

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

The weather is up to its usual tricks again - one moment there's a nice drying wind and some sunshine prompting one to dash outside to do a bit of digging then, of course, by the time you've got your wellies on it's lashing down again. Not much gardening to be done yet then but business at the store has been fairly brisk so members are obviously building up supplies ready to leap into action as soon as we get a settled spell. A trip to the store is always a good opportunity to pay your £2 subs for 2000 - of which there are still plenty outstanding. Thanks by the way to all those who volunteered to do an occasional Sunday stint.

Yet another date for your diary! Coming highly recommended by Dr and Mrs O'Donoghue our second outing for this summer is to Wollerton/Wollerton? Old Hall near Market Drayton on Saturday, August 5. More details and cost later but it sounds a splendid venue. Ring our incredibly busy trip supremo - sorry, social secretary - Ethel Hallam to book your seat on the coach. To whet your appetite for the trip you may even see some views taken there by Dr O'Donoghue when he gives his slide show at the Trinity Church Hall on Tuesday, April 11 at 8pm. Please try and get to what, for some of us, may possibly be a first visit to a brand new and very smart meeting room which we may well use for the agm and our talks in future - depending on members' views of course. It's almost a case of standing room only for the agms at the Mechanics these days and following the new roof on the dear old Co-op work seems to have ground to a halt.

Tickets for our grand millennium Garden Party on Sunday, May 21 at Whaley Hall are being sent out now to those who have paid their £5s. Several members contacted Ethel with a view to joining us but as yet have still to pay up. As numbers are limited to 100 it'll be them as pays up first as'll get the tickets! Ring Ethel on 734436 to book but, to make it more convenient to pay envelopes containing £5 for each ticket required plus name and address may be delivered to me at 6 Rock Bank, Charles Johns at 134 Macclesfield Road or Mrs Norman at 13 Bridge Street as well as to Ethel at 11 Jodrell Road. Please mark your envelope Garden Party. Make sure you retain your ticket as you won't get past the bouncers without it and it also constitutes your entry in our spectacular millennium raffle! For once I'm on fairly safe ground when I say this really will be a 'once in a lifetime' experience so don't miss out - book now.

Seats are still available for the Flore trip on June 17 and I gather there are eight gardens you can visit all within reasonably easy walking distance plus, for those who are interested in these things, the village boasts two pubs (which aren't on the itinerary by the way).

Once again your secretary's eyes are bigger than his plot which means, as last year, I'll have a few seed potatoes going cheap for anyone who has room to try some. They're all chitting away nicely at the moment and by the next newsletter I should have a better idea of what I have to spare. Varieties are Nadine, Maris Piper, Swift, Charlotte and Cara.



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