

Chiswick Horticultural and Allotments Society (CHS)

JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

CHS 2010 membership subscriptions, donations and Gift Aid

All subscriptions are due at 1 January so PLEASE renew early so that you are up to date and able to vote at the AGM on Sunday 7 March (see below).

We are having to increase the membership fees slightly for 2010 so membership subscriptions will therefore be: **£10 / £5** for individuals and **£14 / £7** for households.

Those members wishing to make an additional donation to the Society can sign a Gift Aid Declaration form. This will not cost you anything but will enable the Society to reclaim an additional 25p for each £1 donated. Membership renewal forms provide a space to add a donation to the membership fee and will include a Gift Aid declaration. The membership renewal form / Gift Aid declaration are both attached to this newsletter. If you wish to make a donation, are a UK taxpayer and happy for us to reclaim Gift Aid on your donation, please ensure that you complete and date the declaration and return it to the Membership Secretary. Separate Gift Aid declaration forms will be available throughout the year in the Trading Hut and at Number One Allotment, as we would like to be able to reclaim Gift Aid on any donations received, however small, throughout the year.

This year it would be really helpful if you could renew by returning your form as soon as possible at the new Trading Centre or **by post** to Philip Cole at 36 Kingswood Road, London, W4 5ET with a cheque made payable to "Chiswick Horticultural and Allotments Society"

Fifth AGM of Chiswick Horticultural and Allotments Society **Sunday 7 March 2010 at 3pm** **CHS Trading Centre**

Your attendance is requested at the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Chiswick Horticultural and Allotments Society which will take place in our new Trading Centre. The AGM will be held at 3pm followed by tea. Parking is available in Staveley Road - please do not park on the allotment site itself as it will make the area too congested.

At the AGM, Committee Members will report on activities and events which took place in 2009 and present the annual accounts.

The meeting will also need to elect the Committee and officers of the Society for the next twelve months; most of the current committee are prepared to stand again for re-election. Only those members who have paid their 2010 subscriptions - and have their membership cards with them - will be eligible to vote so please renew early!

Being on the Committee is fun and rewarding and, assuming the current Committee members seeking re-election are approved at the AGM, we will be looking for additional members to take on events and Shows organisation and support the educational initiatives planned. Please come forward if you think you can assist with any of these.

All the present Committee Members have to step down at the AGM and elections will be held for new members and those seeking re-election. A form is attached for anyone wishing to nominate themselves or another member to join the Committee. If you would like to put yourself forward, please ask another member to nominate you, or contact one of the existing Committee Members for advice. This form must be completed and returned to Catherine Steele, CHS Secretary, **before 21 February**. Please indicate on the form what particular role you might like to take on within the committee. Outgoing Committee Members have to nominate themselves for re-election before 28 February.

An agenda for the meeting will be available after 1 March, with the names of those who will take part in the election. If you wish to have an advance copy of the agenda, the minutes of the 2009 AGM or the 2009 accounts (which will be available in mid-February), please let Catherine Steele know. These documents will all be available at the AGM.

Trading Centre re-opens 17 January

Open on Sundays (except the first Sunday of the month) 10.00am - 12.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Quiz Night - 27 February

We are holding another of our very popular quiz nights on **Saturday 27 February** at the new CHS Trading Centre at 7.30pm. Do come along with your friends - it is a team event, with 6/8 people per table. It should be another highly enjoyable evening! Tickets cost £10 per person (to include snacks, cheese, biscuits, grapes etc and a half bottle of wine/soft drinks) You are also welcome to bring your own additional wine! Tickets are available from Philip Cole on 020 8742 1965 / philip@chsw4.org or reserve them at the Trading Centre.

Plant Sale - 8 and 9 May

There will be a plant sale at the Trading Hut on **Saturday 8 May (11am - 3pm)** and **Sunday 9 May (10am - 12.30pm)**.

If you can help with the sale (and we **urgently need** volunteers) please contact Jill Morris (e-mail jill@chsw4.org) or on 020 8995 2572 as soon as possible.

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