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WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

Dear Member,

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Crazy weather as usual - and snow followed by the overnight freeze on Sunday, 25th made for extremely difficult driving conditions off the main roads and despite two attempts I couldn't make it to open up the store at Elnor Lane (a case for some gritting I feel) so I hope nobody else made it either. Four-wheel-drive people-carriers were casually cruising up and down of course! I hope none of our members on the way to the store were driving them. My apologies if they were - and to anyone else who may have got through.

Even more dates for your diary. Bob and Rosemary Kellock will be opening their garden for us at Meadow Close from 2pm on Saturday, 14 July and while on the subject Ethel Hallam is opening her 'bijou garden' (Ethel's words which mean, according to my dictionary, small and elegant!) in aid of the Cancer Research Campaign on Friday, 20 July from 2pm to 4.30pm. Admission is only £1 which includes refreshments.

We have arranged a talk by Dr Furness of Fir Croft Alpine Nursery, Calver on Friday, 18³ September at the Holy Trinity Church Hall. He gives his talk the title 'Sex among the Flowers' - something to look forward to, I feel! Fuller details of these nearer the time.

Please to report that our midweek trip to the splendid garden of Mr Parker at Ashford in the Water on Thursday, 5 July has attracted just about enough support to make it, if not viable, a goer. I know it's not easy now but cast your minds forward to those lazy, hazy days of summer in country gardens and give me a ring to book your seat. We'll be going on to Rowsley afterwards where, as you may well know, there are some interesting craft shops and things. Cost is only £6.50 and feel free to bring a friend or two - as you can to all our trips of course.

There are still seats available on the trips to Caulke Abbey and Clumber Park (Saturday 16 June,) and Catforth Gardens (Saturday, 28 July) which Ethel is organising so ring her on 734436.

Also give her a ring if you'd like to get involved in this year's Well Dressing which was so successful last summer.

Seed potatoes have at last arrived and been distributed. However (there's always a however) we have a bag of Pentland Squire left over which somebody must have ordered. Please give me a ring if it's yours - I haven't got room for any more on the plot otherwise I'd have kept quiet about them. I also have a bag of Duke of York earlies going spare for £2.50 if anyone has room. At the risk of offending any experienced potato growers among us I'm sending some basic 'how to grow' notes for those who ordered through the society and may be first timers.

Mrs Linden Smith has about a dozen hessian sacks she'd like to dispose of which are ideal for storing all those potatoes you'll be producing shortly and she has even washed them for you. Give Mrs Smith a ring on 733325 if you're interested.

The new price list is given on the reverse of this newsletter which you may wish to keep for reference. There are, unfortunately, some increases but still excellent value of course.

Sorry to say no response to our idea of getting the kids involved in a sunflower growing competition.

Welcome to new member Mrs Burgess all the way from Poynton.

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