



# Cripley Meadow Allotment Association

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**Chair** Wendy Skinner Smith **Vice Chair** John Sivell **Secretary** Sheila Allen **Treasurer** Alison Campbell **Committee members** Tony Clear Jamie Forbes Alex Hollingsworth Cathy Ferreira Aja Hansen. Co-opted Jeremy Hyde

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Dear Member,

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Cripley Meadow Allotment Association on **Tuesday 22 March at 7pm in St Barnabas School, Hart Street, Jericho**. Members of the committee will be there **from 6.15pm to 7pm** for you to **pay your subscription**.

Included with this letter are your invoice for 2011 and the agenda for the meeting. As most members use email we use this to send the annual report. This will also be on the web site and notice board. If anyone would like an individual copy or cannot access the material please let Sheila know. Her contact details are above. The minutes of the 2010 AGM will be available at the meeting as will the annual accounts and draft budget. If you wish to raise an item to be voted on at the AGM you must write to the secretary giving 7 days notice so that we can notify members. Wine and soft drinks will be available from 6.15 rather than as usual at the end.

The AGM will receive reports and accounts from last year and elect officers/trustees and the committee for 2011. All of the present officer/trustees are willing to stand again and most of the committee. Cathy is standing down after 2 years due to more family/work commitments and Aja is returning to New Zealand later this year. Micki is moving from the area. Our thanks go to all for their hard work. We have 250+ members and already have two nominations. We welcome nominations from both new and established members. If you wish to make a nomination, please send it with the name, address and signature of a seconder to the secretary. Nominations can be made at the meeting.

We have again volunteered the association to contribute to the excellent OXCLEAN initiative. This will be from 10-12 am Saturday 5 March.

Allotments continue to enjoy great popularity as more people want fresh local food, healthy exercise and contact with the land and seasons. Allotment gardening is now widely recognised as one of the 'greenest' activities and local slow food is increasingly important. We have been managing a waiting list since September 2008. **Coming to the AGM is important so that you can share your views, support the association and show your interest in ensuring we sustain the future Cripley Meadow as a thriving site. Please do come along.** We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Andy Howard of the **Mid Shires Orchard Group** has fruit trees and bushes for sale and Andy is always willing to help members with advice. He will be there from 6.30. He will provide an up to date stock list (on the web site) before this so that if members wish to pre order material he can bring it with him. Andy and Councillor Susanna Pressel will contribute to the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Skinner Smith,  
Chair...on behalf of The Cripley Meadow Allotment Association Committee

**Cripley Meadow Allotment Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday 22 March at 7pm**  
**St Barnabas School Hall**  
**Hart Street**  
**Oxford**  
**OX2 6BN**

**(6.30pm-7pm for paying subscriptions, see your invoice for other ways to pay)**  
**Drinks and nibbles will be available from 6.30**

*Andy Howard will be available from 6.30 for the sale of fruit trees and bushes.*

### **Agenda**

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| 1. Introduction by Chair.  | 10 minutes |
| 2. Apologies for absence   |            |
| 3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 11 March 2008 and Matters Arising<br>AGM Reports and Elections | 5 minutes  |
| 4. Annual Accounts. Report from Treasurer.   | 10 minutes |
| 5. Questions on 2010 Annual Report   | 5 minutes  |
| 6 Diane Newell will report on the start of the bee trial   | 5 minutes  |
| 7. Welcome from Susanna Pressel  | 5 minutes  |
| 8. Election of Officers and min 4 other Members  | 10 minutes |

The following are willing to stand again and have been received as nominations

#### **Officers and trustees**

Chair and Membership Wendy Skinner Smith Vice Chair John Sivell Secretary/Membership Sheila Allen Treasurer /Membership Alison Campbell **Committee members** Tony Clear Jamie Forbes Alex Hollingsworth Jeremy Hyde Richard Haigh

#### **9. AGM ITEMS** (see annual report for details)

- a) What are member's views on the *Wednesday working party*?** **5 mins Tony**
- b) Do we need to extend the constitution and rules to manage *complaints*?** **5 mins Cathy**
- c) If bamboo is grown the height and invasion issues must be managed as with trees and hedges. We have offered to keep *bamboo* on the Green where we can mow around and it can grow up but not out. All members can benefit from the canes and invasion/height will not be a problem here.**  
**5mins Alison**
- d) *Bonfires and rubbish* concern us all. We welcome your views.** **5 mins Jamie**
- e) A member has asked the committee to organise *communal ordering or run a shop*. Presently there is no one on the committee interested in this role but if a member is prepared to join the committee to do this they would be welcome. The distribution of orders remains a time consuming problem.** **5 mins Sheila**
- f) *Castle Mill Development Site*. We recommend this is the major item for discussion as this will potentially have a huge impact on all at Cripley Meadow. The committee recommend the AGM writes to OCC to ask that foreseen problems with light, flooding, badgers, access and proximity are addressed before planning proceeds and if necessary what mitigation is possible to preserve the sustainability of Cripley Meadow.** **20 mins Wendy**

10) AOB

*Our booking closes at 9.30.*