

WHALEY BRIDGE  
**Allotment & Gardeners'**  
Society

# newsletter

Dear Member

Welcome to 2008! The last newsletter was started toward the end of November, much too early for Christmas greetings and things but now I should be not too far out to wish you, from your Chairman Roy Jennings and all of us on the committee, a very Happy New Year and for those who indulge, successful gardening. Perhaps this is a good moment to thank all those members who supported us in our efforts to provide something of interest during the year. Thanks particularly go to social secretary Rosemary Kellock who organised all our 2007 trips and as you'll see below has already made plans for this year. Not an easy job as I know from past experience. Must not forget to thank the newsletter delivery boys and girls(!) as without their efforts you would not be aware of what was going on in the Society and that wouldn't do!

I know that lots of you are itching to write details of our trips and functions in your nice new diaries and on your calendars so here are some dates to be going on with. Other events will be notified in due course.

Our first trip is on SATURDAY, 1st MARCH to HODSOCK PRIORY GARDENS

Hodsock is particularly famous for its beautiful display of snowdrops. There are other gardens of interest around the Priory and a tea shop selling warming soups plus snacks and drinks.

Cost of this trip is £14.50 and we depart Whaley at 10am. Sensible shoes recommended!

On SUNDAY, 18th MAY we go to CONSALL HALL LANDSCAPE GARDENS nr LEEK

This is a magnificent garden created in the 1950s from what was once an industrial site. Cost is £20 which includes buffet lunch with tea or coffee. Depart from Whaley at 10am and leaving Consall Hall at around 4pm

Our next trip is on SUNDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST to GRESGARTH HALL, CATON.

These gardens have appeared on TV several times, once even featuring our members Mary and Dennis Sharp in discussion with Stefan Buc...er...what's his name. We leave Whaley at 9am stopping en route for lunch as the Hall does not provide this facility. Cost is £15

Finally on SUNDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER the venue is the HARROGATE AUTUMN SHOW.

Sunday has been chosen for this trip as it is the final day of the show and purchases may be made off the stands. Cost is £20

Please contact Rosemary on 733393 as soon as you like for details and to book for any of these trips

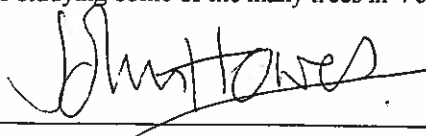
Another event to look forward to is our COFFEE MORNING on SATURDAY, 31st MAY at the Mechanics. We hope to have plants for sale as well as cakes, books, bric-a-brac etc. Oh yes, and coffee.

Then - will it never end - on SATURDAY, 14th JUNE we celebrate our 25th Anniversary with a GARDEN PARTY at the home of Joan Macbeth at The Dell, Elnor Lane. A splendid buffet lunch will be laid on plus drinks. Admission will be by ticket only priced at £10. These will be on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> March and be available from your committee. Further details of this and all the above exciting happenings will come with the next newsletter.

I must thank those whose seeds were late to arrive for their patience. There are about three situations in the collating and ordering process where errors can creep in and of course yours truly will find them. Both Kings and I made a few so I had to re-order some. Unfortunately a new order goes to the back of the queue hence the delay. These have now arrived and have been delivered. Most orders were delivered on time without problems of course. Potato orders will come in due course as usual.

Apologies to Ken Frodsham and members for giving the wrong phone number last time. Contact him on 0161 477 1952 for dates and details of his talks and walks studying some of the many trees in Vernon Park, Stockport.

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