

WHALEY BRIDGE ALLOTMENT & GARDENERS' SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER October 08

Dear Member

With so much wind and rain over summer it's not surprising that gardens are slightly overgrown and many plants look bedraggled. Unfortunately, the mild wet weather also helped produce a bumper crop of slugs and snails, so it's been a battle to keep hostas and the like from being attacked and devoured. After a brief respite in September it now looks like being a wet autumn too, but at least keeping outdoor plants well watered isn't a big problem.

The Society's trips have ended for this year and we can claim to have been very lucky weatherwise. Gresgarth Hall garden was really beautiful in sunshine after earlier rain. Obviously the work of a professional garden designer with its colour schemes, inlaid decorative paths and water used to best effect, everything blended well against the architecture of the house. The refreshments were very popular too and enjoyed almost as much as the garden.

The final trip, Harrogate Autumn Show, was so well supported we ended up having a second coach. The weather was again fine and mid afternoon quite warm. Many of us enjoyed hearing the three bands which played at intervals throughout the show. The exhibits, flowers, fruit & veg, etc. were just awe inspiring. Refreshments were readily available both indoors and out and everyone had a good day. Clowes Coaches had been warned it was the last day of the show and that the undercarriages would be nicely stacked with plants etc on the return journey.

Remaining events for 2008.

As you aware, the Society is holding an illustrated Autumn Talk by Anthony Norman of Conquest Plants, namely "Colour in the Leaf" This will be on **Tuesday 21st October** at 7.30pm at Whaley Bridge Uniting Church. The cost for members is £1.00 and for non-members £2.00. Refreshments will follow and there will be a chance to buy plants for sale and ask questions. Please come and bring your friends and family. All are welcome and it should be a very entertaining evening. For more details phone Roger Wood 01663 732112

Don't forget our AGM on **Friday, 7th November** at 7.30pm at Trinity Church Hall. It's not just to enable the Committee to report on Society matters over the last year but also to give you, the members, an opportunity to voice your opinions! Should any member be interested in joining the committee, please have a word with Roy Jennings prior to the AGM. Your continued support and contribution enables the Society to flourish and prosper and we welcome any constructive new ideas/ offers of help from members.

Last but not least on the Society's agenda is the Coffee Morning at Mechanics Institute on **Friday, 12th December**. As usual we rely on our team of hard working volunteers to organise the event which will incorporate a cake and goodies stall but will mainly promote Xmas and you will be able to buy your last minute Christmas cards, wrapping paper and tree baubles at very **keen prices**. If you want to help or donate a raffle prize, please contact Roy Jennings(734187)or Lindsay Morris(734504).

We are sorry to report that John Howes, our newsletter editor, is very poorly and at present in hospital. It is hoped he will soon be back home with Mary and members can get an update from Lindsay Morris (734504) or Rosemary Kellock (733393).

As a consequence John will **not** be dealing with the Kings seed orders, so will those members who are ordering from the seed catalogue please let Bob Kellock or Roy Jennings have your order by **11th October**, as originally requested. Thanks.

Bob Kellock