

**You are invited to shared drinks and nibbles
to celebrate**

ODFAA's 100th Birthday

On the Chair's Plot

Cripley Meadow

Wednesday 21st August 2019

5.30pm to 8pm

Admission by Ticket

**There will be some drinks and nibbles and some event shelter
Bring a bottle /cup /allotment nibbles to share**

**Allotment Association Committee members
and Special Guests are invited
Please include your Cllr if involved in the site**

DEADLINE 7th AUGUST

**Please list names of all committee members/special guests who wish to
attend and we will send you a ticket to print**

Cripley Meadow is located at the end of Walton Well Road Oxford ticketed parking is available in the adjacent Walton Well Road Car Park. To access the site by foot, follow the bicycle path through the parking lot and over the bridge.

For pedestrians and cyclists it is at the north end of Roger Dudman Way.

May 10th Tree planting. It was a twin celebration of twinning on May 10th as trees were



simultaneously planted in both Oxford and the French city of Grenoble to celebrate 30th

anniversary of the twinning and ODFAAs centenary. The crab apple tree was carefully put in the ground of the Restore plots of Elder Stubbs allotments, by former city council leader Bob Price and Wendy Skinner Smith, Chair of the ODFAA. It will provide spring blossom and colourful autumn leaves, as well as fruit that can be made into jelly. It was planted to mark the 30th anniversary of the two cities being linked. It also honoured the centenary of the creation of the Oxford and District Federation of Allotment Associations, ODFAA. Gardeners in Oxford and from the Poterne Gardens in Grenoble decided that planting a tree would be an appropriate way to mark the two anniversaries.

There was good coverage in the Oxford Mail.

Reception in the Lord Mayors Parlour. We understand that the new Lord Mayor, Craig Simmons will extend an invite to ODFAA to celebrate our centenary. Date to be confirmed and this will only accommodate 1 committee member per association. More details anon



June 8th BIG Green Day in Broad Street

Our stall has a banner, display wheelbarrow of produce, Oxford map and photos of all sites with some excerpts from our centenary book which is in final draft.

August 21st – 6pm to 8pm ODFAA’s Chair invites you to her plot on Cripley Meadow to celebrate our birthday SEE INVITE

Current Association Committee members can apply for an invite and nominate past/present significant figures from their sites. Entry will be limited and by invitation ticket only.

It is a bring a ‘plate and bottle to share and your own cup to minimise waste but ODFAA will provide some drinks and nibbles

Centenary book is out with committee for a final check. Should be printed before this event

28th October Monday 6pm to 10pm tbc Competition Award Evening and Centenary Bash at West Oxford Community Centre.

30th November 7-9 Our Annual ODFAA Talk We are hoping to book Paul Barney from [Edulis Rare Plants](#) at WOCA We did decide last year to try and provide hard copy stuff for people to take away after talk – NJ can copy stuff if provided. As yet we have had no success in finding an allotment security specialist.

1919 – 2019 ODFAA’s Centenary Year Events

May 1 - Seed swap with gardeners from Poterne Garden, Grenoble. Visit to Pullen’s Lane AA.

May 10 - Simultaneous tree planting with Oxford’s twin city, Grenoble. At 12.00 midday at Elder Stubbs Allotments and (13.00 local time) Poterne Gardens in Grenoble, crab apple trees of the variety Malus ‘Evereste’ will be planted and plaques erected to mark both the 30th Anniversary of the Oxford-Grenoble Link and the ODFAA Centenary. Officiating in Oxford – Wendy Skinner-Smith (Chair – ODFAA) and Bob Price (Oxford City Council) Attending - Representatives from Elder Stubbs, RESTORE and ODFAA Committee Members.

May 17- Oxford Centenary Allotments’ Competition - Final date for entries.

June 8 Cripley Meadow Plant stall at Jericho Street Fair

June 8 - ODFAA stall at the **Big Green Day Out on Broad St**, Oxford. ODFAA committee will be on hand all day to provide information on sites, promote the Centenary, [preview pages from 100 years of the ODFAA) and the acknowledged benefits of allotment gardening.

June 17 First round of judging: Wk. beg

Aug 11 Open day Lenthall Rd Centenary Day celebration

Aug 19 Elder Stubbs Festival and competition

Aug 21 **OUR 100th BIRTHDAY** Allotment Association Committee Members are invited to join Wendy Skinner Smith, Chair of ODFAA, on her plot on Cripsey Meadow and Cripsey Meadow. There will be a separate application form shortly.

AUGUST ODFAA 100 Years publication (one gift to each association then sale price)

Aug 24 - Open day and BBQ at South Ward allotments on Saturday 24th August

September 16 Second round of judging: Wk. beg

September 24th Tues 7 for 7.15pm Allotment Liaison meeting

28th October 6-10 TBC Awards and Certificates and Centenary Bash at WOCC

30th November 7-15 to 915 ODFAA Talk at WOCC

December 10th Tues 3.30pm - 5.30pm OCC / ODFAA Committee
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January 5th 10am - 1.30pm Pennard Plants Potato Fair at WOCC

There is a lot of [NAS News](#) this month so I have attached a link. It includes rodent training and a pesticide survey

Aug 17th ODFAA stall at Elder Stubbs festival



Our stall will have our new banner and Oxford Allotments Map with photos of all sites. It will also be

OUR CENTENARY BOOK LAUNCH

'A Growing Concern' by Phil Baker and Wendy Skinner Smith

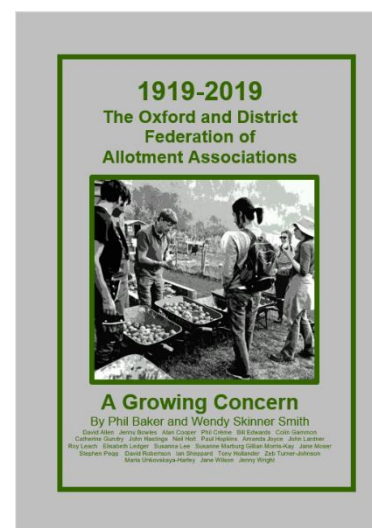
with contributions from David Allen Jenny

Bowles Alan Cooper Phil Crème Bill Edwards
Colin Gammon Catherine Gundry John Hastings Neil
Holt Paul Hopkins Amanda Joyce John Lardner

Roy Leach Elisabeth Ledger Susanna Lee Susanne
Marburg Gillian Morris-Kay Jane Moser Stephen Pegg

David Robertson Ian Sheppard Tony Hollander Zeb Turner-Johnson Maria Unkovskaya-Harley Jane Wilson Jenny Wright

They will each receive a free copy and each ODFAA association will receive one free copy at the September meeting. We have printed a limited edition of the book and the remainder will be available at a cost of £6.



Aug 11th Open day **Lenthall Rd** Centenary Day celebration

Aug 17th Elder Stubbs Festival **ODFAA Centenary STALL 100 Years BOOK LAUNCH** and sale

Aug 21st is **OUR 100th BIRTHDAY** and Cripsey Meadows 125th

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Aug 24th - Open day and BBQ at **South Ward** allotments on Saturday

Wk. beg. **September 16th** Second round of judging

September 23rd Nominated ODFAA members are invited By the Lord Mayor Craig Simmons to **DRINKS AND NIBBLES IN THE LORD MAYORS PARLOUR**. Associations should send name/postal address/email of 2 nominees who will be sent invites by the Lord Mayor's assistant to attend this event. **Please let John LARDNER have this information asap and before August 21st**

September 24th Tues 7.00 for 7.15pm Allotment Liaison meeting

October 28th 6.00 - 10.00pm TBC Awards and Certificates and Centenary Bash at WOCC

November 30th 7.15 – 9.15pm ODFAA Drinks Nibbles and Ticketed Talk (£10) by Val Bourne at WOCC. Info on Tickets available at September ALM

Val Bourne - The Natural Gardener, introduces both new and experienced gardeners to the wide diversity of plants, birds, animals and insects that help bring a natural balance to an allotment and help it shrug off problems before they become entrenched.

December 10th Tues 3.30pm – 5.30pm OCC/ODFAA Committee

What a busy year!

Wendy