



Grass Cuttings



Newsletter of **Sale Horticultural & Allotment Society** –February 2007

Chairman's Report

Dear members

We recently suffered severe storms with tree, shed and greenhouse damage; two members had their greenhouses almost totally destroyed, and unfortunately our SHAS insurance only covers our Trading and Equipment sheds and their contents plus Third party liability. Before and after the storms villains broke into several allotment sheds; thankfully only a few tools seemed to be missing or thrown about the plots. The police were informed on both occasions.

Our allotment plot reclamation is proceeding all be it slowly. Eventually we hope to be able to offer 3 useable half plots to help Linda reduce our lengthy waiting list.

I am pleased to report that Tony Turnbull has agreed to join your committee. We look forward to his input and help.

We continue to keep a Nature Diary in the "Hoe Down" to record any happenings. Dave Bancroft is regular diarist with his sightings. I have added 3 bird boxes near my plot hopefully to tempt some nesting.

I hope to have some compost from Trafford in the near future. This has been produced from leaves and from the contents of our green bins. Manure is still in short supply; it is being dropped at the Glebelands Rd end. Unfortunately we cannot predict when it will arrive hence we cannot arrange for some to be dropped in the centre path bay, I will keep trying to change the drop off place.

Sylvia has arranged a talk for members in April, so please watch out for the announcement further on in this newsletter..

This brings me conveniently to remind you that your AGM will be held in the "Hoe Down" this year at 7-30 pm on **Tuesday 13th March**. Please offer your services if you can help on the committee in anyway.

Best regards
Don Jackson

Membership

I take this opportunity to welcome all our new members who have joined our Society during 2006. You should have received your new membership cards and welcome packs. If any new members have not received either their membership cards or their welcome packs please let me know. Membership fees have been kept at the same level as last year, that is £4.50 for Full members and £4.00 for Concession members. Members with plots will have paid their subscriptions with their plot rents. For non-plot holders who wish to renew their membership, a notice for payment of subscriptions for 2007 should form part of this Newsletter. Membership fees are due on 1st January 2007. Any plot holders who have not received and paid their rental invoice, please contact me and I will reissue the same. I wish all members a good growing New Year.

Ken Bostock

Trading Hut News

Alf Edwards

The Trading Hut is now open every Sunday morning from 10.30 to 12.00 noon.

We have in stock, seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots; also a fresh stock of composts, fertilisers and other seasonal goods. Our prices to members are very competitive compared with Wilkinsons and garden centres. Please call in one Sunday morning and browse.

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SHALLOTS
Red Sun £1.00 400g

ONIONS
Turbo 80p 500g

POTATOES
Arran Pilot 70p kg
Charlotte 70p kg
Desiree 70p kg
Cara 80p kg

On Sale now!



Seed scheme

Those of you who ordered your discount seeds from Kings and Marshalls should have them by now. Let's hope we have some good growing conditions soon.

If you have any seeds spare, why not take them along to the Trading Hut. If you've finished with your 2006 garden magazines but haven't the heart to send them for recycling just yet, why not donate them to The Hoe Down where they can be borrowed by fellow gardeners? There is plenty of seasonal advice to be had in them.

Who grew these sunflowers?

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Application for Society Membership

(Fee: £4.50, Over 60's £4.00)

New Member Renewal I am over 60 Plot Holder

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other) _____ Initials _____ Surname _____

Card No. (if known) _____ Plot No(s). _____ (Where applicable)

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel. No. _____

Email Address _____

Signed _____

Please return to Mr K. Bostock, 206, Dane Road, Sale M33 2LG with stamped addressed envelope

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