

The **HARTHILL** Plot

Bumper Christmas Issue

December 2016

Greening The Mystery!

Saplings from Harthill are now being taken to The Mystery. They'll be replacing dead or dying trees, being used as screens, improving drainage and generally improving the habitat for birds and other wildlife. Ponds and springs are appearing there now, helped by the new tree planting. Previously, Barbara had been taking saplings to the north west forest project. If you have any saplings from home can you leave them - preferably in a pot - at the southern end of Plot 16. You can't just plant them at The Mystery (Wavertree Playground) by the way - this is part of a City Council project.

AGM and beanfeast

A decent turn out at the AGM last month, followed by a splendid feast. The committee was re-elected, with a new member, Andy Thomas. Welcome on board, Andy! Members enjoyed tea, coffee, soup and rolls provided by Emily. *Many thanks to her and to other tenants* who brought along delicious cakes which helped sustain everyone during the subsequent help day. During the Help Day, we managed to prune the hedge along the far path, amongst other things. At the AGM itself members were keen to know how we had responded to the plans to build on sites near to us, such as the Glendale depot. The Committee had submitted a detailed objection to those things that affect our site (such as access) and that has been circulated to members. No news yet on the fate of the application. *You can still join the committee - we need as many people as possible to keep the site in the condition we all want, so if you would like to join just let us know.*

BITS AND PIECES

- Please check that your **tools** are in a container marked with your name and number. Containers may have been moved at the AGM.
- The **paths** are gradually improving and being mowed by a small number of volunteers. Please *don't* cut into the paths when preparing beds this winter and reinstate paths if they've been damaged.
- 2017 **rental renewals** will be sent out by post in December. Please let us know of changes to postal address, and let the committee know in advance if you wish to retire or downsize.
- **Winter tree pruning** must reduce impact of shade on neighbouring plots. If you need help let us know as help can be given on group help

Please remember to:

- * Scramble locks
- * Park carefully
- * Keep ponds safe
- * Keep paths clear

....and finally - can we wish all plotholders and their families

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!

A summer visitor to Harthill!

