



HORFIELD ORGANIC COMMUNITY ORCHARD

MAY 2009



CSV VOLUNTEERING

On Saturday 9th & Tues. 12th May, work will finish of our A4A funding. This will include general clearing & building a shelter at the top end of the polytunnel & a rainwater system. Help greatly appreciated on those days.

We later hope to paint the ship container with a mural designed by Louella & do a green roof.

FRUIT GALORE

Most fruit has set well (apricots have been protected with frost proof fleece) Gooseberries ready soon & George Cave & Beauty of Bath apples at our July meeting. Get on the e-mail list for info. We now have strawberries, blueberries, red & whitecurrants in the car park & local plums including Frampton Magnum.

PICNIC 6.30pm Sat. 20th June

Members of Avon Organic Group (AOG) and HOCO will be holding a picnic (after the work session). Bring food and drink to share.

DATES FOR WORKING MEETINGS

Penultimate **Saturday of each month 2-5 pm**
Plus some extra: **Sundays 2-4pm**: 10th May, 28th June, 12th July, 16th August, 13th Sept.
Please bring gloves, boots, secateurs, & bags for fruit or diseased stuff. List of jobs in the polytunnel. **BRING A WATER BOTTLE**
Please write all dates in your diary now

FRIEND'S BOXES 2009

Friends are invited to collect their own at one of our working meetings. Info from Pauline.

VIGILANCE

Apple fruitlets should be thinned to a maximum of 3/cluster, (1 if large) taking out damaged ones. Watch out for grey withered leaves due to **powdery mildew**. Leaves need picking off & binning at home.

FESTIVAL OF NATURE 6/7th June

HOCO will have our usual stall. Supplies of rhubarb & gooseberries wanted, also **volunteers**. Wildflower plants, herbs & veg on sale-see market details below. Harbourside-For programme, www.festivalofnature.org

FARMERS MARKETS

AOG is organising stalls on Wednesdays 15th July, 5th & 26th August and 16th September on Corn Street. Help wanted, also produce to sell - 80% of proceeds back to grower. Contact Pauline or Carol 909 8321 for a form/ info.

E-mail: markets@avonorganicgroup.org.uk

FED SUMMER FAIR 18th July

Stalls, competitions (best jam, chutney), farm animals. On the green by the Greenhouse, bottom of Windmill Hill. Volunteers wanted

COMPOST LOO

This is being used, particularly by families in the holidays. Supplies of sawdust wanted.

WILDLIFE

Ladybirds already about & plenty of hoverflies to eat up those pesky aphids. Later this year we hope to introduce lacewings again. New pheromone traps to go up mid May to combat plum & apple maggot – bluetits & other birds also help. Long-tailed tits about in car park.

APPLE DAY

This will be on Sunday **18th October** 2-4pm. Produce stall as for Farmers Market. Our **Wassail** will be **Saturday 16th January 2010**

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Form attached if you have not yet paid your membership, (Working members £5, Friends £10) No response =No further mailings!

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