

**Old Marston Mill Lane Allotment Association  
Annual General Meeting**

**Held in the Church Hall, Elsfeld Road, Marston, 6 November 2015**

**Present:** Bill Agent, Mike Boston, Jim Brown, Rob Bryant, Veronica Cucliat, John Curtis, Albert Fulkes, David Manson (Treasurer), Chris Mitchell (Secretary), Chris Morford, Paul Mulvany, Kayleigh Pearce, Hazel Rugg, Wally Towner, Masha Unkovskaya (in the chair), Brian Vickers, Dana Vlad

**Apologies:** Chris Pearce

**Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising:**

- Brian Vickers appeared twice in the list of attendees – cross out second entry
- Noted that Hazel Rugg, although a committee member, does not have a key to the lock-up. The Secretary will issue a key to Rob Bryant and Dr Bullock to give his key to gate A to Masha Unkovskaya.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

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<p><b>Chair's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair thanked those present for attending the meeting and hoped that everyone had a successful year. She mentioned that a former allotment holder had complimented us on the good state of the allotment site.</li> <li>• The chair sent her condolences to Ann King's family and informed the meeting that her son continues to tend her plot.</li> <li>• Some of our less-active members have given up their plots over the year, but we have leased 6 plots to new members and some of our existing members have taken on additional half plots. This means that we now only have 3 vacant plots, one of which is the bramble patch to the right of the second gate. Our Secretary continues to be the point of contact for renting plots.</li> <li>• We were awarded a grant from the Oxford and District Allotment Association for signage, and all plots have now been numbered. We are still waiting for a second notice board, which will be erected by gate B.</li> <li>• We were able to purchase some communal equipment, which is available from the lock-up. We now have a rotavator, lawnmower and strimmer. A fee of £5.00 per half day is payable for each of these. The strimmer takes two-stroke oil/petrol mix which is included in the cost of the machine hire. Additionally, machines need to be cleaned and refuelled. Instructions are attached to each machine. John Curtis is happy to receive payment for the use of machinery, or a note can be left in the notebook in the lock-up and fees paid at the AGM. A list of members who have keys to the lock-up is posted on the door and the notice boards.</li> <li>• We now have a first aid kit in the lock-up with information for emergency services posted on the door.</li> <li>• Agreed to get together for a series of social events in the next year,</li> </ul>	<p>CM to purchase form Meedhams.</p>

<p>starting with a bon fire to burn the large amount of wood next to the lock-up on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November, working party to start at 2.00 pm with the fire to be lit at around 4.00pm. Other socials to include pre-season and end-of season BBQs preceded by working parties.</p>	
<p><b><i>Treasurer's Report</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Honorary Treasurer thanked Michael Gillespie for auditing this year's accounts.</li> <li>• We continue to have a healthy bank balance and it was recommended that, for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in succession, the plot rental charges remain at £21.00 for a full plot and £10.50 for a half plot. The NASLG membership has, however risen to £2.50. This is a voluntary contribution towards the National Society of Allotment &amp; Leisure Gardens Ltd. For benefits visit <a href="http://www.nsalg.org.uk/join-us/membership/">http://www.nsalg.org.uk/join-us/membership/</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b><i>Election of committee</i></b></p> <p>David Manson asked if anyone would like to take on the treasurer's responsibilities, but nobody volunteered. David was duly re-elected as Honorary Treasurer. Masha Unkovskaya as Chair and Chris Mitchell as Secretary were also re-elected. Hazel Rugg, John Curtis and Jim Brown agreed to remain and Rob Bryant joined the committee.</p>	