

# W. B. Allotment & Garden Soc

JUNE '08

Dear Member

I understand our recent trip to Consall Hall was a great success and, as we have come to expect, was extremely well organised by Social Secretary, Rosemary.

By the time you receive this the Coffee Morning will have been and gone. As I said in the last newsletter, given decent weather it could be one of the all time greats and I believe it turned out to be just that. There were plenty of quality plants for sale and a brilliant selection of cakes although being stationed outside I didn't see them never mind taste them! Thanks go to all members for their efforts and of course to those that came in for a coffee etc.

Next event in the calendar is the eagerly awaited Garden Party to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June at Joan Macbeth's garden at The Dell off Elnor Lane. Tickets are selling fast at only £10 each and are available from Rosemary Kellock. When you receive your ticket write your name on the reverse and make sure you keep it safe as this will then allow you past the 'heavies' on the gate and also form your entry ticket for our super raffle. The price includes what will be a spectacular buffet masterminded by Rosemary if our last garden party is anything to go by. Ring her on 733393 to check ticket availability as there is a limit to numbers.

For those of you who have booked and paid, your ticket will be with you shortly; if you've booked but not yet paid please let Rosemary have your cheque asap. There are quite a few spots to park roundabout or it's not too far to walk (depending on where you start from of course).

Members may recall my mentioning the young Kenyan lad, Justin, for whom Derek and Ann Lear are raising funds to help with the cost of his schooling. It seems he is doing well at school, speaking and understanding English, is learning French and is top of the class in mathematics. The Lears are hoping to raise further funding to keep up the good work by having an Open Garden Day at Greenoak, Taxal on Sunday, 6 July from 1pm. It's a lovely garden in a beautiful spot with water features, a wild life garden and even a log cabin. Plants will be on sale plus a bric a brac stall. Light refreshments will available. Admission is only £2. All proceeds will go to both Taxal Church Funds and 'Help for Africa'. If you've been before you'll know that it's a good idea to use the church car park and stroll up the lane to Greenoak.

Tickets are still available for the outing to Gresgarth Hall, Caton on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> August at £15 each which includes coach fare and admission. We depart from Whaley at 9am calling at the Lakeland Services for an early lunch as food and drink are not allowed to be consumed in the garden at Gresgarth. Contact Rosemary on WB 733393 for full details of this trip and also our final one to the Harrogate Autumn Show on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. This is the final day of the show when all the plants etc are sold off to the public so we should be able pick up a few bargains. Cost of the trip is £20 which includes fare and admission.

You've still time to stock up with composts, fertilizers, canes, weed killers etc as the shed will not be closing until Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. As I write we unfortunately do not have growbags in stock. Ring me on 733579 to check the state of supplies. On the subject of the store we are trying to get a group of small able-bodied men – hang on, that should be a small group of able-bodied men - to form some sort of rota to do occasional Sunday morning stints next year. There has been some interest shown already but if you're interested let me know.

Welcome to more new members: Mr and Mrs Gurney of Hockerley New Road, Dr Collette Coleman of my favourite address, The Owlers, and Chief Inspector of Allotments and Town Clerk, Mrs Stephanie Raybould.