

West Byfleet Allotments Newsletter

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Forthcoming AGM

Please note that we will be holding our 2013 AGM at our usual venue, Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Madeira Road West Byfleet, on **Monday 11th November** starting at **8.00pm prompt**. The agenda will be circulated nearer the date with copies of the last AGM minutes.

We are always looking for members to join the committee, so if you would like to become a committee member there will be an opportunity to step forward.

Pumpkin Alert

Halloween is fast approaching and those of you who still have pumpkins maturing on your plot be aware that passing locals have a record of liberating pumpkins from plots at this time of year.

Indeed the onset of early dark evenings is often the time we get uninvited human visitors. Please be vigilant, and report suspicious behaviour.

Organic Seed Catalogue

This year's catalogue is now available.

Mid-November: Orders must be returned to Mike no later than the AGM.

Late-December: Orders arrive and continue as items are available.

To reserve your copy email seeds@wballotments.org.uk (preferred) or add your name to the list on the notice board or call: 01932 340885. Please make sure you include your name and contact details.

Trading Hut

We will be re-stocking ready in early 2014, and will again be offering you the opportunity to place your orders through us if there are items you want that we don't normally sell. In this way you can benefit from our suppliers pricing, and free delivery.

Similarly, if you think there is something we should be stocking but currently don't have, let us know. We can only stock items that are good sellers or a limited stock of items that don't keep very long.

Our suppliers are Interhort and their web-site is www.interhort.com. If you are interested in ordering something, have a look at their site and then email the secretary with your wish-list at sec@wballotments.org.uk or phone on 01932 400177.

Working Parties

A working party will be required to help clear the ditch of leaves once the autumn fall is over. A date will be set nearer the time.

Bonfires

Please restrict your bonfires to the evenings on days when the smoke will not drift over adjoining housing. If you do need to have a bonfire, then please attend it until it goes out. Please do not have bonfires during the peak growing season as the smoke can taint the flavour of fruit and veg.

Tree Works

During the winter Woking Borough Council's contractors Serco will be thinning and felling trees on the borders of the site. They will try not to disrupt plots if at all possible, but if you are a plot-holder on those boundaries please help by clearing items that might get in the way. It may also be necessary to close the bottom road to allow the contractors vehicles to gain access.

The 2013 BBQ

Another good day enjoyed by all who came. Tickers were only £7.50 but there was plenty of food to go around. Due to careful shopping and home-made dishes the event made a profit. As a result we registered the allotments as a McMillan Coffee Morning and the £150 excess was donated to them.

Thank you to all those that helped.