

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

In a way I suppose it's comforting to know that no one's infallible! After several years of trips seemingly taking place in superb weather we actually had to endure wet conditions when we went to Bodnant recently. The rain didn't actually spoil the trip though it wasn't conducive to sitting around on the many wet seats admiring the splendid garden and naturally the restaurant became a popular place to shelter for the many visitors. Actually, the sun appeared about half an hour before we were due to leave. A case of sod's law I think it's called. Despite the weather the general consensus seemed to be that it was a very enjoyable trip and our thanks yet again go to Ethel for her splendid organization.

I have no doubt that conditions will be ideal for our two remaining trips, the first of which is to Bent's Nursery and Speke Hall on Wednesday, 12 July departing from the Jodrell bus stop at 9.30am. Those catching the coach at other points should make the necessary adjustments but make sure you're in good time. The cost is £13 and includes admission to Speke. NT members should of course bring their membership cards to get in free and pay only the coach fare which is £5.50. This trip is now fully booked I'm pleased to say.

There are a few seats left for Hanbury Hall on 12 August, Ring Ethel for this on 734436. We depart at 9am sharp so make sure you're at the Jodrell for 8.50 latest and adjust timings for earlier pick-ups

Don't forget Cathy Canning's 'Open Garden' at Roeside, Bradshaw Lane, Cockyard on Saturday, 22 July at 2pm. Parking is limited but ways round this could be to have a meal or drinks at the Hanging Gate and leave your car there, use the Golf Club's car park (if you're a member) or try the bus to the Hanging Gate which leaves Whaley at 17 and 47 minutes past the hour and it's FREE with your gold card! From the bus stop etc it's a very pleasant stroll on a decent day up Bradshaw Lane, or by car take the road toward Chapel turning left at the white iron gate just before the houses and all the way down the lane to Cathy's. There'll be the usual refreshments and raffle and the proceeds go to charity of course.

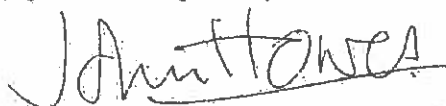
The Society was well represented by appreciative members when the Lears opened their splendid garden at Taxal the other week. Luckily, the threatened rain didn't materialize

The store will be closing on Sunday, 16 July after what has been a successful season. We still have reasonable supplies of most items so why not lay in your own reserves and be ready to kick off in good time next year - not that you'll be thinking of next year yet but be prepared folks. My thanks go to Dave Parker for doing most of the heavy lifting (you wouldn't think we are the same age) and to Ron Macbeth for admirably filling in while I've been taking holidays

A warm welcome to three new members. They are Mandy Marsden from Fertilee, Kevin Sheehan of Buxton Road and Andy Smith of Old Hall Drive.

Our member Mike High has been putting details of the Society's activities on the whaleybridge.com website which is always worth a look if you have the necessary technology.

Now's the time to start thinking about what you can put in the Whaley Show at the Bowling Club at the beginning of September. The allotment holders tend not to enter anything but quite a few of our other members support all sorts of classes - usually quite successfully. Mind you it's not the winning.....!



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