



Grass Cuttings



Newsletter of **S**ale **H**orticultural & **A**llotment **S**ociety - January 2012

Chairman's Report

Hello again. How time flies! 2011 seems to have raced through. We had an unusual year weather wise; extremely cold to start then a warm spell when most of our blossoms benefited: an average summer possibly cooler than normal, finishing with a not too cold but wet winter. I think you will agree most of our gardens, vegetables and fruits have been very good. I know the blackbirds and thrushes are now enjoying the apples on the lawn. Please continue to feed our birds as many will not survive without our help.

Reviewing the year's activities, our Trading Hut sales, Plant Sale and Pumpkin Party were very successful -- thanks for your help and support. Hugh Begg's talk on the evolution of the Delamere Forest Area was well presented as usual and most interesting. Pity the attendance was lower than expected and some of our regulars were missing.

Thankfully we now have additional members on your committee who are enthusiastic and willing to help our Society to continue to flourish in these difficult times.

Well now 2012 has arrived let us plan to be as energetic as possible and have a very enjoyable and productive year.

Don Jackson

AGM

Tuesday

6th March

Townscroft Lodge

Glebelands Rd

7.30pm

Please come along and support your committee

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New Committee member



Jane Lucas

Jane took on plot 39a in February last year after a long wait and has been awarded a voucher for one of the most improved plots in 2011.

Jane will be taking over as editor of Grass Cuttings in 2012 and I'm sure will welcome any articles or letters you feel inspired to write.

Congratulations to Stuart Bailey 55a who also improved his plot enormously over the year. Tony Savage's plot 28 was awarded 'best plot'.

From our Membership Secretary:-

Plot Rentals and

Membership Renewals

It's that time of year again, and with this newsletter you should have received your renewal form(s) for SHAS Membership and Plot Rentals, as appropriate.

If you haven't received them, please call me on 0161 973 1946.

Will Plot Holders please note the **final** date for receipt of Rental Payment and signed Tenancy Agreements is

28th February 2012.

This is necessary as the terms of our lease require us to send full payment and plot holder details to Trafford Council by the end of March.....

So don't delay, please reply today!!

One final request, please ensure cheques are made out to SHAS, dated 2012 and signed....eight of last year's cheques had something wrong!

Tony Turnbull

Pumpkin Party

A big thank you to all our members who organised this year's party.

Some new chefs, Steve, Mike and Adam took over the barbecue and adjacent soup serving.

Jane Leicester, Louise Black, Sarah Wilson and Jane Lucas organised the evening's events and games and all the preparatory work along with members of the committee and our hard-working chairman.

The party was a tribute to the memory of Linda McLachlan who put so much into the event in previous years.

Don Jackson once again beat all the opposition to the heaviest pumpkin prize. This year we settled on measuring the girth which somebody was asked to record for posterity but who??



Roger and Ken make Don's pumpkin look really heavy!

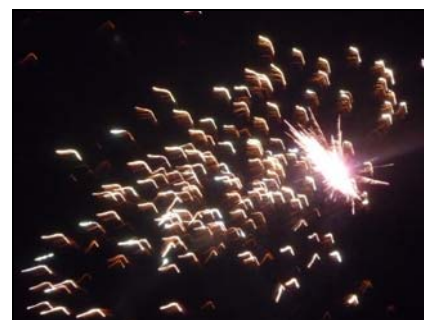
Apple bobbing once again proved very popular. Strange that only children took part!



However children weren't the only ones in **fancy dress** and much ingenuity and variety was shown making the evening very colourful.



Keith's fireworks made a splendid finale to the evening



From our Trading Manager:-

Trading Hut

open

Sunday 5th February

10.30 to 12 noon

SEED POTATOES

1st Earlies **Arran Pilot**

2nd Earlies **British Queen**

Main Crops **Cara, Desiree,**

Pentland Squire

ONION SETS

Sturon & Red Baron

(Pre-packs of 50)

SHALLOTS

Golden Gourmet

(Pre-packs of 40)

Prices will be worked out on delivery but will be significantly lower than elsewhere.

Alf Edwards

Apparently 'British Queen' is a heritage potato and has the AGM* from the RHS. I'll certainly try it out for taste.

*Award of Garden Merit

Discount Seed Scheme

Contact Peter Baggaley

Tel: **962 5642** for a Kings

Seed

Catalogue to

place your

order asap.

