

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

Yet another couple of dates for your diaries! On Tuesday, April 11 at the new Trinity Hall at 8pm, Dr O'Donoghue has kindly agreed to put on a slide show for us. As those who come on our trips will know Dr O'Donoghue always brings his cameras and he'll be reminding us of some of the superb gardens we've visited plus, no doubt, others we've not yet been to. Members who visit the annual Whaley Show will have seen his prize-winning prints in the photography class. On the subject of talks etc. I know that we have members who are authorities or experts in fields other than gardening. If anyone feels they could provide an informal evening's 'entertainment' for us please let me know.

Later in the year on Saturday, July 15 Mr & Mrs Morten have volunteered to open their splendid garden at 18 Hockerley Lane to members. More details nearer the date.

I neglected to mention last month that payment should be made when, or as soon as possible after, booking for our millennium Garden Party on Sunday, May 21 at Whaley Hall. You will then receive your ticket which will be needed to gain admission. We need to make it ticket only as numbers are limited to 100 as I mentioned last time. Costing only £5 tickets are still available for this and also for the trip to Flore (£8.50) on June 17. Ring Ethel Hallam on 734436 to book.

There was no response to my request for members to report shortages in their seed orders. This must be some sort of record and means that I am half a dozen or so packets of free seeds to the good. I recently sent off for King's own seed catalogue, as opposed to the their National Society list from which we order, and was agreeably surprised to find that it is one of the best around. They rightly describe it as a handbook which contains all sorts of interesting information including recipies. Ring them on 01376 570000 if you'd like to receive a copy.

Further reminder that the store opens on the 13th of this month and, to cut down on costs, the price list is printed overleaf. Sharp-eyed members will notice some price changes - some reductions but mostly increases and to conform to government directives we now re-pack in 3kg bags not 5lb. All still excellent value of course! If there are any able bodied younger members out there who wouldn't mind doing an occasional stint at the store on a Sunday morning let me know. Full tuition will be given!

Sadly, I have to report the deaths of two of our colleagues. Both long serving members, Mr Hugh Gostick of Reservoir House died in December last year and Mrs Dorothy Johns of Macclesfield Road at the end of last month. Mrs Johns was the wife of our former treasurer Charles Johns and prior to her long term illness they both supported all our functions.

ALLOTMENT OUTLOOK

Thank to the good offices of our new chum Mr Lew Mounsey at the Borough Council and Bob, Charlie, Bill and Joe on site a good number of paths on the allotments are now covered in a thick layer of Whaley's shredded Christmas trees - an excellent example of recycling I'm sure you'll agree. Keep up the good work chaps - I'll try and lend a hand next year!



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