

Chiswick Horticultural and Allotments Society (CHS)

MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

PLANT SALE - 16, 17 May

There will be a plant sale at the Trading Hut on **Saturday 16 May (11am - 3pm)** and **Sunday 17 May (10am - 12.30pm)**.

If you can help with the sale (and we urgently need volunteers to help cover the two days) please contact **Diana Graves** (e-mail diana@chsw4.org) or on 07803 987584 as soon as possible.

We will be selling a wide variety of vegetable and flower seedlings at competitive prices, including:-

Flowers:-

African and French marigolds, antirrhinums, begonia, coleus, cosmos, geraniums – standard/trailing and balcony, impatiens, trailing lobelia, fuchsia – standard and trailing, stocks, callibrachoa (1,000 bells), osteospermum, petunia montage, salvia seascape, nicotiana, verbena and a selection of plants suitable for hanging baskets/tubs.

Vegetables / Fruit:-

Beans (Dwarf French); Beans (Runner); Cabbages; Cauliflowers; Sweet Corn; Courgettes; Peppers; Tomatoes including Tumbling Tom, Gardeners Delight, Marmande (Beef Steak), Rio Grande (plum) and Craigella. Plus parsley, lettuce, leeks, aubergine, thyme and sage.

Please come along to support the Society in this worthwhile fund-raising project as, if it is a success, we will hold it again next year. Please note there will be **NO PARKING** at the Hut during the Plant Sale – please leave your car in Staveley Road.

SUMMER SHOW – Sunday 7 June Duke's Meadows Community Association Hall

This year we are again holding our Summer Show on a Sunday at Duke's Meadows Community Association Hall. We would like to encourage as many members as possible to enter the competition (even if only one category) as it really is great fun. Check the new handbook and see what you can enter. There are some new categories for children - so check these too.

We need helpers in several areas - If you could spare some time on the day please let **Sean O'Reilly** know (sean@chsw4.org) or leave your name and telephone number at the hut.

We need about four members to help serving teas and cakes. Home-made cakes are also wanted for the Show. Please contact **Jenny Jenks** on 020 8994 1680.

We need help setting up the tables (from 5pm on Saturday) and taking them down again (from about 4.30pm on Sunday)

Please note that the time of prize-giving is now 3pm with the Auction of uncollected produce at 3.30pm. Staging of entries is from 9am to 11am and the Show opens at 1pm.

If any of you still have a trophy which was awarded to you last year, this should be returned to **John Reed**, 32 Glebe Street, W4 2BG or left with a Committee member at the Trading Hut.

ALTERNATIVE ALLOTMENT COMPETITION

Allotment holders who wish to enter the Alternative Allotment Competition should advise their Site Representative or the Allotment Secretary by **20 May** confirming that they garden organically and wish to be considered.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SUBMITTING ENTRIES TO SHOW:

There are three ways to do this but remember the entry fee should only be paid at the Show:

- * dropping it in the Box at the Trading Hut on Sunday 31 May (10.00am - 12.30pm) (pay at the Show)
- * posting it to Rosemary Day, 63a Barrowgate Road, London, W4 4QT to arrive by Friday 5 June (pay at the Show)
- * emailing to showentry@chsw4.org by 9.00pm on Friday 5 June (pay at the Show)

Late entries may be accepted (at DOUBLE the normal fee - pay at the Show) until noon on Saturday 6 June if dropped in at Rosemary Day, 63a Barrowgate Road, London, W4 4QT.

ANNUAL DINNER - 4 July

We will again hold the Annual Dinner during the Summer to take advantage of the warmer evenings and have reserved the upstairs room at Café Rouge on Strand-on-The-Green, with delightful views over the River Thames, on Saturday 4 July. Tickets are £35 per head for three courses and half a bottle of wine. We will circulate menus and more information shortly. Tickets will be on sale from Philip Cole.

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE:

TREE SURGEON – Barnes-based. Experienced in fruit tree pruning and landscaping. Qualified and Insured. If you would like help on your allotment call Mark Spriggs on 020 8876 2314.

FINALLY

A reminder to those members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions - please do so as soon as possible as only those fully paid up can come on the visits or buy produce from the Trading Hut. Subscriptions were due on 1 January, and are £8 per year (single) / £12 (household membership), or £4 / £6 for concessions. Those members wishing to make an additional donation to the Society can sign a Gift Aid Declaration form (attached). This will not cost you anything but will enable the Society to reclaim an additional 25p for each £1 donated.

Keep updated at our website: www.chsw4.org
