



Cripley Meadow Allotment Association

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Richard Haigh, Annalisa Cecchi, Sarah Edwards, Sara Jones

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Dear Member,

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Cripley Meadow Allotment Association on **Monday March 16 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 and answer any questions. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be available from 6.00pm so that you can meet the committee and other members.

Included with this letter are your invoice for 2015 and the agenda for the meeting. As all members have email we use this to send the annual report which will also be on the web site and notice board. If anyone cannot access the material please let Claire know. Her contact details are above. The 2014 AGM minutes, Annual Report, Accounts and draft Budget are attached. Please read and only print if bringing along a copy for the meeting. We aim, as usual, to have the material on screen.

The AGM receives reports and accounts from 2014 and the officers/trustees and committee for the year beginning March 2015 are elected. The present officers and members of the committee standing for re-election will be at the meeting. If you have some time for voluntary work 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. Our councillor Susanna Pressel will attend.

We have again volunteered for OXCLEAN when Oxford City Council provides refuse bags for us to clear the areas adjacent to the allotment site. This will be from 10.30 to 12.30 am Saturday 7th March.

Volunteering on this morning will be credited against your 2015 working party time commitment.

Most members reported outstanding crops last year. It was another wet start but then one of the warmest ever summers which meant we all got plenty of fresh local food, healthy exercise and contact with the land and seasons. Allotment gardening is recognised as one of the 'greenest' of activities Do come to the AGM and support your allotment association and ensure we sustain Cripley Meadow as a thriving site.

We look forward to seeing you at 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 16th March at 7pm
St Barnabas School Hall
Hart Street
Oxford
OX2 6BN

(6pm-7pm for paying subscriptions, see your invoice for other ways to pay)

Drinks and nibbles will be available from 6.15pm when there will be a slide show of 2014 photos.

Agenda

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| 1. Introduction by Chair. | 5 minutes |
| 2. Apologies for absence and Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in March 2014 and Matters Arising | 5 minutes |
| 3. Annual Accounts. Report from Treasurer. | 5 minutes |
| 4. Questions on 2013 Annual Report | 5 minutes |
| 4. Welcome from Susanna Pressel and Election of Officers and Committee Members | 5 minutes |

2015 WE have received nominations and seconds for Wendy Skinner Smith (Chair), Alex Hollingsworth (Vice Chair), Claire Pike (Secretary), Sara Jones (Treasurer) with Committee members Tony Clear, Jeremy Hyde, Richard Haigh, Jamie Forbes, Annalisa Cecchi Sarah Edwards, Keith Holton and Emma Delap. Alison Campbell is standing down. Sara Jones was co-opted in 2014 to assist with finance. Tony is standing down as Vice Chair but standing as a committee member and is willing to remain a trustee. Keith has been a member since 1980 and works plots 131 and 132. Emma joined us in 2014 on Plot 1a and is doing a great job in bringing this back into cultivation.

Please be in touch if you think you have time for voluntary work and are interested in joining the committee.

7 AGM ITEMS (see annual report for refs)

- *AGM item 1 (ref Page1/2) A proposal that in order to cover the increasing costs of site maintenance, the AGM agrees to increase the membership fee for plots on Cripley Meadow by £1.25 per pole per year from 2016* Alex 15 mins
- *AGM item 2 (Ref page 2) Bring along your ideas for a new annual plotholder event?* Jamie 5 mins
- *AGM item 3 (ref page 4) Discussion on how we manage rats on the site* Richard 5 mins
- *AGM item 4 (ref page 6) Our first year of trading* Sarah 5 mins
- *AGM Item Castle Mill update and Badger proofing options* Wendy 5 mins

8. AOB

Our booking closes at 9.30pm