

## Cripley Meadow Allotment Association Newsletter January 2016

**Happy New Year to all members.**  
At last a bit of frost!



**Here is our Nov working party working on the island. The next Working Party is on Sunday January 10.** As usual we meet at the shed at 10.30am. This is the last opportunity for you to do your working party commitment for this year and log it before invoices are raised at the beginning of February. If the wp is not done the donation will be included on your

2016 invoice. The committee do a lion's share of site work but it really helps working with a larger group and members always comment on working parties as a

positive experience that helps them understand the site and meet others. Depending on the number we will be:

- clearing/covering plots
- the shredder will be out if weather ok.

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

Wednesday January 6 Committee meeting  
Sunday January 10 Working party 10.30 to 12.30  
Monday January 11 committee meet with OU re badger fence project funding.  
Wednesday February ? Committee meeting  
Sunday February 7 Working party 10.30 to 12.30  
**Sunday March 6 OXCLEAN Litter pick**  
Wednesday March 10 (AGM prep)  
Sunday March 13 WP and Subscription can be paid at the shed between 11 and 12 pm  
AGM Monday March 14 St Barnabas

**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 so this can be put on the agenda. And let us know if are interested in helping on the committee.**

**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 inform any plot partner(s). Working party commitments are costed per member not per plot.** We deliver these mostly by hand so **please make sure Sara has your present address. Contact her on [allotment@qtq.org](mailto:allotment@qtq.org).** 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 Gardening years March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. As agreed unanimously at the 2015 AGM our subscription increases 50% this year. This is our first increase in 7 years.**

### Castle Mill

We are meeting with OU In January is to agree the badger fencing funding terms. This is to honour the planning requirement with regard to badger exclusion. We plan to make a start on this work asap. Presently there is some flooding on the island and more wind and rain on the way so keep an eye on sheds and tools.

### The trading shop

The shop does not open on a regular basis in January. Members are very welcome to make contact to arrange one-off sales (see below). This could be weekday or weekend. Generally we 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



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. **This is my 2015 Yacon crop from a tuber Gaby gave me in 2014. A tuber for next year in now overwintering in the polytunnel to go out in May. It is a**

**remarakably sweet treat! All the best Wendy**