



# Newsletter

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## News

**Allotment Shed Xmas decoration competition.** Winners of the shed with the most creative decorations will be announced before Christmas

**Welcome New members** Michael Ktenas plot 76a, Anna Laine plot 13a, Sonia and John Jeilani plot 33a and Ms Ha and Mr Phone Tang plot 33b.

**Janet and Johns bread and butter pudding** recipe is now on the kpaa website.

**Tomato tasting results from August.** See website NEWS section for full details of the tastiest tomatoes grown at the allotment this year. The top 5 tastiest tomatoes voted by allotment members were: 1:Sun Gold 2:Brandy Wine 3:Rosada 4:Sweet 1,000,000 5: Orange Santa 6:Sun Cherry



**Thanks to....** Everyone who helped clear the wildlife area so it can be let as a new small plot. In particular thanks to Derek and Susan who supplied the digger, Wally and Antonio who chopped down the trees!



**The rebuilding of Thomas Tallis and our allotment boundary** We were informed by Balfour Beatty, who are rebuilding Thomas Tallis, that the rest of the line of poplars along the side of the Brook on the north west boundary of the allotment are going to have to be cut down. This area is where excavations are being made for future flood prevention. Their preliminary excavation showed that many main roots would have to be cut to accomplish this and that as a result the trees would be dangerous and therefore have to be removed.

Margaret and Chris from the committee met with them last week to discuss this, as we were worried about their proposals to remove all the stumps and replant with semi-mature trees and the consequential damage that would occur to the bank of the brook.

We stated that we were disappointed that the problem had not been realised at the design stage before planning permission had been granted, but given that this had to occur we would prefer that the stumps should remain as this would mean the minimum disruption to the bank of the Brook and its wildlife. We also stated that it would be preferable to replant with native saplings of our choice. We are currently awaiting their response. We welcome comments from allotment holders.

### Committee Meeting 14th November - what was discussed?

- ⇒ **Seed list for 2010.** list is available from Wally. Seed potatoes will not be sold in shop in 2010
- ⇒ **Shop** is now closed until Jan 2010
- ⇒ **Thefts** there has been a recent increase in theft at the allotment. H&S officer is organising patrols of the allotment by community police.
- ⇒ **Waiting list.** Currently about 40 on the waiting list. 5 new members. 2 more vacant plots will be let soon.
- ⇒ **Windturbine.** Application for funding with lottery. We will have more news by Christmas.
- ⇒ **Paths** need to be kept clear of weeds and litter. See your allotment agreement for rules on which plotholder is responsible for which path. Please dont plant trees close to paths. See kpaa web for advice on fruit tree rootstock.
- ⇒ **Rubbish.** Please take any rubbish home with you, dont leave it lying around the allotment
- ⇒ **Parking.** Please use the car park. Do not park anywhere along the access road, particularly under the birch trees where the manure is often tipped, or on the access path to plots.

**Committee Members:** Chris Norton Chair(6) 0208 858 4027, Olive Pemberton Treasurer (103), Margaret Turner New Members(55),Wally Newson Shop(99) 0208 8560423,Beryl Howard Housekeeping(30),Evey Hoyte Health and Safety (11),Alan Bartlett Site Officer/Projects (78a) ,Catherine Clancy Newsletter(53),Kundan Patel Ferrier Liaison, (23),John Payne Site Officer(58), Renee Ktenes (100). **Next meeting:Sun 31st Jan 2010.**