

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

It is harvest time now and hopefully most of it is safely gathered in. Most things grew very well and the weather was kind to us in the main. The annual rents are due for renewal in October, if you no longer require your plots please advise us of your intention, and then it can be let to somebody on the waiting list. I know most folks will be hoping for an even better year next year.

### Rents

As mentioned above the rent renewals will soon be sent out. The rent per rod has remained the same as last year. Included with the rents notice will be a copy of the Constitution of the Association, which is an update of the present Rules, for everyone to read before it is voted for at the AGM in November. If anybody could help with the distribution of the rents to other plot holders who live nearby, we would be pleased to hear from you.

### Bonfire Ban ?

We have had a complaint about bonfires on the allotment during the day, from neighbouring properties. Bonfires are presently only permitted 2 hours before sunset, there are limitations on what can be burnt and consideration should be given to wind and weather conditions. **If you have any doubts please read your tenancy agreement, or speak to your neighbours or site manager.** I know that the complainant is getting up a petition to the council to get bonfires banned on our site. If we can prove that this is a one off then common sense should prevail. If it happens frequently then the valuable control system could be lost to us. If you see fires during the day please remind the plot holder of the rules and let us know.

### Honey

Since the last newsletter we have had the first supplies of Hunt Pond Road Honey, and very good it is too. We restricted supplies to one per plot initially, but can now allow more if required. A jar of HPR honey could make a good personalised present to friends and family.

### Spud Bucket Challenge

The weigh in for the spud bucket challenge was held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August in bright sunshine and was well supported. The winner was Danny Nuttal (Plot 1D) with the heaviest crop and largest single potato. All entrants got prizes or consolation gifts and seemed happy with their harvests. Pictures of the event are on the HPR section of the [WWAA website](#).

### Allotment Watch

We have recently received a number of Allotment Watch signs from the council. They are not vandal proof but quite sturdy and are attached with a metal plate via nuts and bolts fixed at the rear of the sign. There are a lot of gates, so if you would like to fix one to the gate that you use for entry please contact us and we can supply the materials to do so.

### Boundaries

We would like to say a big thank you to all the plot holders who have cleared or started to clear all the rubbish along the boundaries. Some of the junk has been there for years so it's good that it is finally being removed. With the detritus gone the hedges can be maintained and returned to a healthy state.