

## Cripley Meadow Allotment Association Newsletter January 2015

### Happy New Year to all members

#### Next Working Party

**Join us on Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> for the first 2015 working party.** As usual we meet at the shed at 10.30am. This the last opportunity for you to your working party commitment for this year. If it is not logged in before invoices are sent at the beginning of February it will be included as a donation on your 2015 invoice as required by our terms of membership. The committee do a lion's share but members always comment on working parties as a positive experience that helps them understand the site and meet other members. Depending on the number we will be:

- clearing/covering plots,
- organising a work compound by the green shed.
- the shredder will be in operation if weather ok.

#### Remaining dates before our new Gardening year begins on March 1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting  
Sunday January 11 Working party 10.30 to 12.30  
Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting  
Sunday February 8 Working party 10.30 to 12.30  
Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> (AGM paperwork)  
Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> (AGM prep)  
**Saturday** March 8<sup>th</sup> OXCLEAN Litter pick  
Subscription can be paid at the shed 11.12 pm  
AGM Wednesday March 18 St Barnabas

**We are about to book our AGM for March 18<sup>th</sup>** at St Barnabas School, Hart Street, Jericho. We will confirm details in the AGM letter/invoice which is delivered in early February. **Do let us know before the end of January if you have an item you wish to be discussed by the membership at the AGM or if you wish to be nominated.**

**Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup>** is the next committee meeting. We organise the raised invoices/AGM invitations and deliver to members asap. This only goes to the nominated member where a plot is shared so please make sure you check with your plot partners if you have them. We do this mostly by hand so **please make sure Alison has your present address. Contact her on [alison@oxford-canal.demon.co.uk](mailto:alison@oxford-canal.demon.co.uk).** The AGM material including the letter and agenda and Annual Report will be sent to all as usual by email. This is easier and greener.

#### Subscriptions for 2015/2016

The 2015 subscription remains the same. As agreed in principle at the last AGM we need to raise our membership for 2016 mainly because of increasing maintenance costs. The Committee will be asking the AGM to approve an increase for 2016

**This will be a major item at our AGM in March.**

#### Castle Mill

We will report on any news about developments on flats with regard to Cripley Meadow at our AGM. We sent the committee's submission on the ES to all members.

#### The trading shop

The shop will not open on a regular basis in December or January, but members are very welcome to make contact to arrange one-off sales (see below). This could be weekday or weekend. Depending on weather and conditions, we will probably re-open in February or March. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard for updates. Contacts: Sarah [sarahjehome@aol.com](mailto:sarahjehome@aol.com) or 07960 352787 or Sara [sara@qtq.org](mailto:sara@qtq.org)

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



Rodney and I managed to get on the plot this week and turn our compost bins! A messy job but very necessary to keep the rats out. After composting everything we can from the plot (no diseased stuff which has to be burned) and with the addition of some shredding we have 2X4'x4'bins of ready compost to dig in and another cooking. All the best Wendy