



WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society



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There is abundant evidence of the therapeutic effects of gardening. I hope your green space is helping you through the recent difficulties. Our thoughts are with those who suffered flood damage over and above the potential threat caused by the reservoir.



Please don't hesitate to ask for help if needed to get back on track. We can email our members or place a post on local social media for you.

Membership news.

Welcome to Claire Disley from Shallcross Avenue and Keith Leigh from Chapel, we look forward to meeting you at coming events. Peter Thomas, who was president of Disley and Lyme Horticultural Society and joined us in March, has sadly passed away.

Have you seen this plant?

I am trying to find a fuchsia named after our founder member Bob Pierce. His widow,

Pam, no longer has the plant but it would be good if it could be planted in the lovely garden of her new home at Cromford Court. Her friend, Father Jamie at Whaley Hall, would also like to grow it. It was bred by Gouldings Fuschias in 2001 and last listed in the RHS plant finder in 2003 but is not now commercially available.



It is described as single with short, creamy white tubes. Mature sepals sweep backwards and are white tinged with red. Each saucer shaped corolla is russet red. Ideal for growing into a quarter of half standard. Please contact me if you think you have this plant and are willing to allow cuttings to be taken.

Coming events.

We have a **trip to Kedleston Hall** and Meynell Langley on Thursday

5th September picking up in Whaley at 9 a.m. The cost is £22 plus an additional £12.50 for entry to Kedleston for non National Trust members.



Kedleston's C18 informal landscape was Robert Adam's first major commission when he redesigned the 820 acres of pleasure grounds in 1758. The house was the home of the Curzon family for many centuries, it is a lavishly decorated show palace and contains collections from Lord Curzon's travels through Asia especially from his time as Viceroy of India.



Meynell Langley is a formal quarter acre Victorian style garden established over 25 years, displaying and trialling bedding plants, perennials and vegetables. The hanging basket display is a speciality and also 45 varieties of apples, pears and other fruit.

We have a **social meeting** from 2 till 4 p.m. at the Uniting Church on Friday 20th September with a light-hearted quiz and free raffle.

Our next **talk is on Thursday 3rd October**, 2 p.m. at the Uniting Church. £2 for members and £3 for guests with a free raffle and refreshments. The subject is "Mushroom Miscellany" and our speaker is the mycologist Patrick Harding.

Please note the following dates in your diary with a reminder in the next newsletter:- AGM Friday 8th November 2 p.m. at the Uniting Church and a coffee morning on Saturday 30th November at the Mechanics Institute.

Store News.

The store is now closed but items on the price list are still available if you give David Osborn a call. Seed order forms will be distributed at the end of November with a 50% discount on Dobies seeds.

Recent Events.

15 members ventured on the Tilston and Stretton Garden Trail. Our mini bus helped us between 8 private gardens and woodland trails with a refreshment stop at the village pub in this

quintessential Cheshire village.



Stretton Old Hall has been developed over the past 10 years with 5 acres of impressive landscaping and a lovely walled kitchen garden developed from an old tennis court. All funds raised will go towards refurbishing the organ of the parish church.



I had the pleasure of visiting a new garden opening for the NGS at 108, Macclesfield Road.



John Taylor and Peter Holden have crammed plants into every nook and cranny in cottage style with fruit, flowers, vegetables and herbs jostling for attention.

Two sheds conceal a hidden lawn with lovely views over the dry stone wall at the end of the garden. Well worth a visit.



Out and About.

The Peak District National Trust Centre have a trip to Wentworth Woodhouse and Nostell Priory on Thursday October 17th leaving Chapel at 9.15 a.m. Please contact me if you would like further details. 01663 733070 aizlewood@sky.com

At Chapel Garden Society there are talks on 28th August by Mairi Longden from Tissington nursery on "The Road to Chatsworth" and on 25th September by Maureen Sawyer on "Southlands, a garden tour." 2 p.m. at Chapel Town Hall. £2 for non-members.

Finally.

We are predicted to have a large influx of painted lady butterflies in a once in a decade phenomena. I have counted up to twenty of these migrants from Africa in my garden this year but also notice a decline in red admirals and tortoiseshells.

