		Any wood that could be burnt in, for example, wood burning stove, chimenea or fire pit or bowl. Also wood that other allotment holders may find useful.		Any sheet metal, oil drums, shelving, wire etc.		
<i>Please help yourself to the shredded material – it's great for mulch.</i>		<i>This material will be shred on a regular basis.</i>		<i>This can be taken away by any allotment holder.</i>		<i>This will be collected once the area is full, and sold to a scrap dealer.</i>		

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING MATERIAL FROM HOME – THIS IS ONLY FOR ALLOTMENT MATERIAL THAT CANNOT BE COMPOSTED.**