

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

The weather has certainly played a part in recent society events and needless to say not always favourably. The 'open garden' at Ron and Joan Macbeth's was ruined by the rain which started just as we'd set out the wine, glasses and raffle prizes on the patio and it didn't stop for the rest of the afternoon. Around 15 turned up and with the aid of umbrellas took a turn round the garden which despite the rotten conditions looked superb. Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Lloyd won the raffle prizes and in spite of my best efforts most of the 'sale-or-return' wine went back to the wine shop! In much more civilized conditions 28 members visited Bob and Rosemary Kellock's splendid garden and raised just over £50 for the RSPCA. Linden Smith, Janet Langman and Muriel Pressman were the lucky raffle winners. Our thanks go to the Macbeths and the Kellocks for opening their gardens to us – also to Graham and Judith Aizlewood who invited us to see their garden which is being interestingly developed on what, to me anyway, seems an impossibly steep site. We've one or two venues lined up for next year but if you'd like to extend an invitation for us to visit yours raising a few pounds for your favourite charity in the process let me know.

Our outing to Catforth took place on one of the hotter days of July when unfortunately only 23 made the trip. This was made more interesting by a motorway incident (nothing to do with us) which could have caused us considerable delay. Thanks to our driver taking avoiding action we arrived in good time and were very impressed with the glorious gardens and as usual most came away with a loads of exotic looking plants – all paid for of course! Mrs Mellor, Mr Whitehead and Mrs Dugdale won our super raffle prizes. (I use the term 'super' very loosely as the winners will know! Thanks yet again to Ethel for all her efforts. We've already had some interesting suggestions for trips next year.

I'm hoping this newsletter will arrive in time to remind you of the coffee morning on Saturday the 8th at the Mechanics when we'll need your usual help plus items for sale. In addition to cakes etc. we'd welcome any plants, flowers, spare veg from the allotments, decent books (condition, not necessarily content). Thanks to your previous generosity we're OK for raffle prizes. And, of course, even if you're not helping we look forward to seeing you all there at some stage.

Two important dates to remember. Firstly, our talk by Dr Furness of Fircroft Nursery, Calver, at the Trinity Church Hall at 8pm on Friday, 28 September. He calls his talk 'Sex among the Flowers' which should pack 'em in so get there early to make sure of a seat! Free admission and the usual light refreshments.

Secondly, it's AGM time again on Friday, 2 November also at the Trinity Church Hall at 8pm when it's your chance to kick out your present officers. Yes I know, I say the same thing every year – one of these days you will! More details next month.

The eagerly awaited list of members among the prizewinners at the Whaley Show (officially opened by our member and newsletter deliverer Councillor Jean Horsfall) will be brought to you next month.

The store is still fairly well stocked – ring me if you need anything at this season's prices. Why wait until next year when I'm sure some items will show an increase?

Seed catalogues for next year have arrived and are being sent to allotment holders, those who ordered last year and new members. If you don't qualify as one of these but would like a copy let me know.

ALLOTMENT SCENE

The barbecue was a washout



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