

## ALLOTMENT MEETING 14/2/13 8PM

**PRESENT:** Angela Adams, Doreen & Stu Hilton, Trevor Larner, Graham Ashworth, Julie Lydon, Ian Flatters, Sheila Scholes.

**APOLOGIES:** Nige Adams, John Scholes, Eva Patrick, Pat & Bill Morton

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted & signed.

We are still awaiting a reply from Sean Charlton as to when we can expect him to be able to release another strip of land to the allotments.

Suggestions for charity donations were e mailed to all allotment holders only 2 suggestions came back these were The RTS Group suggested by Pat & Bill Morton as their daughter suffered from this and so they have set up a charity to help the families of others affected. A donation to Church Funds was also suggested by Steve Harrison. Both were discussed and agreed.

There is a 'Grown your Own' event being held on the weekend 16/17 March at Stoneleigh Park which it was thought allotment holders may be interested in attending as a group. Doreen will follow up to see if anyone is interested.

The Christmas dinner was cancelled due to lack of interest. It was suggested organising a get together later in the year when the weather improves.

Events organised :- Valentines Disco - Cancelled due to poor ticket sales  
Open Gardens 18/19<sup>th</sup> May – Reminder to plot holders to tidy their plots  
Village Feast 20/21<sup>st</sup> July – Ceilidh on Saturday evening, allotments to provide the buffet, maybe a ploughmans supper or pie & peas. Sunday we have been asked to provide a BBQ + Vintage Tea Tent volunteers will be needed for the weekend events.

Trevor has put up the 'Close the Gate' sign at the main entrance.

Graham & Ian have fitted a new gate to the entrance nearest to the A15.

**A site meeting has been arranged by Sheila for a meeting with the Council to discuss the problem of flooding on the allotments and possible solutions. They will also look at the possible grading of the bottom entrance.**

**The scrap man hasn't been seen at the allotment anymore and the gate is being closed.**

**Treasurers Report: Money out is £613.82 = NSALG, New Years Disco, Cheeky Monkeys, Rent for Memorial Plot.**

**Money In is £1155.17 = New Years Eve (£100 donated to Talking Books) , £502.67 from John Sewell's Estate  
Petty Cash £161.64 Cash in Bank £1626.80 Total £1788.44**

**Correspondence: Letter re donation from John Sewell's Estate  
Thank you letter from RNIB for donation.**

**A.O.B- It was suggested that we have a Testimonials Board at the allotments to let everyone know what charities we have raised money for.**

**There was an article in the Allotment Gardeners Magazine regarding the problems of harmful residues from using Carpets as a weed suppressant on allotments, it was decided to circulate this to all plot holders.**

**Subs – These are now due a reminder to be sent out to plot holders.**

**Drainage is still a problem, Graham asked if it would be possible to put a ridger along the back of the plots to try & stop the water running down. Trevor will attend the meeting with the council and take a photo of the flooding.**

**Graham suggested that as we have a healthy bank balance maybe every plot holder should be given a £20 voucher but a vote decided against this as the money may be needed to help to pay for the drainage problems.**

**Manure: Phil Read has had a phone call from the person in the village next to the pub to say they have a lot of horse manure and did we still want it? Although space is limited it was decided that if the existing manure pile was pushed back we would have room for more.**

**Meeting Closed 9.04pm**