

SUNNYSIDE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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AGM REPORT

The second AGM took place on Saturday 28th November 1998 and was very well attended. It was good to see an active interest being taken in the running of the Society's affairs. Sadly, due to pressure of work, Sharon Longley resigned her post as Secretary and the meeting thanked her for her contribution to the running of the Society since its inception.

No nominations were received for the positions of Officers and Committee Members and with the exception of Sharon all of the existing Officers and Committee were re-elected. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is enclosed with this Newsletter.

The Society accounts audited by George Brown were available at the meeting and were accepted and agreed. A copy is enclosed for your information.

SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY

We are pleased to be able to inform you that Jenny Sippings has volunteered to under take the role and took up office at the December Committee meeting. Should you have any need to contact her she is on 01442 865890 and resides at 82 George Street.

CLEARANCE OF UNTENANTED GARDENS

Following the success of last winters activity which resulted in a number of new tenancies, your Committee propose to hold clearance days on **Saturday 6th February and Saturday 6th March**. Please come along and help. This really is a case of many hands making short work of rough plots!

We will NOT be digging, but will be cutting down the jungle that exists on some plots. Stout gloves are essential and you should bring your own tools.

We will assemble in Sunnyside Old Car Park off Ivy House Lane at 10.00 and look forward to seeing you.

SOCIETY MACHINERY

As announced at the AGM, John Wood has kindly donated a Strimmer to the Society for members use. Your Committee has considered how the Strimmer should be controlled and members interested in borrowing the Strimmer should contact Phil Andrews on 01442 866266 who has custody of the machine on behalf of the Society. Loan of the machine will be at the users own risk as the Society cannot accept responsibility for any injury which might be sustained by the user.

Protective equipment ie. goggles and gloves is up to the user to supply.

A charge will be levied for

its use to source the provision of two stroke mixture and spare string which will come with the machine. After the next Committee Meeting in February, Phil will have details of the scale of charges.

WATER SUPPLIES

The outcome of our submission for an improvement to the water supplies was that the Council agreed to the provision of three new tanks on Sunnyside Old. The Society undertook to provide and lay new pipework to connect the tanks to be provided to the existing supply pipes.

An excellent turn out of members on Saturday 9th January saw the task achieved. The Society hired a digger to speed the work at a cost of £80.00, which is a drain on the limited funds available. Some members have made donations towards the cost but if anyone else wishes to contribute please contact John Savage on 01442 873877.

GARDENERS CLIPPINGS

John Wood has a Ball Barrow which he would be happy to pass on to any interested member. If you are interested please contact John on 01442 864865.

ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT

The Town Council do not wish to proceed on the issue of the Management of the Allotments by our Society, and the matter is now dead as far as your Committee is concerned. Whether following next May's elections, the new Town Council will resurrect the idea, we do not know.

TENANCY CHANGES

Sadly Bart Ruis, Ann Brady, Mrs Harrison-Sills and Mrs Rands have decided to relinquish their plots. However, Angela Wheeldon has increased her holding and Joe Tattam has returned.

We also welcome Patrick Stileman and Karen Bevan who have joined us for the first time.

BOROUGH COUNCIL - LOCAL PLAN

We all need to be vigilant as there is a possibility that Sunnyside Old Allotments could be proposed as a site for housing, should someone propose a modification to the local plan. Whilst the closing date for modification or comment on the Borough Council's Plan was 15th January, anyone who would wish to object to housing on Sunnyside Old should write to the Chief Planning Officer, Civic Centre, Hemel Hempstead, asking to be kept informed, should a Public Enquiry be necessary because of a modification to the plan which proposes housing on Sunnyside Old.

CLEARANCE OF RUBBISH

A number of members have asked whether we would arrange for the collection of unwanted metal, glass, plastic etc. Collection points will be established at the following locations:

Sunnyside Old

- Adjacent to the Church Car Park
- On the Allotment Car Park next to Netherfield (old plot A2)

Sunnyside New

- On plot 29, adjacent to the bottom gateway

Please put all your unwanted material at the Collection Points by the **1st March**, but exclude green material which should be composted or burnt or taken to the tip in Northbridge Road.

PLOT NUMBERS

Following the item in the last Newsletter, we are pleased to see a number of plots have been identified by their Tenants. Please keep up the good work as plot numbers are helpful when possible. Tenants are looking for plots.