

WHALEY BRIDGE  
*Allotment & Gardeners'*  
Society

# newsletter

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Dear Member,

Well, that's another AGM been and gone - the 18th - and 35 members enjoyed a convivial evening (I trust) at the Holy Trinity Church Hall which seems to have become our new home for talks etc. being just about the right size for the numbers we get. Thirty five is seven up on last year and would have been uncomfortably tight (or very cosy) had we been at the Mechanics.

For those who could not be with us, and hopefully without boring you, a few facts and figures to emerge:- Twenty three new members joined us over the year taking the total to 163 which is splendid I think. A grand total of 76 made use of our store, some on several occasions, making it the best year ever. Twenty six members obtained their seeds through the Society's seed scheme but I am delighted to reveal that that number has increased to thirty one this year. That may not sound too many until you come to sort out the seeds when they arrive!

Should anyone wish to have a copy of the audited balance sheet presented at the AGM please give Bob Kellock a ring on 733393 or me at the number below.

Oh, and by the way - as nobody responded to my prompting that the AGM was just the time to put themselves forward to serve the Society in some capacity or other you're stuck with the same old faces for another year! Mrs Sharp won the raffle prize of a free trip for two on one of our outings next year and Mrs Eyre took home a very nice spray of flowers.

Our thanks go to Mr Bissett for his really interesting talk last month on his role in defeating Adolf Hitler before a smallish but appreciative audience.

Welcome to two new members :- Ann Parkes of Wharf Court and Mike Brunt of Chapel Road - which makes the reference above re membership out of date already!

Mrs Berry has some cape gooseberries, currently about 12" tall in pots, available to anyone interested. I gather that these perennials aren't hardy so need a greenhouse or conservatory. They produce star shaped flowers followed by bright orange/red berries which are delicious eaten raw or made into jam. I think you tend to get them in smart restaurants so if you fancy something a bit exotic ring Mrs Berry in Chapel on 01298 813399. That doesn't sound quite right but I'm sure you know what I mean.

You will be sad to hear of the death of Mrs Males who was a member for many years and was a keen gardener and a frequent customer at our store. Members enjoyed an 'open day' visit to her garden at Craig Drive few years ago. Our sympathies go to Mr Males and family.

A reminder of our coffee morning at the Mechanics on 16 December. As well as the usual raffle we will be having a Tombola stall for which we will, of course, need prizes - you know what's coming - so can members help by putting aside a few suitable smallish items - ideally the sort of prize you wouldn't mind winning yourself! On the subject of coffee mornings we have them next year on 23 June and 8 September and here's a great idea for our September one!! How about all our veg growers donating some of their produce or even growing something specially. We could have a table outside which should attract the punte ... er, sorry, passers by. We'll return to this idea in due course but any thoughts now would be welcome.



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