

## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2013



# New location for Annual General Meeting, 6th Nov, 8pm

Reports, committee elections, plot awards winners and membership renewals

The HAS would like to invite you to the 2013 AGM. This is a chance to find out how the Society and the sites have been doing this year, to meet other members and the Committee, and to raise issues of importance to you. If you have an item you'd like to have addressed, please send a brief outline to [secretary@hackneyallotments.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hackneyallotments.org.uk).

### SITE VISITS

In July this year the annual site inspections took place. Their purpose is to provide an overview of all sites, and to award prizes to individual plotters based on creativity, variety of crops, most improved and productivity. Winners will be announced on the night.

### POSTS

Sarah Kissack has resigned as treasurer, and that means we are looking for a new Treasurer to be elected at the AGM. It is not an onerous job but an important one and we cannot function without a Treasurer. You need to be numerate and methodical, above all else. Willing to attend (most of) the monthly meetings. If you are interested,

either contact Penny Miller in advance of the meeting, or just put yourself forward on the day.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

There will be no rent increase again this year, which means the society still has the lowest rent of all London boroughs. Note that no matter when you joined, membership fees and plot rents must

be paid by 6/11/2013, or in person at the AGM. You will find more information on the reverse of this newsletter - please read it carefully.

Last year the majority of members successfully paid their fees electronically. We hope members will continue to pay in

this way, as it will reduce the amount of your subscriptions that is spent on administration rather than allotments, and may be more convenient for you.

Lastly, please remember that it is your responsibility to ensure your membership and plot rental fees are paid on time. If they are not, you will be charged an additional administration fee and you risk losing your plot or your place on the waiting list.

### WHERE & WHEN

WED 6TH NOVEMBER, 8PM  
(PAYMENTS 7.30-8PM,  
NO CASH PLS)

THE GALLERY

EDWARD'S LANE

STOKE NEWINGTON N16

REFRESHMENTS WILL  
BE PROVIDED

## LOOK AFTER YOUR PLOT

Allotment land in inner city areas is a scarce resource, and we are lucky to have provision of 125 plots on 9 sites around the Borough, yet we still can't fulfil the demand for plots. Due to this, the waiting list has now been closed for some years.

As most members will know, the Society operates a neglected plot policy: site reps review the state of their site. By the end of March every plot is expected to be showing signs of life - clearing land, planting, manuring, etc. Any plot not being cultivated, the site rep will speak to the plotholder and if the response is unsatisfactory, a neglected plot letter will be issued. The plotholder then has six weeks to improve. By the end of May, if there has been no improvement or if the improvement is unsatisfactory (negligible), a notice to quit will be issued. This is so that the plot can be given to someone from the waiting list and there still being enough time in the growing season for him/her to benefit from having the plot.

The full Neglected Plot Policy may be found on our website: [www.hackneyallotments.org.uk](http://www.hackneyallotments.org.uk).

## 30% OFF ORGANIC SEED ORDER

Sarah Kissack is doing another group order from the Organic Gardening Catalogue, which will give discounts of up to 30%. You can access the Catalogue at [www.organiccatalogue.com](http://www.organiccatalogue.com) or phone 01932 253666 for a paper copy. If you

want to participate, email the details of your order to [sarah.kissack@uwclub.net](mailto:sarah.kissack@uwclub.net) or give her a paper copy at the AGM, or post to 25 Listria Park, Stoke Newington, London N16 5SW by the end of November. You pay for your order

with relevant discount on collection from her at address above, usually in January. Should the total not be enough to qualify for the discount she'll let you know. Please email or call Sarah on 07754 095062 if you have any queries.

# PAYING MEMBERSHIP FEES AND PLOT RENT FOR 2013/14

All fees are due to be paid before or at the AGM on the 6th November, and it would be a great help if you could meet this deadline. If you do not, you should know that there is now a £1 late payment fee that will be due in addition to membership and plot rental.

## HOW TO PAY ELECTRONICALLY

This is the process used to pay from a Smile account; different banks may have slightly different processes:

- Select 'Pay Bills' option
- Bill type 'Other'
- Recipient organization 'HAS'
- Reference from your bill '[your name]'
- Recipient account number 65555383
- Recipient sort code 089299

It is important that you use a process that enables you to provide your name as well as payment, so that the Treasurer knows who has paid. Because you will have a record of the payment, receipts will not be posted, which saves administration time and costs.

If you pay electronically, there is no need to complete and post the form below, but please email [nancylkorman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nancylkorman@hotmail.co.uk) with any changes in contact details or AGM business

– including if you would like to be elected to any position.

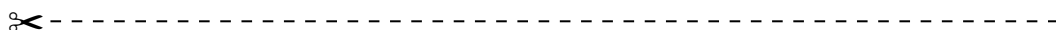
If you use **telephone banking**, you can pay that way using the HAS account details above.

## HOW TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR POSTAL ORDER

If you do not use electronic banking then please complete the slip below and return it to Nancy Korman, 21 Northchurch Terrace, London N1 4EB with your cheque or postal order made payable to HACKNEY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY by 6/11/13 or bring it in person to the AGM.

## NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE BACK OF THE CHEQUE PLEASE.

You will receive confirmation of payment by email if possible, or by post if requested. Paper receipts will also be available on request at the AGM.



## HAS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & PLOT FEES 2013/14

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- I ENCLOSE:**
- £4 membership (waiting list)
  - £20 m'ship and rent (full plot)
  - £12 m'ship and rent concs
  - £12 m'ship and rent (half plot)
  - £8 m'ship and rent concs (half plot)
- please provide proof of status for concessions*

To keep costs down, all communication from HAS will be by email unless you tick this box to receive paper copies by post

I would like to stand for election to the following post:

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

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## HAS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### CHAIR

Penny Miller -  
[pmshrink@yahoo.com](mailto:pmshrink@yahoo.com)

### VICE CHAIR

Hilary Kerr

### SECRETARY

Nancy Korman -  
[secretary@hackneyallotments.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hackneyallotments.org.uk)

### TREASURER

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## SITE REPRESENTATIVES

### ADEN TERRACE

Vikki Yapp

### CHURCH WALK

Valerie Shepherd and  
Caroline Gilchrist

### LEASIDE ROAD

Diana Whitworth and  
Jack Eldon

### OVERBURY STREET

Anna Harding and  
Amanda Scope

### QUEENSBRIDGE

ROAD  
Phillip Turner

### SPRING HILL

Phillip Pearson and  
Jason Cole

### SPRING LANE

Simon Hughes

### SPRINGDALE ROAD

Rosanna Preston

### ST KILDA'S ROAD

Henrietta Soames

