



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 Jeremy Hyde Claire Pike Richard Haigh

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Dear Member,

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Cripley Meadow Allotment Association on **Monday 26 March at 7pm in St Barnabas School, Hart Street, Jericho**. Members of the committee will be there from **6pm to 7pm** for you to **pay your subscription**.

Included with this letter are your **invoice for 2012** and the **agenda** for the meeting. Most members use email so we use this to send the annual report which is also on the web site and notice board. If anyone cannot access the material please let Sheila know. Her contact details are above. The minutes of the 2011 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** so that you can meet other members.

The AGM will receive reports and accounts from last year and elect officers/trustees and the committee for 2011. Sheila Allen and John Sivell are standing down after 8 and 5 years respectively. We will be making a small presentation and they will reflect on "Changes at Cripley Meadow". Our thanks go to them both for their exceptional contributions to Cripley Meadow. The other officers/trustees are willing to stand again. Claire Pike has had experience of working with Sheila this year and is willing to stand as Secretary/Trustee. Tony Clear has been a committee member since 2007 and is willing to stand as Vice Chair/Trustee. Richard Haigh is standing for office as Field Secretary. Hannah Yeadon (plot 89) and Amanda Wilkins (Plot 54b) and Mark Tindall (Plot 53) responded to our request for help with committee work in January and they have been co-opted to the committee. They now stand for election. We would welcome further help. If you can help and wish to be nominated please let us know. To make a nomination, please send it in 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 3 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' of activities. We have been managing a waiting list since September 2008. Our new South Field opened in December and at the time of writing there are 4 plots left. We still have a few on our list. **Coming to the AGM is important so that you can share your views, support the association and ensure we sustain the future Cripley Meadow as a thriving site. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.**

Andy Howard of the **Mid Shires Orchard Group** will be there from 6.30 with fruit trees and bushes for sale and he is always willing to help members with advice. 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. Our Councillor, Susanna Pressel, will attend the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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

**Cripley Meadow Allotment Association
Annual General Meeting
Monday 26 March at 7pm
St Barnabas School Hall
Hart Street
Oxford
OX2 6BN**

**(6.pm-7pm for paying subscriptions, see your invoice for other ways to pay)
Drinks and nibbles will be available from 6.15**

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(new) John Mitri, Project manager for Oxford University Castle Mill 2nd phase will be present.

Agenda

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| 1. Introduction by Chair with slides | 15 minutes |
| 2. Apologies for absence | |
| 3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 11 March 2008 and Matters Arising | 5 minutes |
| 4 Presentations to Sheila and John and their "Reflections on Cripley Meadow" | 5 minutes |
| AGM Reports and Elections | |
| 5. Annual Accounts. Report from Treasurer. | 5 minutes |
| 6. Questions on 2011 Annual Report | 5 minutes |
| 7. Welcome from Susanna Pressel | |
| and Election of Officers and min 4 other Members | 5 minutes |

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

Officers and trustees

Chair/Membership/Trustee- Wendy Skinner Smith Vice Chair/Trustee -Tony Clear
Secretary/Membership//Trustee Claire Pike Treasurer /Membership/Trustee Alison Campbell Field
Secretary - Richard Haigh **Committee members** Jamie Forbes Alex Hollingsworth Jeremy Hyde
co opted Hannah Yeadon, Amanda Wilkins, Mark Tindall

9. AGM ITEMS (see annual report for details)

Item 1 To adopt the new constitution and rules (Committee and Godfrey Coles) 30 minutes

Item 2 Members comments on OCC Allotment Charter (Wendy) 5 minutes

10) AOB

Our booking closes at 9.30.