

# Woburn Sands Allotments Newsletter

## May 2010

### AGM

The AGM, which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, was attended by well over 70 people. There were 35 shareholders present who were eligible to vote on the motions. A brief summary of the AGM follows.

#### 1. Changes to the Constitution & ByLaws

The first sets of motions were related to changes to membership: shareholders will now hold one share for every 5 poles (or thereabouts). This will mean a complete reissue of share certificates which we hope to complete by the end of the Summer. All new plot holders will, in future, be tenants until they have had a satisfactory period of at least one year cultivating their plot.

Members who do not pay monies owed to the Society will now automatically cease to be members after 3 months.

*The revised Constitution & ByLaws will be on the website at the beginning of May.*

#### 2. Bonfires

There was a majority vote to ban bonfires from the Allotment Field.

#### 3. Parking on Woodland Way

A member's proposal to erect no-parking signs for non-allotment holders on Woodland Way was not accepted.

#### 4. The Committee for the coming year

The new Committee is:

<b>Chairman:</b>	Ron Hale
<b>Vice Chairman:</b>	Peter Toogood
<b>Secretary:</b>	Marie Baker
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Paul Hamer
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Dave Cockerill
	Anne Corbett
	Tony Gale
	Bob Gregory

### Dates for your Diary:

<b>First field inspection:</b>	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Plot Judging:</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Trip to Kings Seeds:</b>	<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Awards &amp; Social Evening:</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Shredding Working Party:</b>	<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>

### Visit to Hyde Hall & Kings Seeds- 26th June

There are a few places still available for the coach trip to the RHS gardens and estate at Hyde Hall and Kings seed trial site and warehouse. The details of the trip were in the March 2010 newsletter or see our web site. Book a place for yourself and a guest by contacting Paul Hamer at [treasurer@wsallotmentsociety.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@wsallotmentsociety.co.uk) or 587649.

### Overdue Pole Charge

All allotment holders should have received a letter with detail of the pole charge in the bundle of papers with the AGM notice. If you have not yet paid then please do so as soon as possible.

### Compost Areas

As bonfires are no longer allowed on the allotment field, the Committee will be setting up compost areas at various points. It will take a while to do this and we hope to have these established by the Autumn. As they are put in place, notices will be erected to identify them. In the meantime, pallets have been piled on the top track and by the Bow Brickhill Road entrance, these can be used to make compost bins on your own plot – please help yourself.

The large compost area near the Bow Brickhill Road entrance cannot be sorted out at present due to the nesting blackbirds. We are planning a working party for 21<sup>st</sup> August to shred the material that is now piled there and to put in place the rest of the compost bins.

**IN THE MEANTIME PLEASE PLACE MATERIAL AT THE BACK OF THE COMPOST AREAS AND PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR HOME WASTE TO THE ALLOTMENT FIELD.**

### A Few Reminders

*Please:*

- ◆ Do not drive on the field unless it is absolutely necessary.
- ◆ Make sure you keep the grass cut on the track adjacent to your plot.
- ◆ Use chemicals carefully – use fertiliser, weedkiller etc, on a windless day and take water to the chemicals – making sure that the water tanks are not contaminated.
- ◆ Keep gates closed at all times.