

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

Dear Member

Longer days are with us at last although we mustn't get carried away. We can get plenty of cold, wet weather yet - as if we haven't had enough of both! No chance of me getting carried away - I'm seriously behind this year!

Overleaf you'll find a list of our trips and other splendid events that you'll be able to pin up somewhere where you can see it and have no excuse for not knowing what's going on.

I understand there was a very good turnout for our visit to see the snowdrops at Hodsock Priory and it sounds as if members thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Raffle prizes of snowdrop plants were won by Dr & Mrs O'Donoghue and Bronwen and Rosemary found some fudge for lucky Mr & Mrs Whitehead.

Our friends at Disley Horticultural Society have sent us their programme of trips and we are more than welcome to join them - as long as they don't clash with anything that we have organised of course.

They go to Wisley and Kew Gardens for the weekend on 10/11 May, Sheffield Botanical Gardens on 17 May, Gardeners' World Live Exhibition on 11 June and West Haddon Open Gardens nr Rugby on 6 July. If you're interested ring Peter Thomas on 763302 for details.

Seed potatoes have been distributed to those members who ordered as have veg. seeds. For some reason I have several packets of seeds left over so, if after checking the delivery against your order, you find the odd one or two missing give me a ring. You may have ordered two of one variety and only received one for instance. These little errors do very occasionally creep in.

I understand that some forty odd have still to pay their subs for this year which were due back in November. If you are one of the forty our treasurer Bob Kellock will be pleased to hear from you and receive your £4 asap at 31 Meadowclose, WB. We will soon be reaching the point where we have to assume that non-payers do not wish to retain their membership and that makes us very sad!

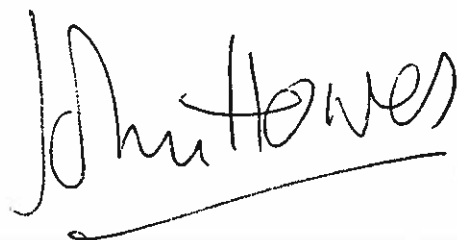
A warm welcome to the Society to new members Margaret Brown of Meadow Close and Alan Kendrick from Poynton who have recently joined us.

I'm hoping that the computer distribution of the newsletters will be trouble free from now on. Our clapped out old Windows 98 set-up seemed to cope pretty well - better than the new system we have now. We're hoping to get it sorted very soon and if you'd like to take a chance you can have yours sent by e-mail too. E-mail me on jay_howes34@hotmail.com with your address if interested.

By the way, for those who wish to learn more about using computers, day courses are being run by High Peak CVS and members can receive a 10% discount on fees. Contact Bob Kellock for further details on 733393. Footsteps on Market Street will also be offering courses later in the year. I think I'd better sign up for both.

Our store at the top of Elnor Lane opens for business this Sunday, 16 March between 10am and 12noon. The price list is attached with this newsletter and sharp-eyed customers will spot a few price increases. I've been advised that some supplies to our wholesaler may go up in price during the season and could be passed on to us. They have their own increasing transport costs unfortunately. We'll obviously keep any increases to a minimum but some may be subject to change now and then. Everything is still excellent value of course and Dave and I look forward to welcoming customers old and new.

No.8 March 2008



John Howes