



WHALEY BRIDGE *Allotment & Gardeners'* *Society*



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Spring bulbs are giving way to lush summer growth in our gardens. Having tended the same plot for forty years I have certain garden favourites whose return I look forward to each year. A bed of bare earth with a few shoots transforms in a matter of days into a lush growth of hostas and the hungry hedgehogs and thrushes keep the slugs and snails at bay.



There are always a few surprises too and the bulbs I won in the raffle at the AGM were squeezed in and forgotten about last autumn and are now looking splendid.



Please send pictures of favourite corners of you own patch to aizlewood@sky.com

Recent events.

The plant swap on the 14th May was well attended and achieved a profit of £56.45.



Jacqueline Iddon gave an excellent talk and demonstration on 18th May on the use of hardy plants in containers. She also extended an invitation to attend her open garden in aid of Queenscourt Hospice on Sunday 18th June 12 – 5 p.m. at Hazelwood, North Road, Bretherton. PR26 9AY.

The coffee morning on 20th May went well and. As usual, the outdoor plant stall drew a lot of passing trade. Many thanks to all who helped or donated items.

Despite its Sheffield postcode

our trip on 22nd May to Don Witton's euphorbia allotment took us to the Anglo-Saxon village of Harthill close to Worksop. Don gave us an introductory health and safety talk then left us to wander his plot whilst answering any questions.



A vast range of euphorbia were interspersed with other plants at their peak and we spend a happy hour in the morning sunshine followed by a short ride to Don's house for tea and delicious home-made cake along with a chance to purchase plants.



Our second visit of the day was to Sheffield Botanical Gardens where we were fortunate to be accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, Kay Keeton, who told us about the history of the site and the role of volunteers in its current management.



We saw amazing specimen trees and exotic plants from around the world in the glasshouses.



It was great to see so many young families enjoying this space in the city on a sunny day.



Coming events.

Our next outing is on Thursday

20th July to Bridgemere Garden World and the Dorothy Clive garden. The coach will leave Whaley at 9 a.m. and the cost is £25. Rosemary would like your bookings by 14th July please.

Store News.

The store will open for the last time this year on Wednesday 5th July and Sunday 9th July but, as usual, any out of season orders can be directed to Dave Osborn or Dave Parker. (Numbers below).

Some of the worst potholes have been filled with chippings to reduce puddles on the site.

Allotment news.

The area around the Goyt road entrance to the park has been replanted with shrubs and is looking good. Roy reports that drainage problems continue to improve.

Out and about.

Whaley Bridge Show and Garden Society have their annual show on Saturday 2nd September at the Bowling Club from 1.30 p.m.

During the busy month of June we also have the well dressing from 17th to 25th June at the canal basin, the art group exhibition on 24th June at the Uniting Church and the

Carnival also on 24th June. The annual pet show will be held at the Bowling Club 6.30 p.m. at the Bowling Club.

Chapel Gardening Club have talks on 26th July by Trish Kohn on "The making of a garden in Kerracher" – a chance to catch up if you missed our talk on this subject. On 30th August Dr. Steve Reynolds will speak about climate change effects on pests and diseases. Talks start at 7.30 p.m. and cost £2 for non-members.

Don't forget to support the NGS charities by visiting the new open garden at Higher Crossings on Crossings Rd. In Chapel on Sunday 11th June from 1.30 to 5 p.m. 2 acres of formal terraced country garden and sweeping lawns set off rhododendrons, acers, azaleas, hostas and herbaceous borders with mature specimen trees and shrubs. A stone terrace and seating areas allow enjoyment of the magnificent Peak District views. Admission costs £4 and light refreshments will be available.

I know some of our members plan to visit the new RHS show at Chatsworth which is now virtually sold out. It would be good to have an account and photographs of members' impressions of this show.