

WHALEY BRIDGE  
**Allotment & Gardeners'**  
Society

# newsletter

Dear Member

Our programme for this year is just about complete and your committee hopes that those of you who have taken part in at least some events enjoyed them. Social secretary, Rosemary Kellock, in her first year in the job has done splendidly organising all three trips and requesting payment in advance seems to have worked very well. It saves staggering up a moving coach collecting money!

The trip to Holehird was enjoyed by all and everyone was really impressed with the garden and the spectacular Lakeland views.

Disappointing weather didn't spoil our visit to Fran and Ken Frodsham's garden at Offerton in August. The garden, when they moved in, was a complete wilderness which has been transformed in 18 months to a really pleasant garden with many interesting plants. For a not particularly large garden there seemed to be lots going on! Sadly only 8 members turned up but neighbours and friends swelled the numbers to 23 and contributed to the sum of just over £60 which helped to fund a smart wheelchair for use in the nearby park which I gather is somewhat hilly. Thanks to Fran and Ken for a very agreeable afternoon.

The visit to Sheffield Botanical Gardens proved a splendid day out in good weather. Everybody I spoke to was very impressed with the grounds, pavilions, the restaurant and even the plant sale that was taking place. Well worth a visit if you've never been and admission is free! We even found some fudge for the raffle. Winners were Mrs Macbeth, Mrs Dugdalc and Mrs Payne. Sorry chaps, better luck next time.

Don't forget it's the AGM on Friday, November 2 at the Trinity Church Hall at 8pm. It's usually an interesting evening culminating in the usual goodies and drinks! It's also an ideal occasion to pay your subs - still only £4. If you can't make it you can use the enclosed payment slip.

The final event of the year is our Coffee Morning on Friday, 14 December. You'll be wondering why it's on a Friday. Well, your committee thought it would make a nice change rather than a boring old Saturday as usual. No, that's not true. It's a Friday because your incompetent previous Secretary (me) left it too late to book the date we wanted so a Friday it is. Pleas for help etc in the Newsletter following the AGM.

Sad to report the deaths last month of Mrs Eunice Ainscow and Mrs Win Wright, two of our long serving members who both only recently retired from the Society. Our sympathies go to their families.

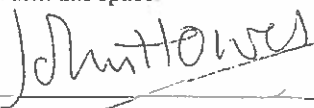
We are pleased however to welcome to the fold Mrs Marion Oakes of Bingswood Road. Mrs Oakes' late husband Keith was a member for several years.

King's seed catalogues from the National Society are with us once again and are being delivered to those who ordered last year. If you'd like to see one give me a ring (733579) and I'll get it to you. These flower and vegetable seeds represent incredible value and the selection is far greater than you find in the usual catalogues. To qualify for the early order discount we need your order together with the cash by the end of October. Send or deliver to me at 6 Rock Bank, WB, SK23 7LF.

The Whaley Bridge Show was a great success and it was nice to see some of our members featuring in the prizes. Cedge Heathcote with his Dahlias, O'Donoghues (Mrs or Dr?) with digitally enhanced photography and good to see Peter Gregson scoring with his onions. Apologies to any members I've missed - there were just too many exhibits to take in.

Details next time of a Mantis Tiller we've been given. Watch this space!

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