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AGM - BARBEQUE - SEED SWOP ***10th NOVEMBER 2012***

We will be holding our AGM for tenants on Saturday 10th November at 11 AM. Please participate; the Committee welcomes your involvement, ideas and feedback.

BPAA AGM – Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Acceptance of last year's minutes
3. Apologies for absence
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of Committee members
7. Any Other Business

The Chairman's Report and minutes of the 2011 AGM accompany this newsletter. The Accounts for the Association and the Shop have been posted on the Notice Boards.

After the AGM we will be having a **barbeque** for the tenants, this is our own internal event and not an open day. Please bring along a salad or a cake if you can, we will be providing the meat, bread and drinks.

We also plan to have a **Seed Swop** where you can bring any spare seed that is still viable and where there will be seed to give away, particularly tomato, bean, and parsnips.

COMPETITIONS

We tried to organise the annual competitions this year so that we could do the judging in advance of the Autumn Festival and announce results and award prizes at the festival.

We did not receive many entries for some of the competitions, perhaps we made it all too complicated. Please let us have some feedback on whether we should continue the competitions and if so how we can organise them.

The competition winners names were posted on the Notice Boards. We still have some prizes to give out and certificates to award and will do this at the AGM.

ODDS & ENDS

We have had a clear out of the Shop, thanks for the help in getting rid of the junk; some of it went to good homes.

We plan to renew the storage and catering facilities in the shop this winter.

We are working on ways to repair the potholes on the access road with Council assistance. This may use some of the Association funds.

We are also clearing three of the plots with heavy tree growth so that they can be let to new tenants. The costs are being shared with the Council

Plot inspections were carried out in September with the Pete Lewis. Four week notices to cultivate were issued to 20 plots and after a second inspection in October fifteen of these plots received a follow-up 2 week notice to cultivate the plot to the Council's requirements. Many of these plots did not show any sign of cultivation over the summer.

We have held two viewing days for prospective new tenants in September and welcome 11 new plot holders as a result. We currently have 12 more plots to tenant over the winter.

TOILET FACILITIES

The chemical toilet in the Shop car park has been reported to be full several times recently. We are checking out options with the Council for more frequent maintenance.

Please note that you can use the toilets at the Hampton Open Air Pool under the Borough's Toilet Access Scheme.

STABLE COMPOST AND WOOD CHIP

The bins for stable compost and wood chip at each car park are for communal use and to be shared by all the tenants.

If you make use of these facilities, please keep them tidy and if you have spare energy and time help by moving material from the front of the pile to the rear of the bin. This helps the people making the deliveries.

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