

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

Phew, what a scorcher! Our trip to Chatsworth coincided with what seemed like the hottest day of what had been a really hot spell. I had to struggle to keep up the liquid intake. As far as I know everybody enjoyed the trip with particularly good reports from visitors to the coalhole and recently opened underground tunnels! The kitchen garden proved popular with the vegetable growers among us although I was taken aback when I asked a gardener how they watered the vast plot of perfect looking courgettes, squashes etcetera to be told they didn't – and there's me dashing to the allotment to water mine twice a day! (Mind you with the Whaley Show coming up it may pay dividends!). It was good to see some new faces on the coach but some of our regulars were sadly missed – and equally sadly two couples who had booked didn't turn up.

The rush to buy raffle tickets kept Mary and I so busy that I have no idea how many members turned up at the Anderson's Open Garden. Certainly everyone was impressed with the splendid garden and were equally impressed with the cushion covers, throws etc that the people from the Alderbrook Adult Training Centre brought along. They sold £189 worth on the day and took orders to the value of £160 plus another £160 from the raffle and refreshments. On the strength of that it seems they will now be able to purchase the special machine they need. Thanks to all our members, plus neighbours and friends who put their hands in their pockets so generously and of course special thanks to Annette and Ian for their hospitality.

A tip from one who knows (not me) to those who make their own comfrey liquid feed. Apparently, if your plants weren't sufficient to make a decent amount of comfrey liquid earlier in the summer you can dry some now to use next spring.

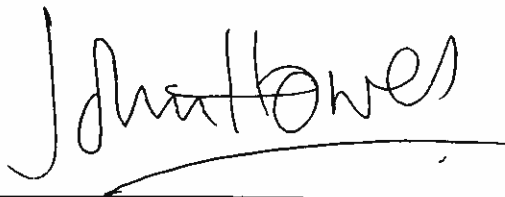
An important change to your 'diary dates' folks. The AGM, 'due to circumstances beyond our control' will now take place on Friday, November 14 (NOT the 7th) at the usual time and venue – 8pm at the Trinity Church Hall on Buxton Road - (refreshments, raffle and most importantly the opportunity to pay your subs which will be due). I hope the change will not affect any possible holiday plans!

Two more new members to introduce. Welcome to Mrs Norma Thompson of Hockerley Avenue and Mrs Jo Longson of Hawthorn Bank, New Mills. Chapel, by the way, are still way out in front of New Mills in the 'out of town' stakes by a margin of 10 to 5. So, it's "Come on you Millers".

Many members will know Fran Frodsham from her time at Piranha Country in Whaley which is, sadly, now closed. Piranha, not Whaley. The good news is that you can still buy her usual range of plants and attractive hanging baskets at George House on Bridge Street. And she'll still be doing alterations. To your clothes, not the plants, you understand. (Regular readers could see all these coming).

A final reminder of the last event of what has been a pretty busy year – was our trip to Erddig this summer – it seems ages ago now! I refer, of course, to our Coffee Morning on the 13th at the Mechanics. I'm sure we'll have all the usual contributions, help etc. so, as I said in the last newsletter, I won't bore you all with grovelling pleas! For those who are partial to them there may be one or two handsome marrows on sale (see paragraph one!) as well as a selection of items from the store. And, if this reaches you in time don't forget to visit, or even enter something in, the Whaley Show at the Youth club on the 6th.

Seed catalogues from the National Society will be sent out with the next newsletter to those who ordered last year, allotment holders and new members. If you aren't one of those but would like one ring me.



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