

**WHALEY BRIDGE**  
**Allotment & Gardeners'**  
**Society**

# newsletter

JUNE 2002

Dear Member,

Pleased to report that the first events of the year were both great successes! A few sunny days had dried up the puddles for the plant swap/sale which attracted a good crowd with some splendid plants. Plant sales raised just over £30 and the store did steady business. Our trip to Llangollen was a success as well and despite a depressing weather forecast we only had a couple of short sharp showers while the rest of the time was quite sunny. The garden we visited was very impressive and there were some excellent plants on sale that, as usual, were snapped up. I don't know where you put them all! Our grand raffle prizes which consisted of typical Welsh confectionary 'specialities' were won by Mrs Bennet, Mrs Platt and Mr Johns. (I'm convinced there's this giant factory somewhere churning out tons and tons of fudge 24 hours a day with an army of workers slapping on labels stating 'A gift from .....' – it gets everywhere and all tastes the same!).

Our thanks to Ethel for all her considerable effort in organising the trip and at the end of the day if everyone has enjoyed themselves, which I think they did, it's all worthwhile.

Coming up is our coffee morning at the Mechanics on Saturday, 22 June and I have to make my usual plea for a decent prize or two for the raffle, cakes etc., good quality books, plants and, of course, help on the day. There'll be a lot going on what with the Water Weekend plus a visit by our Polish friends so I'm sure we'll be busy too. It could be a bit hectic but good fun as it was last year on the same Saturday and I know you'll all rally round in the usual manner. And AFTERWARDS why not visit some local gardens opening up specially for the Uniting Church - a list is on show at 'Footsteps' on Market Street.

Our trip to Ness Gardens and Lodge Lane Nursery on Wednesday, 3 July is now fully booked but phone ME to get on the standby list. We depart Whaley at 9am (8.45 at the Hanging Gate, 8.50 at the Board) and the cost is £12 (cheques or cash). There's quite good catering at Ness as I remember - and plants, needless to say, are on sale at both venues!

Ethel's trip to Thorpe Salvin on 3 August is also full but phone 734436 to get on her standby list. We've never known such good times!

Welcome to a splendid crop of new members! Mrs Gill of Buxton Road, Mrs P McDermott of Moulton Farm, Whitehough, Mrs Chambers of Paddock Close, Mr Moss of Greggs Avenue, Chapel, Mrs Blakeman and Mr Cain both of Brierley Park, Buxworth. However, now is the time when, 7 months after subs were due, we have to reluctantly assume that those who have not yet coughed up do not wish to retain their membership. However they can still be delivered to 6 Rock Bank, Charles Johns at 134 Macclesfield Road and Ethel at 11 Jodrell Road - make sure you give your name and address. But if we do not hear from you by the end of this month we'll remove your name from the membership list and we thank you for your support in the past.

I've decided to knock on the head my 'bird spotting' observations in future. Readers may remember my referring recently to jackdaws as crows and last month my yellow wagtail turned out to be a grey one! At least it looked yellow and its tail was wagging.

## ALLOTMENT SCENE

Three of our allotmenters had, for various reasons, to give up their plots so we now have new tenants who face the daunting task of trying to get some ground prepared for planting, though I fear it may be next year now before anything actually gets into the ground. Still, they have all summer to get stuck in! Everywhere is looking really lush at the moment and it won't be long before we're enjoying the fruits of our labours.



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