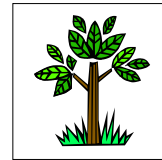


# Grass Cuttings



## Newsletter of **Sale Horticultural & Allotment Society** –January 2008

### Chairman's Report

Here we are at the start of 2008. It does not seem that long ago that we were all thinking of a New Millennium, how time soon passes. 2007 has shot by, a peculiar year for both weather and growing in our gardens and on our allotments. The three "w"s-warm, wet, windy and very changeable, has suited some plants and been a disaster for others. On reflection such circumstances did offer a challenge to try and win despite circumstances beyond our control.

Our society had its ups and downs in 2007.

Starting with the downs, our allotments have been targeted by villains on three occasions, damaging produce, breaking into sheds, smashing greenhouse glass, and lastly, just before Christmas, our equipment shed roof was pulled off and most of our equipment, mowers, strimmers and generator were stolen. All crimes were reported to the police but alas there were no arrests.

Now for the ups: our bedding plant sale was a great success as normal helped by the weather being very kind to us –all plants sold. Our TV star member Jacqui Brocklehurst gave a very interesting talk in the "Hoe Down" and was instrumental in our inaugural Pumpkin Competition and BBQ held on Halloween night. We plan to repeat the Pumpkin Party this year.

We have planted various hedge shrubs and trees along Grosvenor Road fence to attract wild life and to deter villains from entering the allotments. Part of the new hedge adjacent to the Hoe Down was donated and planted by Gary Robertson and his family as a memorial to Jean.

Overall membership has dropped a little but we have gained several younger and enthusiastic members and helpers. We are always looking for new members and helpers!

Linda has managed to open our allotment waiting list, primarily due to several plot holders not being able to spare the time to look after their plots and we have also split some plots to satisfy demand.

I must take this opportunity on your behalf to thank all our Committee and Helpers for their valiant work and for giving up some of their leisure time to our Society.

Could I close by wishing you **All** a Happy New Year and may 2008 be both a successful and an enjoyable growing year.  
Don Jackson

**PLANT SALE 2008**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**



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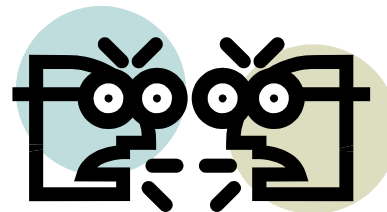
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### **AGM**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
**In the Hoe Down**  
**7.30pm**

**Please come along and give us  
your ideas and support.**  
**Nominations for officers and  
motions for the agenda to be  
sent to the secretary by  
1<sup>st</sup> February**

# Pumpkin Party

It was fun!!



Alf & Margaret serve sausages and potatoes



Chairman Don with Judge Jacqui

Thank you to all who inspired the evening and worked hard to make it a success. This includes bakers, soup makers, gazebo and lighting erectors, shoppers, fancy dressers, pumpkin growers and carvers and all sack jumpers and apple bobbers.

## TRADING HUT NEWS

First Opening 2008

### SUNDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY

and then every Sunday morning until late summer.  
**10.30 a.m. until 12 noon.**

Seed potatoes, onion sets and shallots are on order with delivery expected by early February: -

#### Seed Potatoes:

Arran Pilot, Charlotte, Desiree and Cara all 75p per Kg.

#### Onion sets:

Sturon and Red Karmen both 75p per 250g pack.

#### Shallots:

Golden Gourmet at £1.00 per 400g pack

These are of the highest quality and represent excellent value.

**We will be accepting orders on a first come, first served basis.**

**Alf Edwards, Plot 42 - Tel: 282 0048**



Isobel watches grandad's pumpkin go right off the scale!!



Jack o' Lanterns light up the evening



Sack races between the straw bales



Spartan apple meets its match

## 2008 GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Open to plot holders and home growers alike

Buy your seeds and keep those slugs at bay!

Judging will take place sometime in September

**Good Luck!**



## STRAW BALES

There are a number of bales left over from the pumpkin party.

They can be used to mulch or spread on waterlogged ground and are on sale at the Trading Hut for £1.00.

## 'POT PLANTS'

by

**John Steedman**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
7.00pm  
The Hoe Down**

This will be limited to 15 people by ticket only. Please get your tickets from the Trading Hut.  
**Free to members.**



## Members' Outing

A small group enjoyed the trip to the Dorothy Clive garden in September. It is hoped more people will be interested this year when a trip to **Trentham Gardens** may be arranged. Helpers in the Trading Hut and who deliver the newsletter are especially welcome. Watch this space.