

*WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society*

newsletter

Dear Member,

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At last I can give you most of the dates etc. in our super summer programme that I know you've all been waiting for so get your diaries out and don't bother penciling in - go straight in with a pen! Firstly, our trips and I know you'll enjoy these: On Saturday, 20 May we head for the superb garden at Bodnant. I know we've been before but that was some time ago and a return trip is always welcome. We leave Whaley from the Jodrell at 9.30 and the total cost is £12.50. National Trust members get in free so they only pay the fare which is £7.50. Ring our Social Secretary, Ethel on 734436 to book.

Next, on Wednesday, 12 July we're off to Speke Hall near Liverpool where you may watch the planes if you get bored with the beautiful Hall and fantastic gardens. We detour on the way home to visit Bent's Nursery at Glazebury that is, I'm told, one of the best around. Cost £13.00 and £7.50 (NT). Full details to come but feel free to phone me to book for this one on 733579.

Finally, a new venue for us is Hanbury Hall near Droitwich which is highly recommended on Saturday, 12 August (and on other days as well I hope). Cost for this one is £13.50 and £8.25 for NT members (don't you wish you'd joined?). Phone Ethel again for this one - in fact book for them all as soon as you like and then start saving! All these venues have good eating facilities including Bents. I should say here that coach hire costs go up every year and all these are around £300 plus so we need to fill the coach. Do your best folks! The finer points of pick-up timings etc will be given nearer the big days.

Our fun Quiz Night is on Friday, 28 April at 7.45pm. The format and venue - Trinity Church Hall - is as before except, unfortunately, some new legislation means that we may not be able to supply wine without applying for a special licence. We're investigating this nonsense further and will let you know. There'll be the usual tea, coffee, biscuits of course.

The store opens on Sunday, 5 March at 10am until 12 00. As I write I have not received this year's price list from the wholesaler. Usually there are only minor changes - certainly nothing to worry members!

As older members will know we have puddles to contend with so the advice is to wear boots rather than shoes. Pleased to announce that 'super salesman' Ron Macbeth will be on duty on 26 March while Mary takes me on holiday. Also pleased to announce that one person answered my plea to stand in a for couple of hours a month so you'll be seeing new member Dave Parker from time to time.

Our Plant Swap at the store is on Saturday, 6 May and we're working on an 'Open Garden' for July. Members will be saddened to hear of the recent death of Audrey Bisset. Mrs. Bisset, together with husband Morton, had been an active member for many years and will be missed by all of us who knew her. Our sympathies go to Morton and family.

Does anyone know where one can purchase paraffin in larger quantities than small cans? Please let me know and I'll pass the info on to Mrs. Bradley whose 'phone number I can't find!

No room for nature notes but instead a very warm welcome to two new members, both from Chapel. They are Mrs. Jane Moore and Mr. Charlie Sec.