

WHALEY BRIDGE  
**Allotment & Gardeners'**  
**Society**

# newsletter

Dear Member,

FEBRUARY 2003

Dates and venues for our exciting trips are still being finalised so details next time but one date I can give you again is that for our popular annual 'Plant Swap/Sale' at the store on Elnor Lane. The date is Saturday, 10 May at 2pm – not the 11th as I said last month. Did nobody spot that?

And as promised here is the date for our Grand Garden Party to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the society way back in 1983. This will be on Sunday, 8 June at Whaley Hall on Reservoir Road at 2.30pm. Members may bring a guest and tickets cost £6 per person. This will include a splendid buffet (if our last function at Whaley Hall is anything to go by) plus drinks and of course free entry to our super raffle. Numbers are limited so don't delay too long before contacting Ethel, our Social Secretary, on 734436.

We're on the look out for a couple of members prepared to open their gardens to us this summer. We've had a fairly firm promise from one member already but nothing definite as yet. So, if you have a garden that you think may be of interest to an impeccably behaved group of enthusiastic gardeners (we don't go round taking cuttings – at least I don't think so!) plus the chance to raise a few pounds for the charity of your choice give me a ring. We provide wine should any of our members be that way inclined and a raffle prize. You organise the tea and biscuits etc.

Thankfully most of the seeds and fertilisers I was left with after distribution have been claimed but I'm still holding a bag of Red Sun shallots and a 1kg packet of Phostrogen plant food. These must belong to someone so please double-check your catalogue or order form and give me a ring if they are yours. There's also a 'growers pack' of Autumn King carrot seed – enough for about a million carrots – plus a couple of packets of tomato seeds left.

Seed potatoes have now arrived and have been distributed and would you believe it – of course you would – there's a bag of Maris Peer left over! Again ring me if you think they may be yours although on this occasion I think the mistake is the suppliers. I wouldn't mention these if I had more room on the plot!

New price list for the store still to come, as are the supplies we've ordered which should arrive this coming week. List of tools that members may borrow also to come next month so lots to look forward to, folks! By the way has anybody else noticed that the grass could do with a cut already?

Welcome to the first new members of the year – Mrs Lorna Moss of Macclesfield Road and Mrs Sue Stafford of Elnor Lane, Mrs Marlyn Benney of Linglons Road and Mrs Chris Platt of Kinmore, Taxal.

Members may have heard the sad news of the death of Mrs Jackie Parker of Shallcross Avenue. Jackie was a regular customer at our store and enjoyed her trip with us to the Lodge Lane Nursery and Ness Gardens last year. She joined the society a couple of years ago as Jackie Pearson and only recently married our member Maurice Parker. Our sympathies go to Maurice and Jackie's family.

## ALLOTMENT SCENE

Members upset at the sight of the trees being cut down on the Whaley car park recently will be relieved to hear that at least the chippings have been put to good use and are now providing a splendid mulch on some of the plots. We've also just had a load of shredded Christmas trees delivered and these have been used to 'resurface' the path through the site. Luckily these were delivered before all the rain and snow arrived. Members will be even more upset to hear that our resident tame robin has failed to appear for some time now. Whether a rival has seen him off or a local cat is responsible we'll never know – at least he/she wouldn't have starved!



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