

grass CUTTINGS

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Happy New Year to all our members!

Well 2014 was quite a good year in our gardens and on our allotments due to better than average weather at the appropriate times, my plum crop was disappointing but other plots had good yields, vegetables and apple crops were excellent with the blackbirds appreciating the windfalls!

Our plant sale was again a success despite the lower number of orders, many thanks to Jonathan for organising this event and to his helpers.

The Pathways community plot, which is maintained by gardeners with differing learning needs and the members of After Stroke Association, has had a chequered year with funding being withdrawn, but fortunately the stroke unit has now received new financing which is enabling them to continue.

Our Trading Hut has been well patronised including the extra 1st Saturday of the month opening, again many thanks to Elaine and her team of helpers.

We were awarded the Most Improved Allotment Site by Trafford, thanks to the efforts of the majority of plot-holders and to Roger for keeping our many paths cut and tidy.

Our allotment site, together with four others in and around Greater Manchester has been considered for a new venture in future ITV Coronation Street programmes. After several meetings SHAS Site has been chosen as meeting the production criteria of best location and surroundings and being the most photogenic. First filming will start on 23 January and 9 February and will continue at various dates for six months. Filming may extend further depending on viewer response statistics. Filming will take place at the Glebelands Road end, which is

most suitable for recording, siting of all the equipment, generators, lights, toilets and catering arrangements. Filming will start at 8am possibly through to noon, come 'rain or shine'.

Due to the location and in order not to interrupt continuity during filming, will plot-holders who usually use the Glebelands Road entrance gate, please use the middle gate entrance on Grosvenor Road, when filming is taking place. Actual filming dates will be entered when known on the 'Events Page' of our website, to assist affected plot-holders and for interested members.

ITV will have a Security Guard stationed at the Glebelands Road entrance gate to avoid interference while filming. For anybody interested in watching while filming it should be possible outside, over the fence near our manure/leaf mould bays.

ITV will be paying SHAS a fee for the use of the site and will return our allotments to a good workable state after they have finished filming. ITV have reassured me that they will try to limit disturbance to our plot-holders and want to know if any problems arise.

This new Coronation Street storyline involving allotments is a first and hopefully will promote allotment life and our Trafford Area.

As they say 'Watch this space' and our 'Events Page' on our website entries. No doubt our local papers will also include articles about the filming activities.

In closing, can I wish all our members a healthy and enjoyable 2015, not forgetting thanks to your committee and our many helpers.

Regards, Don Jackson

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 this year's SHAS Membership and Plot Rentals, as appropriate. If you haven't received them, if you have any queries, or if you have decided to give up your plot, please call me on 0161 283 0783 or email tonyturnbullxyz@hotmail.com.

Will Plot Holders please note that the final date for receipt of Rental payment and signed Tenancy Agreements is 28 February 2015. 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', signed and correctly dated! **Regards, Tony Turnbull**



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AGM

Tuesday, 3 March 2015. 7.30pm.

St Mary's Church Hall

Moss Lane, Sale

Please come along and support your committee.

SHAS Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, 9 May 2015.

Plant lists and order forms will be mailed soon.



Kings Seed catalogues are also available from the **Trading Hut**. Trading Hut opening dates will be posted on the website and also on each entrance gate. Please, if there are any members who are able to spare 1½ hours on a Sunday morning to help in the Trading Hut, Elaine our Trading Hut Manager would love to hear from you. We have a rota, so you'll only have to help one week in every five or six. In recent years, several of our helpers have had to retire so we our desperate, any assistance will be much appreciated.

Trading Hut Re-Opens

Saturday, 7 February 2015.

10.30am~12 noon.

SEED POTATOES

1st Earlies	Arran Pilot
	Red Duke of York
2nd Earlies	Charlotte
Main Crop	Desiree
	Maxine

90p per Kg

ONION SETS

Sturon	White Onion Sets
Red Baron	Onion Sets

80p for 250gms

SHALLOTS

Golden Gourmet Shallots

£1.35 per 400gms per pack

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SHAS Website

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We had an incident during the Christmas/New Year period when property was damaged by a fire that had been started deliberately. We will be notifying the Community Police regarding the event and request that plot holders are extra vigilant regarding site security and report any suspicious activity/people to a committee member.



Plot inspections will be held during April, June and September.

Supplies of manure are available to plot holders and can be collected from the stables on Little Ees Lane, please contact Kay on mobile **0788 416 4960**, and remember to take some plastic bin bags! A word of warning when collecting the manure, the owner of the stables has a dog which doesn't like men, especially any wearing a bobble hat and boiler suit, so be careful!

SHAS sends a warm welcome to the following new plot holders:
Alex and Roger Fairclough, Plot 13a, Mike Windle, Plot 14a, Roger Cairn and Ursula, Plot 55b.