

# West Byfleet Allotments Newsletter

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#### **Annual BBQ**

This year's BBQ attracted over 40 people, and once again the weather was kind to us. If you missed it, well there's always next year... To all those who helped – a big thank you.

#### **Trading Hut**

Although the trading hut is not manned on Sundays at this time of year, you can always ask a committee member to open up for you should you need to buy anything.

We're recruiting. If you are interested in running the stock ordering for the Trading Hut, please get in touch.

#### **Competition News**

Woking Allotments Competitions 2013 saw West Byfleet allotments drop from fourth place to seventh. However, Janet Hodges won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for the best allotment in Woking and second prize for the best ladies plot in working – well done Janet".

Pyrford, Byfleet and Chertsey shows also saw W Byfleet ploholders winning a series of medals, including Chertsey's Best Young Gardener award to Josh – George Noblett's great Grandson. Photo attached.

#### **Soil Sieve**

We have been donated a large mechanical soil sieve and are making this available for members to borrow for a small deposit. The sieve has two different mesh grades, and is mounted on a stand so that it rocks against springs as you shake! An alternative second pair of legs allows it to be attached over a wheelbarrow. If you are interested in borrowing this please contact a committee member.

#### **Tree Works**

Rob has arranged for tree maintenance over the winter. Some of the overgrown trees on the boundary of the plot are being professionally crown trimmed and dead wood removed – courtesy of Woking BC. Additionally one or two trees that have fungus may be felled. The resulting wood chippings and logs will be left on site for our use.

#### **RHS Science Publication**

The attached publication was sent to me by RHS Wisley, so I thought I would forward it on.

#### **Dates for Your Diary**

**1<sup>st</sup> September** - New Haw Horticultural Show – see the notice board for details.

**7<sup>th</sup> September** – Byfleet & Pyrford Residents Association is holding its annual BBQ at St John's Church and they are inviting local allotment societies to run a table of produce and wares. Janet Hodges on plot 72 has kindly agreed to help with this and will be looking for donations and help.

**11<sup>th</sup> November** - **West Byfleet Allotments AGM** – more details nearer the time.

