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WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

June '01

Dear Member,

Old hands down on the allotments have always maintained that we can still get frosts into early June – and so it proved last weekend. Even though most of us were caught out it seems that very little if any damage was done despite what was described as 'white over' following a 6.30am plot visit (not by me I hasten to add). This was just as well as most of us had thrown caution to the wind and planted out all our tender and vulnerable veg. – beans, courgettes etc. plus emerging potatoes. We have enough failures due to slugs and snails, cats and dogs and bad practice – sorry, I mean duff seeds - without frost lending a hand!

Almost time for our eagerly awaited coffee morning on Saturday, 23 June at the Mechanics! Members will no doubt be aware that this clashes with the Whaley Water Weekend but after an initial panic attack this will, I am sure, be to our advantage as there will be lots going on in the village and hopefully vast crowds looking to be relieved of their hard earned cash and it would be irresponsible of us not to do our best to assist them! However, W3, as it's called, also presents us with the problem of staff shortages as some of our regular key helpers are involved in various other events on the day. So may I appeal to as many members as possible to lend a hand even if you don't normally? Most people will know what's involved but in addition to providing coffee and biscuits etc. we'll be having our plant sale (bring all you've got spare) and also selling a selection of items from the store. And of course we need lots of cakes, decent books, in fact anything saleable – you all know the sort of thing plus the odd decent item for the raffle. Plants and raffle prizes can be left in advance at 6 Rock Bank if it's more convenient. Please do your best to help and we could make it one of the all-time greats!

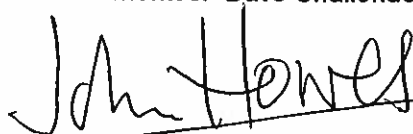
Members will be sorry to hear of the sudden death of our member the Reverend Neil Smith. Those who came to the millennium garden party at Whaley Hall last year enjoyed a splendid buffet provided by Neil and his staff. A popular figure locally he will be sadly missed.

A final reminder of the trip to Calke Abbey and Clumber Park on Saturday, 16 June the details of which appeared last month. There are one or two seats still available - ring Ethel before it's too late (for you, not for Ethel). A reminder also of the Thursday outing to Ashford in the Water on 5 July. Cost is £6, by cheque ideally, plus we'll collect 60p each for those who would like refreshments. Departure is at 9.30 from Horwich End PO and Jodrell.

Here's yet another opportunity not to be missed. Mr and Mrs Sharp are opening their superb garden at Otterbrook, Alders Lane, Chinley on Sundays, 24 June and 1 July from 2pm to 5pm as part of the Yellow Book scheme. Entrance costs £1.50 which goes to charity. Parking is limited so ideally leave your car on the main road and stroll up Alders Lane (wear stout shoes!)

Definitely the final mention of subscriptions! Over twenty members still have yet to pay up eight months after becoming due. I normally send out individual reminders but as there are so many this year please accept this as a 'final demand' as it were before we have to assume you no longer wish to remain a member. To save unnecessary photocopying costs, newsletter deliverer's time and in some cases postage if we have not received your £2 by the end of June we will reluctantly delete your name from the membership list and we thank you for your support in the past. However if non payment is merely an oversight subs can be delivered, in an envelope bearing your name and address please, to me at 6 Rock Bank, Ethel Hallam at 11 Jodrell Road, Charles Johns at 134 Macclesfield Road or Cllr Jean Horsfall at 86 Buxton Road. By the way, if your membership card says 1 November, 2001 you've paid!

On a happier note, welcome to new allotmenteer Dave Challender of Macclesfield Road to the Society.



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