

## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2015



# The 2015 Annual General Meeting

Reports, seasonal advice, committee elections,  
plot awards winners and membership renewals

The HAS would like to invite you to the 2015 AGM. This is your chance to find out how the Society works and to meet other members and the Committee. We will receive reports about activity during the past year and the 2014/15 financial accounts. The AGM is also required to elect offices for the coming year. 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 plotholders based on variety of crops, most improved, creativity and productivity. The winners will be announced on the night.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Plot holders are reminded to note the new rental fees following the increase agreed at the last AGM. No matter

when you joined, membership fees and plot rents must be paid by 7/10/2015, 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 a lot 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 7TH OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN 7PM (PAYMENTS  
7-7.30PM, NO CASH PLS)

ST MARY'S CHURCH ROOMS, STOKE  
NEWINGTON CHURCH ST, N16

(JUST PAST THE TOWN HALL  
TOWARDS GREEN LANES,  
OPPOSITE CLISSOLD  
PARK)

### 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 October. 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.

## LOOK AFTER YOUR PLOT

Allotment land in inner city areas is a scarce resource, and we are lucky to have provision of 128 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).



# PROUD TO PRESENT:

*Some of our allotments' best.*

*Take part and share your successes or design features in the next newsletter! Email your pictures to [hasnews@mac.com](mailto:hasnews@mac.com) or [secretary@hackneyallotments.org.uk](mailto:secretary@hackneyallotments.org.uk)*



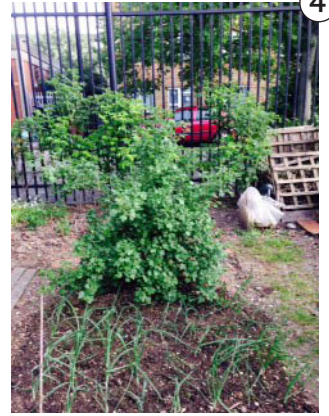
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- 1, 3, 4 - Overbury  
Street site  
2 - sculpture by Chris  
Coe, Aden Terrace  
5 - lettuces on Aden  
Terrace  
6 - Nancy's potatoes





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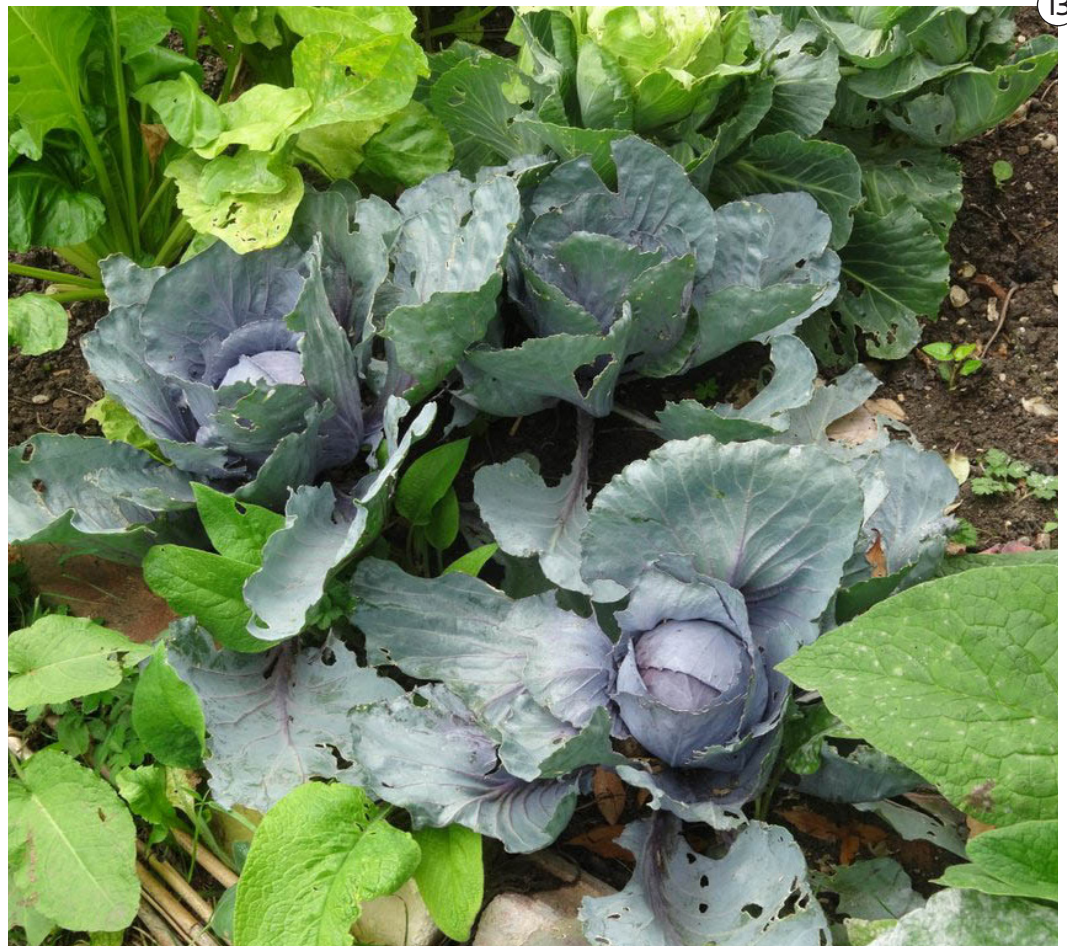
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7 - Overbury Street site  
 8 - lettuces on Aden terrace  
 9 - loads of leeks  
 10, 11, 12 - Overbury Street site  
 13 - Vikki's red cabbages



# PAYING MEMBERSHIP FEES AND PLOT RENT FOR 2015/16

All fees are due to be paid before or at the AGM on the 7th October, and it would be a great help if you could meet this deadline. If you do not, 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

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU USE YOUR NAME AS THE REFERENCE on the payment, not any reference number given to you. We need to know whose rent/membership is being paid, otherwise we will chase you for non-payment. If you pay electronically, no receipt will be posted to you as you will already have a record of the payment. There is also 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 you would like discussed, including if you would wish to stand for any office.

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

## HOW TO PAY BY CHEQUE

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 made payable to HACKNEY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY by 1/10/14 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.

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## HAS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & PLOT FEES 2015/16

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### I ENCLOSE:

£4 membership (waiting list) ☐

£25 m'ship and rent (full plot) ☐

£17 m'ship and rent concs ☐

£15 m'ship and rent (half plot) ☐

£13 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

Ruth Gladwin

### SECRETARY

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

### TREASURER

Hugh Naylor

## SITE REPRESENTATIVES

### ADEN TERRACE

Vikki Yapp

### CHURCH WALK

John Clarke and  
Maggie Wilkinson

### LEASIDE ROAD

MJ and Helene Gulleksan

### OVERBURY STREET

Jane Hough and  
Amanda Scope

### QUEENSBRIDGE ROAD

Phillip Turner

### SPRING HILL

Phillip Pearson, Jon  
Fuller, Beth Webber and  
Frederick Brook

### SPRING LANE

Simon Hughes and  
Helen Bishop

### SPRINGDALE ROAD

Rosanna Preston and  
Mairin Power

### ST KILDA'S ROAD

Henrietta Soames