

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

Dear Member

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A very happy New Year to you from our new Chairman, Roy Jennings, and all of us on the committee.

You'll have your 2004 diaries by now but we're not quite ready to give you any dates or details of the exciting programme of trips and events we're busy working on at this very moment. Watch this space!

We have had pretty firm promises from two members prepared to open their gardens to us this summer so that's a good start.

One idea that members may like to consider is a 'Fun Quiz Evening' with nice, easy questions. We'd hold this some time later in the year at the Holy Trinity Church Hall with teams of four or five with a modest entry fee and even more modest prizes for the winning team. Refreshments would of course be provided. But before we book the room we need to know what, if any, interest there is so please give me a ring on 733579 reasonably soon and if enough are keen I'll progress it further. We obviously need a good turnout to make it worthwhile and if you can't form a team you could come along on the evening and get together with others in a similar position. It could be a laugh!

Only one member spotted, or at least reported, one of my usual errors last month. I was writing about Mary not getting a mention despite doing sterling work in the background. This should, of course, have been spelt sterling. At least Mary has had yet another mention for the work she does in the background. Other members who didn't even receive a mention but certainly warranted one included Ethel for organizing both our trip to Erddig and the really enjoyable Garden Party. (I've said this before but I'll say it again – I don't know how she manages to pack it all in. I'm trying to restrict this newsletter to a single side so I won't attempt to list all the activities she's involved in).

I must also thank our treasurer Bob Kellock for doing an excellent job in keeping the finances in such good order. I keep throwing money at him from various sources usually in bags of mixed coins or cheques made out to strange variations of our society name but it all adds up correctly in the end. A treasure indeed! And then it's a big thank you to the happy band of volunteer newsletter deliverers who turn out in all weathers to bring you this rubbish without a word of complaint. At least not to me.

A warm welcome to two new members. Mrs Margaret Day of The Old Engine House, Dolly Lane, Buxworth (I don't normally give full addresses but I couldn't not put that one in) and Mrs Lynne McPeake, our first member from Kettlethulme. Apologies to Mrs Di Howe of Elnor Lane who I failed to welcome last month after she had joined us at the agm. Yes, another error.

The Small Tortoiseshell that appeared in the 'office' last month is, I'm reliably informed by Charles Johns, merely hibernating for the winter. It's still here and seems to be OK as far as I can tell. Being a *tortoise*-shell do I have to feed it bits of lettuce when it wakes up in the spring?

Some figures that may be of interest. We welcomed 39 new members last year but, sorry to say, a few left us. Our total membership is now a splendid 203. Perhaps we should hire Whaley Hall to celebrate!

We haven't received this year's catalogue from the wholesaler as yet so I can't let you have a revised price list. We're well stocked at the moment and prices are as last year. As most members know I'll do anything to make a sale so ring me if you need anything before the 'official opening' in March.



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