

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

Seems like we're having our usual summer weather at the moment. Looking out of the window it's really gloomy - you'd almost think it was October or something. Mind you it is 9.30pm. Anyway the recent rain has done the gardens the world of good and the allotments are looking splendid - it's a shame to spoil it all by digging things up. Boring for everybody else, sorry, but the exciting happening for us plot holders is that the plot that hasn't been touched for two years has now been strimmed by the new tenants. It's a start and good news indeed (except for the cat that slept in the unglazed greenhouse) and what's more the new tenant is interested in joining us! This item should really appear under Allotment Jottings but I couldn't wait to let you know.

This is the very last chance for me to try to sign up more of you for our trip to Chatsworth on Wednesday, 6 August. Why not join us and have a civilized day out, missing the crowds at Bakewell, letting someone else do the driving, and even having a good chance of winning some fudge in our free raffle. You may have read that Chatsworth has been voted the country's top stately home in some poll or other and the giant Rock Garden has been completely restored. (I'm trying hard here, folks!). Don't forget, of course, the recently excavated coal hole and there's even some underground tunnels to explore. And if alpenes are your thing you'll love the visit to Fir Croft at Calver where Dr Furness will give us a conducted tour of the garden. How can you resist?

Make up for the disappointment of not going to Arley Hall and give me a ring now to book your seat. Cost is only £11 and we've even changed the departure time to 10am so you can have an extra quarter of an hour in bed! Don't forget - 10am from Horwich End, earlier from the Board, later from the Jodrell.

We're all looking forward to Annette Anderson's Open Garden at Overlea Farm off Eccles Road (the Whaley end) on Sunday, 10 August from 2pm to 5pm. There's no charge for admission but as well as enjoying the garden the aim is to raise funds for a worthwhile local cause. The Alderbrook Adult Training Centre has a sewing room and workshop where adults with learning difficulties make cushion covers and throws etc. and to give these an even more professional finish they need to buy an expensive 'overlocker' machine. Some of their work will be on sale and, as you'll no doubt be very impressed, orders will be taken. A good cause I think you'll agree so please bring your purses and wallets! To help relieve you of your spare cash there's a raffle plus moderately priced light refreshments.

Please park either on the main road or the railway bridge on Eccles Road and follow the signs.

Good news from the store. We've had a delivery of compost, slug pellets, some Maxicrop products, Pathclear, liquid Derris and our ever-popular ladies gloves (one size fits all) and, for when you're weeding, some kneelers which are really for sitting on but double up nicely - and they fold up nicely too! They're only £3. The store is closed now but you can always ring me and I'll deliver or arrange a meeting at the store. We'll sell anything to anyone at any time as you know. If we have loads of stuff left at the end of the season it's down to me for over-ordering so do your best!

Lots of the above will be on sale at our final Coffee Morning on Saturday, 13 September at the Mechanics. You all know what's wanted so I won't bore you as usual but any help on the day will be appreciated - plus cakes, books, plants, raffle prizes and goodies of any description. Thanks in advance!

Two more new members have joined us. Welcome to Mrs Foley of Jodrell Meadow and Mrs Sills of Buxton Road. Unfortunately it's not all good news as several members have decided not to renew their subscriptions this year. Sorry to see them go but our thanks for their support in the past.



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