



# WHALEY BRIDGE Allotment & Gardeners' Society



JULY 2021

With Boris announcing the easing of restrictions, hopefully we can plan future society events with more certainty. We ask members to use their discretion and judgement in helping us plan and deliver safe and enjoyable events for the society whilst we learn to live with the ongoing presence of the covid virus.

The store is now closed, many thanks to the three David's for giving up their time and sharing their banter on Sunday mornings.

The plant sale held outside the Mechanics on the 5<sup>th</sup> June was a great success.



Customers were buying as fast as plants were put out. Some mecanopsis grown from seed by David Osborn were snapped up (mainly by me) Roger brought his usual selection of hardy plants and other members contributed a great variety of items. The vegetable plants were particularly popular. Plant sales

made £319, raffle £53 and catering £12 making a grand total of £384.



I was delighted to win a beautiful hanging basket from Shallcross nursery in the raffle.



Shallcross presently has a plant sale with excellent basket, pot and bedding plants available.

### Future events.

The planned trip to Breezy Knees is going ahead on 27<sup>th</sup> July leaving the Jodrell Arms at 9 a.m. and there is still space for a few more to join in if you contact Rosemary promptly.

Our next planned outing is to

RHS Harlow Carr on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August. As an affiliated society we have free group entry to one RHS garden each year making this trip excellent value at £20 for the coach travel. This beautiful Yorkshire garden just outside Harrogate has a wealth of variety from herbaceous borders to streamside planting and woodland shade. There are extensive plant sales and you can treat yourself at Betty's tearooms on site or take a picnic. The coach will leave the Jodrell Arms at 9 a.m. **Please book with Rosemary by 12.8.21** and make cheques payable to WBAGS. Guests are welcome.

### Social meeting

A chance to chat and join in a quiz or games. Refreshments and free raffle. 2 to 4 p.m. at the Uniting Church on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

### Talk

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2 till 4 p.m., Uniting Church. Maureen Sawyer will talk about the importance of foliage in the garden. Members £2, Guests £3.

### Coffee Morning

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 till 12

noon at the Mechanics Institute. Please contact Rosemary with offers of help. Donations of cakes, preserves, raffle prizes etc appreciated.

## AGM

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2 till 4 p.m. at the Uniting Church.**

### Membership news

It is with great sadness that we note the death of one of our founder members, Pam Pierce. Bob sent our condolences to her son Colin.

Brian and Alison Allerton have been working hard during lockdown to establish a wildflower meadow.



I am sure you agree the results are delightful and must be greatly appreciated by the local wildlife. Alison is happy to provide advice and information on similar projects.

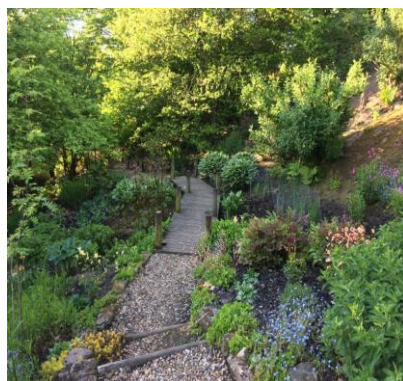


### Out and about.

I made a visit in June with another WBAGS member to Drake Carr open under the National Garden Scheme. This garden is tucked away just off Mudhurst Lane in Higher Disley. Carr is derived from an old Norse word (kjarr) meaning waterlogged woodland. We also use the word "moss" locally derived from the Norse mose which is a more open type of peat moorland such as Holme Moss. Drake Carr is tucked into a small valley with a stream, wildlife pond and boardwalk through bog planting.



Other areas are terraced with more traditional borders and lawned areas. Teas were being served from the 17<sup>th</sup> century stone cottage and I would definitely recommend a visit next year.



I have also made a recent visit to the new RHS garden at

Bridgewater. I had an enjoyable afternoon but there is still a huge amount of development to take place. The society are hopefully planning a coach trip next year using our RHS affiliation for free entry so I think this is definitely one to save for next year. I was interested to learn that the soil in the walled garden was so polluted with arsenic used by Victorian gardeners that it had to be exchanged with the top soil from the car park.

The WBAGS trip to Laskeys Farm planned for 29<sup>th</sup> June had to be cancelled as covid restrictions were extended but this garden is open for the NGS on the weekends of 31<sup>st</sup> July/ 1<sup>st</sup> August and 29<sup>th</sup>/ 30<sup>th</sup> August if you wish to visit independently.

Alternatively you may wish to visit Whaley Wharf Weekend on 31<sup>st</sup> July/ 1<sup>st</sup> August where there will be a variety of food, craft and microbrewery stalls. Have you checked out the bookstore in the transhipment shed which has an excellent range of fiction and non-fiction books?

I will be running a stall on the Sunday for Chapel-en-le-Frith Mobile Physiotherapy Society. We are promoting Age UK's "No More Falls" campaign and have information and advice on falls prevention and a range of giveaways on this theme. I will also be selling bric a brac with a wide range of items including early year's toys and children's books, children's clothing and many other items. This small local charity is now in its 50<sup>th</sup> year and offers free home-based physiotherapy to older people referred by their GP to help them remain safely and as independently as possible in their own home.