

WHALEY BRIDGE  
*Allotment & Gardeners'*  
*Society*

# newsletter

Dear Member

Well, here we are at the end of May/beginning of June and well into your Society's exciting programme of events – plenty more to come of course!

However, questions will have to be asked about the future of our 'Quiz Night'. I hoped it had become a popular annual evening out but only 13 members turned up this time and while we did go ahead with 4 teams – one of two players and another with only 3 – the cut and thrust was missing!

Similarly, the annual Plant Swap, normally a lively afternoon with lots of plants on show (and a bonus of substantial sales from the store) was a shadow of its former self. Could it be that our members were more interested in watching the Cup Final? I can't believe that. Again, we'll have to rethink this one.

The fact that it poured pretty well all day was a legitimate reason for the lower than expected turnout when Dr and Mrs O'Donoghue kindly opened their garden to us. In fact given the conditions a respectable number arrived to enjoy the garden. A splendid £95 was raised for Footsteps via a raffle, the book sale and 50p donations for glasses of wine. Thanks to the O'Donoghues for their hospitality and all who helped.

Social Secretary, Rosemary Kellock, is taking bookings for our trips and the good news is that there are still seats available for David Austin's Rose Nursery and Claire Austin's Plant Nursery. The trip is on Tuesday, 26 June (note the day!) Ring Rosemary for details as soon as possible on 733393.

Also ring Rosemary to book for our other exciting trips – Holehird Gardens nr. Windermere on Saturday, 11 August (£11) and Sheffield Botanical Gardens on Sunday, 9 September (£8).

But first things first! We have our Coffee Morning at the Mechanics on Saturday, 16 June when we'll need our usual band of helpers and anyone else who'd care to get involved. We also need some decent raffle prizes, quality books for sale plus any spare plants that are hanging about and of course the usual delicious examples of the cakemakers' art! I don't really have to tell you what's needed do I?

The Friends of Whaley Bridge Railway Station have invited us to take a stall on the Jodrell car park as part of the celebrations to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the station. Come along for a chat any time between 10am and 3.30pm. We'll be in Victorian get up (costume sounds a bit grand!).

The Sharp's superb garden at Otterbrook, Alders Lane, Chinley will be open this year on Sunday, 24 June between 2pm and 5pm. Admission is £2.50 (children free) and all proceeds are distributed by the National Gardens Scheme to charities large and small. Park on Buxton Road and stroll down Alders Lane.

A splendid crop of new members to welcome. They are Jennifer Meleady and Selina Mills both Elnor Lane, David and Jean Jeremy of Old Hall Drive, Anna Smith and Josephine Watkinson both of Stubbins Lane, Chinley and Damien Andrew of Jodrell Road.

Also on the subject of members – if any member has paid their 2007 sub – probably to me – and hasn't been given their membership card please let me know. It could just be possible that I failed to pass the information to treasurer and 'subs supremo' Bob Kellock. Also would any member who would like their newsletter sent to them by email let me know. My address is: jay\_howes34@hotmail.com.

Members may be interested to know how Mary and I spent the superb gift we received on the occasion of my retirement after 10 years as Society secretary. Well, we took a long weekend break in London enjoying first class rail travel with breakfast thrown in, a 4star hotel plus a ride on the London Eye. How the other half lives!! Our sincere thanks go to those at the AGM who agreed to this fine gesture by our very, very good friends on the committee!

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John Howes