

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

With all the rain we've had recently followed by the current warm spell you can almost see things growing before your very eyes! Two Bank Holiday weekends provided plenty of opportunities to give the moss a trim and there's plenty of activity on the allotments now as we suddenly realise how much there is to do. We have the usual brilliant display of dandelions! Let's hope we don't have late frosts again as last year - although nothing was actually ruined it was touch and go and certainly hard work covering rows of early potatoes with newspaper every night! Old hands on the plots tell of valuable crops killed off in early June!

I'm hoping this will reach you in time for a last reminder of the plant swap/sale at our store on Elnor Lane on Saturday afternoon (May 6) at 2pm. Bring all the spare plants you have to either swap or sell (proceeds to the Society!) and go home with something special you've been looking for for ages - well, it could happen. You can also make a purchase from our extensive range of goodies guaranteed to make your garden grow. Of course, if this hasn't reached you until after Saturday then this has been a complete waste of space.

Last month's deliberate mistake was much too obvious so no Brownie points for spotting that the Garden Party is of course on Sunday, May 21 not April 21 which was Good Friday. I trust nobody turned up! If you've paid your money but haven't yet received your ticket let me know.

Thanks to Dr O'Donoghue for his excellent slide show last month and also to all those who came helping to raise nearly £40 for Action Research. It was almost a case of standing room only. Ron Macbeth and David Osborn were the lucky raffle winners.

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of our long serving member Mr Casey of Park Road. Ernie was always extremely good company on our trips until ill health unfortunately intervened. Our sympathies go to Mrs Casey and family.

Bookings are coming in fast for our trip to Wollerton Old Hall Gardens on Saturday, August 5 so don't leave it too late. I don't know how our Social Secretary does it but the cost is only £8! As I mentioned last month we have to inform Wollerton of our requirements for lunch in advance so everybody who books will, in due course, receive a specimen menu which should be returned to Ethel with your selection indicated. Again, ring an extremely busy Ethel if you wish to join us on what should be a splendid day out what with a visit to Bridgemere thrown in.

Welcome to three new members - Mrs Reid of Stoneheads Rise, Mr Cavanagh of Linglongs Avenue and Buxworth allotmenteer Mr Ardern of Dollywood Close - but sorry to lose Mrs Dinsdale of Furness Vale who is moving to what sounds like deepest rural Cheshire. One of our many coffee morning cake bakers I am now in a position to reveal that Mrs Dinsdale was also the anonymous donor of our store trolley! We wish her well in her move.

Mention of coffee mornings reminds me to remind you of ours at the Mechanics on Saturday, July 1 when we'll be needing the usual assistance!

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*Bob + Ron
+ Raffle*

*Crack
+ entrance*

*Paid
£24*