

Cripley Meadow Allotment September 2014 Newsletter

Next Working party is

Sunday 14th September 10.30 to 12.30

As usual meet at the shed. Please make sure you wear suitable clothing and footwear for strenuous work. Jobs to do include yet more clearing of plots. Do come and join us to learn more about the site and meet and work alongside other members.

This will be the first public outing for OUR new shredder. **We got our lottery funding for this. If you have material bring it along. A mix of green and brown is needed with no soil, stones or plastic. If you want to take the shredding back to your plot bring a wheelbarrow or suitable big bag.**

Lunch on the Green Sunday September 21 From 12.30

The association organises the BBQ and



supplies some barbeque food and drinks (wine, beer and juice

etc.). **Do bring along food and drink to share. Family and friends are welcome to celebrate your allotment year.**

Trading shop is open again

Following the August break, the Trading shed is open again on Sunday mornings. Our regular hours are 11 - 12 noon, but on Working Party days it's 12 - 1pm. Email Sarah for a one-off sale if you can't do Sunday mornings -

sarahjehome@aol.com. There has been quite a turnover of second hand tools and equipment, so if you didn't find what you needed last time you visited, come and see what's available now. Recent additions include plastic trugs, shears, a barrow and more".

Reminders

Headlands and fruit

Please remember that blackberries and other fruit on plots and **headlands belongs to the member ...whether fenced or not.**

A number of members have lost pears over the past few weeks. Sometimes entire crops have been **STOLEN from a plot**. All on site must be aware that fruit cannot be taken from anywhere except your own plot without permission. Please note our constitution and rules states "**In exceptional circumstances the Committee may terminate a membership with 14 days' written notice for a breach which damages the site.**" Stealing would be 'an exceptional circumstance'.

Fruit. Despite the very slow start this year things have caught up. The trees on Cripley Island Orchard are true survivors but have struggled with the last 4 years of strange weather. There is some fruit this year but not enough for a picking and sharing day. If ripe we will bring them to Lunch on the Green. Remember orchard fruit picking will ONLY be on prearranged picking and sharing days. Members should not pick orchard fruit without this permission.

You can sign up to blight warnings in this area by going to <http://blight.potato.org.uk/signup.html>

Additional crops

You can share extra crops by putting them by the member's board

Woodchip

There is plenty of woodchip by the green and more on the way so do help yourself.

Our mowers were here as usual at the



beginning of the month so we are looking trim for the second competition judging. Please note the site path by

your headland. If they had to sway out it means your headland needs chopping back. In some places the path is too narrow but generally the headland can be cultivated and extend a little but should not limit the access nor have perennial weed. You are responsible for the area between the mowing and the end of your plot.

Good gardening,
Wendy