

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2008



Annual General Meeting, 1st Oct 2008

Committee members elections, membership renewals and winners announcements

Our AGM is a chance to meet other members and raise matters of importance to you. There will be reports from the Chair and the Treasurer, which this year include the closure of the waiting list and developments in Springfield Park. If you have an issue you'd like to have discussed, please send a brief outline to the Secretary so it can be included in the agenda.

ELECTIONS

As previously announced, Maggie Wilkinson is resigning from her post as chair, so we hope that members will be putting themselves forward for election at the AGM. The role involves chairing the committee meetings, and helping to make decisions in liaison with the Secretary, Treasurer and other committee members (in urgent cases between meetings).

On a smaller scale, there are also vacancies for site reps for Leaside and Queensbridge.

SITE VISITS

In July this year, committee members and site representatives carried out their annual site inspections to gain an overview and to award prizes based on creativity, variety of crops, most improved and productivity. Winners will be announced on the night.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

No matter when you joined, membership subscription and plot rents must be paid by 1/10/08 or in person at the AGM.

There will be no rent increase again this year, which means the society still has the lowest rent of all the London boroughs.

Refreshments will be provided.

WHERE&WHEN:

- **WED, 1st OCTOBER 2008**
- **TIME:** 8pm (meeting starts)
- **VENUE:** St Mary's Community Centre, Defoe Road, Stoke Newington, London N16
- **How to get there by bus:** 73, 476 and 393 run along Stoke Newington Church Street. The hall is in Defoe Road, 25 metres from the junction at Church St.

Jackie Breakwell, the Treasurer, will be taking membership fees and plot rents between 7.30 and 8 pm.

NO CASH PLEASE

Rates in effect:

£20 Full plot
£12 Half plot and full plot concs
£8 Half plot concessions
£4 Membership (waiting list)
Please turn over for more information



'BEST EVER' SCHOOL TRIP TO SPRING HILL

One of Spring Hill's ploholders, Sophie Mathias, invited her daughter's class to visit her plot at the end of summer term 2008. It was a great success and children benefitted greatly from the hands-on experience to support their curriculum

work. They spent their time on Sophie's plot learning about the history of allotments and discussing edible parts of plants. They tasted chive flowers, watched potatoes being dug up and planted carrot seeds. The children behaved impeccably

even in the face of an abundance of tempting raspberries! One child said it was the best school trip ever! We hope to be showing some of the lovely drawings they did of the plants in the next newsletter. Thanks to Sophie and William Patten Primary School.

Allotments can be dangerous places for children, e.g. because of sharp canes, tools and tripping hazards. Ploholders are reminded that our insurance does not cover guests, and any similar visits should remain small scale and well supervised. Teachers, and if necessary parents, should be warned that the HAS cannot take responsibility in the event of an accident.

30% OFF ORGANIC SEED ORDER

Sarah Kissack will be making a group order on behalf of the HAS, which means members making orders will receive a discount of up to 30%. Collection will be from Sarah, Listria Park N16, tel 020 7502 0650 or 07754 095062. See www.organiccatalogue.com or phone 0845 130 1304 for paper catalogue, and bring your orders to the AGM or email to sarah.kissack@blueyonder.co.uk by the end of October

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND PLOT FEES 2008/09

PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THIS NOTICE - NO REMINDERS WILL BE SENT

Membership subscription and plot rents must be paid by 1/10/08 or in person at the AGM. We have limited administration resources so please pay your fees promptly or risk losing your plot or place on the waiting list. **NEW MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE** it doesn't matter when in the year you joined. You need to renew by 1/10/08 or at the AGM, or risk losing your place on the waiting list.

Please complete the slip below and return it to H A S, c/o 41 Dynevor Road N16 0DL with your postal order or cheque made payable to: 'HACKNEY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY'.



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS ARE WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF THE CHEQUE.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

- I am happy to receive the HAS newsletters via e-mail:
- I enclose: £4 membership (waiting list)
 - £20 membership and rent full plot
 - £12 membership and rent concessionary rate
 - £12 membership and rent half plot
 - £8 membership and rent half plot concs rate
- I would like to stand for election to the following post:

- I would like the following to be discussed at the AGM:

HACKNEY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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