

WHALEY BRIDGE
Allotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

Dear Member

There was a good turnout for the AGM and most seemed to enjoy it as this year there was more to talk about than usual. There was a proposal to spend money on improvements to the path through the allotment site. This was defeated by just two votes! A suggestion that the Society join the High Peak CVS was approved by members. Membership could prove useful in various ways (and there is no joining fee).

Roger Wood was co-opted onto the committee to investigate possible talks to take place during the year so if you know of a good speaker or two let us know.

There were no volunteers to take on the role of Secretary so Bob Kellock agreed to remain in an 'acting' capacity as well as his duties as Treasurer. All your current committee members agreed to remain in office. In addition to our Chairman Roy Jennings they are Bob and Rosemary Kellock, Lindsay Morris, John Pressman and John and Mary Howes.

After the meeting members enjoyed socialising and thanks go to Mary, Lindsay, Barbara and June for keeping us supplied with tea, coffee and goodies etc. including wine. Raffle winners were Jane Gregson who with husband Peter will enjoy a free trip with us next year and Lindsay who won a tin of exotic biscuits!

Minutes of the meeting will be available shortly and anyone who couldn't make it on the night and would like a copy should ring Social Secretary Rosemary on 733393.

And to end a busy year it's our Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday, 14th December from 9.30. We look forward to ending the year on a festive note and hope that our usual helpers will turn out in force - maybe in Father Christmas hats? We need all the usual goodies like cakes, decent books, well, you all know better than I do. One thing more though: we will be having a Grand Tombola as well so we need lots of small(ish) but good items in advance which can be left with Mary at 6 Rock Bank, Rosemary at 31 Meadow Close, Charles Johns at 134 Macclesfield Road or any committee member.

Social Secretary, Rosemary, tells me that the first outing of 2008 will be to Hodsock Priory on Saturday, 1st March to enjoy the magnificent display of snowdrops. Price etc to come in due course but you can get your name down now.

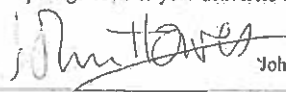
Diane Blaiklock has kindly made us a present of her late husband Bob's Mantis Tiller which he employed to good effect on his allotment in Chapel. If there's a member out there with a ground to turn over who would like to give it a good home give me a ring. It may need a service or a bit of fine tuning which can be carried out at the Mantis dealers based in Stockport unless you're a mechanical whiz-kid and can do it yourself. Give me a ring (733579) if you're interested. It's a good lightweight machine and it would be a shame for it not to be used.

Dr Pearson has various sizes of window glass available. These could be used to make a decent cold frame. Ring Dr Pearson on 732570 if interested.

You'll be interested to hear that our member Ken Frodsham, of Ken & Fran's Tub & Hanging Basket Enterprises, is extremely knowledgeable about the world of trees and gives talks and conducted tours in Vernon Park, Offerton. There are several over the next few months so if you would like to know more ring Ken or Fran on 0161 474 4460. Knowing Ken these should be entertaining as well as informative.

Have you renewed your £4 subscription yet? If not please send it ASAP to Bob Kellock at the address above or give to any committee member. and don't forget, if you'd like the newsletter sent to you by email contact me on jay_howes34@hotmail.com. It saves on postage costs or your deliverers shoe leather! Shoe leather? That dates me!

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