

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

Some good news for us - our trip to Flore is now fully booked! More good news is that Ethel Hallam is now taking bookings for our visit to Wollerton Old Hall Garden nr. Market Drayton on Saturday, August 5. Ethel has excelled herself yet again and arranged for Wollerton to be opened especially for us! How about that? Coach fare and admission costs just £8 which will include a conducted tour of the gardens. Members who wish to use the restaurant should order lunch in advance (approx.£5) with Ethel who will be able to give details of what's on the menu when you book. Unfortunately picnics are not allowed in the grounds so those who prefer to bring their own will have to dine on the coach. Our return journey will include a stop at Bridgemere Garden World which as we know is always well worth a visit to make the odd purchase or partake of some refreshment. On both trips payment by cheque would be preferred by the way.

Final reminder of Dr.O'Donoghue's eagerly awaited slide show at the Holy Trinity Church Hall on Tuesday, April 11 at 8pm. Admission, of course, is free but the raffle takings plus any donations will go to Action Research, the charity for which Dr.O'Donoghue does much good work as members know. Please try and make it. ✓

Our Millennium Garden Party at Whaley Hall on April 21 is coming together nicely but tickets are still available - see the March newsletter for details of how to get yours or give me or Ethel a ring. For your £5 you'll enjoy a splendid millennium buffet and entry to our super millennium raffle! Also, ring me if you've paid but haven't yet received your ticket.

Don't forget our spring Plant Swap/Sale at the store on Elnor Lane on Saturday May 6 at 2pm. This has proved to be a popular event over the last two or three years and for our new members who haven't been before it's a good opportunity to offload some of your unwanted plants or acquire some new ones plus you can replenish your stocks of composts, fertilizers, sundries etc.. We now have supplies of sodium chlorate to get rid of those nasty weeds, Slugit to get rid of those nasty slugs - without having pellets around the garden and plant labels so you'll know what you've sown and where! We also have ladies gardening gloves - a snip at only £1.80. *on holiday*

We could do with another garden to visit this summer in addition to Mr and Mrs Morten's on Hockerley Lane. As well as passing a convivial hour or two the raffle proceeds go a worthy cause chosen by our hosts. Give me a ring if you can accommodate us - we don't trample over the flower beds or (as far as I'm aware) steal your treasured specimens!

Sorry to have to report the death of Mr Ken Dooley of Buxton Road. Mr Dooley, together with Mrs Dooley, enjoyed many of our trips. Our condolences to daughter Janet and family.

Welcome to three new members - Mrs Beeley of Goyt Road, Mrs Clarke of The Paddock, Eccles Road and Mrs Atkinson of Burdekin Close, Chapel.

I've about a dozen each of the spuds I mentioned last month going cheap - ring me if interested.

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