

## **Cripley Meadow June Newsletter 2010**

Dates for this year are on the web site and noticeboard.

### **Working party**

Do note they are now the

**second Sunday and**

**Wednesday in the month.**

**Weds June 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8**

**Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30 to 12.30**

In May we continued to clear plot 15 shed, moved tarps.

Wood chip

A van load of Wood chip (thanks to Phil Sylva) was delivered to plot 109. It got used up almost immediately. Please do try to share if you have had free material before.

### **2010 Audit**

**Audits take place twice a year in May and September and are managed by an audit manager. This year this is Alex Hollingsworth and Micki Mather. The audit committee consists of at least 5 committee members and all officers and committee members are elected annually to manage the site in accordance with our lease, constitution and advice.**

The audit committee did their tour on Sunday 23 and Alex and Micki have been working on this since. They have emailed/written to everyone with an update.

Thanks to them and all the audit committee.

In May the audit committee was Alex, Micki, Sheila, Cathy, Jamie, Aja and John. The site is looking better than I have ever seen it. Well done everyone.

### **City Allotment Competition**

**1st Judging on 7 June .**

We are entered for the site competition as well as individual members. Please do your best with those headlands and weeds.

### **Jericho Street Fair June 12**

**Cripley Meadow Stall**

Do come to the stall to bring and buy. Committee members will be there from 11 to set up and we open at 12 for our 6<sup>th</sup> year at this important community event.

### **Questionnaire**

Emma Burnett was on site on Sunday 30 May and wanted me to thank all our 'delightful members' who contributed to her questionnaire. She is at Brookes studying Biodiversity, conservation and management and is interested in what we are growing. She will probably be back again another day and will let me have her final results when available.

### **Manure**

We had the last delivery to Plot 57 during May so now had 4 lots

### **Skip**

We removed a skip last week and there is now another one. Please do not over fill and only use for site rubbish that cannot be burnt or recycled. Remember, 'recycling' does not mean that you can use your plot as a dump/store.

**Buildbase** We had the delivery of free wooden pallets and they have all been used. I will try get more another time. They were stored by the association shed.

### **Follow up to Badgers and other pests**

As you know we have been consulting Natural England and we know at least one member is trying out electric fencing

around a bed. We will let you know if it works and sweetcorn is saved.

We have published this information frequently in newsletters and annual reports. All hedges, have been audited on this basis for 3 years now. We have offered to have a some bamboo on the green where we feel we can manage it by our mowing regime and it will be accessible and available to all without detriment to the site.

### **Willows**

Please note that willows must not be planted, even as hedges. If willow sticks are used for dry hedges on headlands they must be bark stripped or kept out of the ground as otherwise they will grow. Please note all hedges and boundary planting are confined to 5ft on headlands i.e. next to public paths. There should be no hedges or solid fences **on adjoining fences.** We all need to work together to sustain good growing conditions for all and for the future.

Do let a committee member know if you have any comments you think we could share with others in the newsletter.

# Cripsey Meadow Allotments Fruit, Veg & Flower Show

2010



Show off the fruits of your labour this year at an end of season show to coincide with the site picnic.

Categories to enter will include:  
Heaviest pumpkin  
Oddest Shaped Vegetable  
Most Colourful Bouquet of Flowers  
Largest Sunflower  
Longest Leek

More information to follow soon, but you can register your interest with no obligation by contacting Micki Mather  
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or at Plot 149