

# West Byfleet Allotments Newsletter

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## Trading Hut New Stock

Trading has been brisk already this year, so fresh supplies have been ordered. In addition to normal stock items we need, I have also agreed to buy heavy duty bird netting - 10 year life span, and fleece as trial to see how it goes. New stock should be arriving in 3-4 weeks time.

As part of Sunday opening hours, we will be introducing the **Swap Shop** early this year. An ideal opportunity to pass on excess seedlings, etc.

## Memorial Garden

In memory of George Noblett, Chairman from 1989 – 2010, we are converting one of his half plots over to a park area. The plot, (27B) has fruit trees and bushes which will stay, the open space will be grassed over for use by us all as a place to rest, reflect, chat, take time out, whatever. I hope when it's ready you'll find time to make use of it.

## Work Parties

Our new Site Secretary, Rob Moore, is organising a work parties to help with maintenance on the allotments. The one we had last year was extremely helpful. The first of these this year is on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am.**

Please can you help to remove some of the bumps in the Lower Road so that the risk of vehicles being grounded is reduced. Just arrive with your spade at 10 am on Sunday 25 March. We hope to complete the task in about an hour if there are sufficient volunteers.

## Summer BBQ

Proposed date Sun 8th July, 12:30 onwards. Tickets are £7.50 a head. Plot holders and family & friends welcome. We will let you know nearer the time how to buy tickets. This is a social event, and ticket prices are just to cover costs.

## RHS Membership Discounts

As a society, we are being offered discount on individual RHS membership. Details are not 100% clear but membership is apparently 30% off plus WBA gets £5 for each sign-up. If you are interested, please let us know, and if you would like to help administer this, please let the Chairman know. [chair@wballotments.org.uk](mailto:chair@wballotments.org.uk).

## **Rents for 2012**

If you have already paid your rent for this year, thank you. If not, time is running out. All rents are due by the end of March. You can pay on Sunday at the Trading Hut between 10:00 and 12:00.

## **Annual Switching On of the Water**

Due to the continued dry spell – (despite the downpour last week) we will be turning the water on earlier than normal this year, assuming there are no leaks. Please try to use water sensibly, as it's our most costly resource.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

- March 24th** 11.00 – 4.00. Guildford Potato Fair 24 March 2012". Millmead Centre, Bury Fields, GUILDFORD, Surrey GU2 4AZ. Potatoes, seeds and stalls of all things garden.
- July 8th** West Byfleet Allotments BBQ.
- July 14th.** Pyrford Show – a chance to enter your flowers and veg. – a show's not a show without entries.
- July 21st** Byfleet Parish Day and Horticultural show. This event is supported by our allotment association, so why not enter if you've never done so before?
- Sep 2nd** Woodham & New Haw Horticultural Show.

## **Wren Recycles Wasp's Nest**

Check out our photo gallery showing a wasps nest in a shed that a wren has taken over and built her nest in.

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