

The Bushy Times

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OPEN DAY - 20TH JULY

Our next Open Day will be on: -

- **Summer Open Day** **20th July 2013** **NOON TO 3PM**

Our Plant sale in May was successful thanks to your support. Once again we look forward to your support, however you can help us. Home-made food is much appreciated by fellow plot holders, the Chairman and visitors at all our Open Days. If you can supply a cake, cookies or some other delight it will undoubtedly be appreciated. The Shop car park will be closed to provide space for our tables and stalls.

We still have to confirm a date for the AGM and BBQ for tenants that will take place after our September Autumn Festival.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We have purchased the materials to treat the summer house in the Community Area. The Committee are looking for volunteers to form a work party to maintain this facility which is available for anyone to use. We have had several tenants who have used it for modest private events. You can reserve its use by contacting Giuseppe at the Shop and entering your date on the calendar.

COUNCIL LIAISON

Thanks to efforts from individual tenants the potholes in the track have improved significantly. Our thanks to those who have used their initiative, we cannot rely on the Council to sort all our issues..

We have had further viewing days for prospective new tenants so hopefully some of the overgrown plots will start to be used. We are in the process of inspecting all the plots and any that are not being cultivated will be reported to the Council for their inspection and action.

If you have problems with the standpipes please report them to Pete Lewis at the Council, his contact details or on the gate notices. The Council have a new maintenance agreement and all repairs have to be done by the new Contractor.

NUMBERING PLOTS

A new requirement in the updated Terms & Conditions that you will receive with your Tenancy renewal in October is to clearly identify your plot number. We suggest that if you do not have one of the concrete and metal plot identification posts on the corner of your plot you mark your shed or a notice board with your plot number. Inventive solutions could be rewarded with a modest voucher prize from the Committee!!!! .

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

RHS Affiliation



The Bushy Park Allotment Association has now become a member of the RHS Affiliated Societies scheme. This brings us a number of benefits which ploholders can use, of which the main ones of interest to ploholders are:

- 1) A copy of the RHS's monthly magazine 'The Garden'. This is held at the shop for anyone to read.
- 2) Newsletters sent by email, which we will review and if of interest, could circulate to ploholders.
- 3) A free visit once a year for up to 55 members to Wisley or another RHS garden. If you're interested please let us know and perhaps we can organise this.
- 4) Free allotment advice from the RHS's specialist advisors where no-one else on site can help. All such requests must be made through the Secretary, Robin Hewitt, who is our nominated contact. He is on plot 68A and can be emailed at hewittrda@btinternet.com.

STABLE COMPOST MANAGEMENT

The deliveries to the bins for stable compost are building up over the summer period. To ensure that we get the full benefit of this free resource, it needs to be stacked up to compost/break down.

Please help by devoting some voluntary effort to move material from the delivery piles to the rear of the bins. This will ensure that we can continue to have deliveries.

SAFETY

Water from the standpipes cannot be guaranteed to be potable. Due to the number of leaks that occur there is the possibility of ground water getting into the system. However some tenants have consumed it without adverse effects.

We advise that you boil the water before drinking it; this is what we do on open days! I bring a bottle of drinking water to the allotment from home to consume.

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