

Cripley Meadow Allotment Association

Newsletter January 2012

Happy New Year to you all
Here are a few reminders of dates for your new diaries.

Dates

the water level is down enough for the site to be workable but you will need wellies???there are

now only a few opportunities left or you to do the working party commitment that is part of your membership. If it is not logged in before invoices are sent it will be listed as a donation on your 2013 invoice.

Sunday 13 January 10.30 to 12.30 working party. Meet at the shed.

Sunday 10 February 10.30 to 12.30

Monday 14 January is our Next Committee Meeting.

Monday 4 February is our last committee meeting when invoices and AGM material will be raised and sent out. Most members now have email which we use. It is easier and ...and greener.

Our AGM will be in the week beginning March 25 at St AGM at St Barnabas School, Hart Street, Jericho. The day/date will be confirmed ASAP. Meeting starts at 7pm but members of the Committee will be present from 6.0pm for you to pay your subscription.

Working Party Work and donations ... here are a few examples from 2012

This is the way members contribute directly to maintaining the site.



This applies to all members...and the vast majority of our members do this or make a donation as required by our terms of membership.....and quite a few do a lion's share. Without these contributions we would have to increase subscriptions.

If you have not already ordered your seeds check our web site for codes to give you discounts or maybe organise with your neighbours to share plants and seeds.

It is hard to believe now that 2012 started with drought and hosepipe bans. Just as the water companies assured us that there wouldn't be enough rain to sort things out the heavens opened... and stayed open. It's not just been the wettest of years I can recall; it was also **the** year of the slug.

If you've not got your garlic in yet, and your plot is still too wet then consider starting them off in pots, in a greenhouse or coldframe. Once the shoots are up, plant them out at the first opportunity. I did this a few years ago when I was held back by the weather.

Do check your potatoes as blight can still affect them or they can succumb to hidden slug damage.

Please remember the site can be dangerous when wet, particularly soil areas covered with water so do not wade through water.

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