

**Cripley Meadow
Allotments Newsletter
October 2017**

Next working party
October is on Sunday 8
October 10.30 to 12. We shall
be doing some more fruit
picking and clearing. We
'released' some fruit trees
that were dropping fruit
around the site. They have
notices. Sadly we have had
some stealing of pears and
plums this year so please be
aware of our rules and do not
go on others plots! Note
the slight change of time . **At
12 we will be preparing
for Harvest**

BBQ on the Green
from 12pm.



This is a bring and share food
and drink (we provide some
basics and the BBQ and you
bring something to eat and
drink with... along with food
and drink to share with
others.



Allotment produce from
Cripley Meadow will be
particularly appreciated.
We have lots of new
members since we last did
something like this!
We are investing in some
shelters that can be put up
easily on the Green.
And we expect to have a
bonfire to take us through is
a bit chilly.

Do let us know of any activity
event that you would like to
include in such an event in
future. It is always good to
get growers together to
compare crops and tips and
hints.



**Our 2nd Audit of the year
was on October 1st as on
the calendar.** Please
remember everyone has a 1st
audit letter. Not everyone
has an Oct one as this is
generally a follow up unless a
plot is observed to have
problems since the last audit.
With such a large site and so
many members the
committee cannot step in to
manage member's plots but if
aware we can do our best to
be supportive where we can
and give time for work to be
caught up.

**Some Diary Dates
You are invited to an
O&DFAA TALK
Companion Planting
by
Chris Bird, M. Hort (RHS)
Lecturer in Horticulture
Sparsholt College,
Hampshire
On Thursday 30
November at 7.00pm
West Oxford Community
Centre Hall
There is limited parking at
the centre
There is a good bus
service and nearby
stops from the city
centre.**

Growing stuff

It was warm at the end of
September so weeds are still
growing. Please do not let
seeding weeds blow all over.
Site mowing is planned soon.
Follow the link for **October
in our [Gardeners Year](#).**

**ODFAA is planning a
Pennard Potato Fair on
February 15th 2018 At this
you can go along and
choose tubers from over 90
different types! It will
probably be at the West
Oxford Community Centre
from 2 til 7pm so make a
note to hold your potato
order.**

Good to be back.. but what a
lot of weeds!

We had a very different
scenery whilst away with
bison, bears, elks, moose
mountains, lakes, geysers
and hot springs. We were in
Wyoming's Grand Teton and
Yellowstone National Parks
where some of the growing
conditions looked harsh!
Vancouver Island was a
greener and softer walking!



Mammoth Hot Springs and Vancouver Island



See you Sunday Wendy