

## 2012 Newsletter

Lots of flooding on the site, try and save your crops if they are 'harvestable'.

As you may be aware we have had CCTV signs around the site for some time. We have applied for a grant which will update our current security cameras and follow the code of practices found here:

[http://www.ico.gov.uk/for\\_organisations/data\\_protection/topic\\_guides/~media/documents/library/Data\\_Protection/Detailed\\_specialist\\_guides/ICO\\_CCTVFINAL\\_2301.ashx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/for_organisations/data_protection/topic_guides/~media/documents/library/Data_Protection/Detailed_specialist_guides/ICO_CCTVFINAL_2301.ashx)

This years AGM was held and proved largely painless - except for Malcolm's accounting (haha joke) - thanks to all who attended. We have already acted on a few suggestions with placing the first aid kits in the toilets. Plus, I have applied for another grant to enhance our security and soon we should know if we were successful.

Malcolm has retired from Treasury duties, in no small part due to the above comment (haha joke no. 2), so Wendy and Pauline have taken over. So be nice to them as they have all the money (this is no joke).

### Committee Meeting Monday 19th November 10am

We shall be discussing issues raised during the AGM and welcoming new committee members. Also on the agenda will be funding opportunities to improve our site

Blue Barrel water butts

As a result of us getting our community chest grant we now have 210 litre water butts for £5 each.

We have sold quite a few but they are still available. You can grow carrots in them if you think you have enough water already. Put some holes in the bottom though.

### Bee Hotels

The plight of our bees has, no doubt, been at the forefront of many of our minds these past few years. Well now you can help by making your own bee hotel for our little friends to overwinter or park their young. The best will win prizes. One for adults, one for children.

You have until JANUARY. The prizes are locally-produced honey (made with our own nectar as the hives are close) AND the satisfaction of helping our native wildlife...

Plot 38 still has a prize to collect from the raffle.

### Summer Show

Well done we raised over £500. The Show results can be accessed up there ^ Show 2012. Most results are complete yet I have to confirm a couple. Some entries had no name or plot number on for the second year - get it together, people. £3 shop voucher for the winners. 1st 2nd and 3rd all get certificates.

Some companies have been kind enough to have given us discount codes to use at their online stores.

Discount codes for both WOLF-Garten and Wilkinson Sword websites :

[www.wolfgarten-tools.co.uk](http://www.wolfgarten-tools.co.uk) discount code EGS25

[www.wilkinsonsword-tools.co.uk](http://www.wilkinsonsword-tools.co.uk) discount code EGS12

These codes can be used by allotment users and can be used as many times as you like till 20th December 2012.

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Discount code GTD-FFA12

This will entitle plot holders 7.5% discount of any order from [www.gardening-tools-direct.co.uk](http://www.gardening-tools-direct.co.uk) over £200 + vat.

Why not get together with your neighbours and buy in groups?

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As some of you may know Frank Seedhouse, our longest serving plot holder and former chairman, had a stroke last week. Sad to say that he has passed away.

Summer Raffle

Loads of money raised, thanks all.

New Google satellite view of Forge Farm Allotments. Taken maybe April or even May as some potatoes are in.

[May 7th Social Event.](#)

On the Bank Holiday Monday we raised over £200. Well done everybody who attended the event. I'm afraid the money won't last long as we have much to fix up on site... however, we shall be holding our Summer Show in September so come along to that and treat yourself to tea and cakes and help us improve your allotment site.