

WHALEY BRIDGE  
Allotment & Gardeners'  
Society

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# newsletter

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Dear Member,

For a change no mention of the weather - you all know what it's like anyway! Suffice it to say that conditions are not ideal for outdoor work but of course there's always plenty to do in the greenhouse, even shed tidying, but I'm afraid I can't raise much enthusiasm for either to be honest. Once again we seem to have missed the worst of the recent extreme weather and at least the days are getting a bit longer now which helps lift the winter gloom.

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News of our first trip of the year on Saturday, 25 May should also help! Ethel has organized a day out at Llangollen, which I am told is an extremely attractive town with lots to see and do. We'll be visiting Pen-y-Bryn garden which has panoramic views overlooking Llangollen and the surrounding countryside. The 2-acre garden features established trees, shrubs and rhododendrons which should be at their best. There's a walled garden, water feature and herbaceous borders. After our visit to the garden members may take a trip on the canal! More details to come in due course. The fare including admission to the garden will be £9.50. You can ring Ethel now on ~~734926~~ <sup>734926</sup> to book.

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Our hardworking social secretary is also working on a 'garden trail' visit to a village near Sheffield on the lines of the one we made to Flor a couple of years ago. This will be at the end of July or early August - again, details to come but this sounds really good. I'm working on a midweek outing following the first successful venture last year but I'm not as efficient as Ethel so there aren't any details at all yet.

We've had a suggestion for a day out to the Spring Flower Festival at Southport but it's felt that it's a bit too close to the Llangollen one but we'll bare it in mind for next year. As you know we're always pleased to receive suggestions even if we can't always act on them all - so keep 'em coming!

Last call for unclaimed seeds as mentioned last month. This time I'll list what I've got which may jog a memory or two! Pick of the bunch(!) is a Sweet Pea collection which someone shelled out £3.50 for, a packet of 'Sungold' Dwarf French Beans worth 78p and one of Fennel 'Selma'. They must belong to somebody so please check your catalogue and order form and give me a ring if any of them are yours.

Are any of our members interested enough in flower arranging for me to organize a demonstration by Gail Thomas from Disley who, as some of you may know, teaches and also does arrangements commercially for companies in the area. This would take place on a mid-week afternoon and should be an entertaining couple of hours - apparently she makes use of all sorts of materials other than flowers. As usual there's no charge and not only that, our lucky raffle winner will take home Gail's finished product. Ring me asap and I'll set the wheels in motion if there's enough interest.

Don't forget that the store opens on the 24th. Prices of most items are as last year, one or two are up a bit but, surprise, surprise, some are even down. See the new price list on the reverse.

## ALLOTMENT NOTES

Members concerned about recycling matters will be pleased to know that a good proportion of High Peak's shredded Christmas trees are now providing a decent covering for the path through the allotments. Thanks to Lew Mounsey, our chum at the Borough Council, we can get mud free access to the plots. Thanks to Roy, Bob and Rosemary for their efforts.

The plots, apart from the paths, are looking pretty dismal at the moment and sightings of plotheholders are thin on the ground but I'm sure it will only take a day or two of sunny weather to entice us out!

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