

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

In case I forget (it could happen) it's our Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday, 16th December at the Mechanics - which we hope will be a success as usual. Apart from mince pies and a super Christmas raffle we're having a 'Grand Tombola' with lots of good prizes but, to make it even better, we need more so, if you have the odd suitable items cluttering up your cupboards you may consider donating them. We ideally need them around midweek and they can be dropped off at 6 Rock Bank, the Kellock's at 31 Meadow Close or Charles John's at 134 Macclesfield Road. And of course, we'd love to see you all there either helping out, bringing your superb cakes for sale or enjoying the festivities!

Well folks, it's not been one of the better years has it and for a change I don't refer to the weather. Those of you at the AGM will have heard chairman Roy Jennings offer members' condolences to the families of the five colleagues who sadly passed away during the year. We, not only on the committee, are already missing Ron Macbeth who would have enjoyed sending you home from the coming coffee morning with something you had no intention of buying when you came in! Won't be quite the same without him.

Roy also reported on Ethel Hallam's fight against cancer and a donation of £250 was made to the fund being organised to help with the initial cost of her treatment. Members at the meeting also approved a motion that the income from the coffee morning should also be donated to the fund. As I write Ethel is being well cared for at the home of daughter Louise.

More from the AGM. You will recall that, as your secretary was relinquishing the post, we asked for volunteers to step forward and take on this very important administrative position. You won't be surprised to know that nobody did!

So members agreed with the suggestion that the committee should waive any possible demarcation problems and share the work between us. Which means that our new 'front man', who you should contact in the first instance with any problems or queries etc., will be treasurer Bob Kellock who, in addition to his considerable normal duties, will now also look after membership and subscriptions. Ideally subs (still only £4 and due now) should be paid to him at 31 Meadow Close but can still come via Mary or me in the usual way if more convenient. Bob's phone number is 733393.

Rosemary Kellock has volunteered to act as temporary social secretary in Ethel's absence organising the trips. Rosemary and Mary Howes (doing what she usually does so well) will both be involved in looking after any catering requirements needed at coffee mornings, Quiz Nights etc. Yours truly will continue to run the store and the annual Seed Order (members will have just received their orders with seed potatoes to come in the new year).

We also welcome Lindsay Morris, who quite a few of you will know, to the committee. Lindsay has agreed to generally be around and do whatever is asked of her!

Newsletters will appear quarterly - or thereabouts - (this isn't a demand by our long suffering deliverers by the way) except when we need to inform you of news of great import or, more likely, correct some previous crucial error. There may be extended Nature Notes!

Members will appreciate that the above arrangements at this stage are of a temporary nature to see how things work out. The post of secretary is being kept open in the hope that someone out there will appear!

Even more from the AGM. Thirtyfour members turned out for the meeting that ended with the usual refreshments and raffle. The prizes were won by Mary Nother (free Society trip for two), Lorna Moss (tin of biscuits) and lucky old Peter Gregson who won the fudge!

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