

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

Despite some really awful weather during the last two months, thanks to Ethel yet again, we've had splendid trips this summer in welcome sunshine particularly the outing to Levens Hall. It was certainly humid but that didn't spoil our day. Everyone I spoke to was really impressed with both the house and the garden and, and of course, that amazing topiary.

We were also lucky for our earlier trip to Biddulph Grange. One or two members had to back out at the last moment but not, I was assured, because of my 'cock up' with the cost although one member did fail to turn up on the day. I hope it wasn't down to me!

I think everybody enjoyed the day, the highlight being our usual raffle (only joking). Lack of space means I can't list all our lucky raffle winners but take it that fudge played a part. I must try some myself!

It was fine weather too for our visit to Irene and David Osborn's splendid garden. There was a good turnout of members plus friends from the WI who, thanks to some very tasty refreshments, plenty of sturdy plants and the raffle (Barbara Driver, The Whitehead's from Combs and Mavis were the winners), raised a magnificent £208 which will be shared between the Buxton Mountain Rescue Service and 'Footsteps'. We even welcomed a new member, Mr Chris Dunk from Pickford Place, Chapel.

Mrs Joyce Payne of Carriers Meadow, also Chapel and new allotmenteer Jim Keningale of Goyt Road have joined us. A warm welcome to both.

There was a smaller, but equally appreciative, turnout for the visit to Geoffrey and Cynthia Aldous's garden at Furness Vale, the proceeds going to 'Footsteps'. Raffle winners were Joyce Hibbert, Jenny Woodward, Harry Priestnell and our chairman Roy Jennings.

Members will have been saddened to hear of the death of Catherine Harlow. A lady of varied interests and supporter of many worthwhile causes she was also a long time member of our society and always supported our and other organisations' coffee mornings. She was also renowned in our household for the superb cakes she made for these.

Chatting with a member recently, he observed that the patch of next door's lawn which received the most wear was in a better condition than the rest reminded me of the time when I was applying moss killer to a lady's grass it was obvious that the bit with hardly any moss was on the straight route from her back door to the shed at the bottom of the garden. I suggested that the lawn might be improved if she varied her route. This she did to the concern of her neighbours as she was regularly to be seen weaving a zig-zag path up and down the garden. I never knew if the idea worked she left the area shortly afterwards!

Seed catalogues have arrived for the coming season and as usual are being sent out to new members, allotment holders and those who ordered last year. If you don't qualify as one of these but would like a copy let me know as I have spares. I need the order sheets plus the money by Saturday, 6 November. *Jne*

Make a note of the date of the agm which is Friday, 12 November - £4 subs payable - with our coffee morning on the Saturday. So, it'll be a busy weekend.

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Stock take ✓

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