

WHALEY BRIDGE
Alotment & Gardeners'
Society

newsletter

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Dear Member,

Following the recent AGM, as there was no takeover bid from the floor, all your present officers agreed to stand again so you are stuck with us for another year! Members who studied the balance sheet will see that the Society has a considerable number of Halifax shares currently held in the Chairman's name. The meeting agreed with a proposal that these should in future be held by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer acting as trustees thus avoiding possible problems or embarrassment to John Pressman. Apart from agreeing that it has been a successful year nothing of greater import emerged from the meeting which closed with members enjoying various refreshments plus a raffle the first prize being two free seats on one of our trips next year. This was won by Muriel Pressman - NOT a fix as those present can testify! Ethel Hallam won the second prize of a bottle of vino. Thanks go to Lindsay Morris and Gloria Boden for contributing parkin etc. and to the thirty members who attended.

A rather smart pen was found after the meeting which, unfortunately, Mary insists I return to its rightful owner. Give me a ring if you think it's yours.

For those wishing to make an early start we've stocked up the store with J.Innes and multi-purpose composts etc.. We've also got two kinds of heavy duty gloves ideal for all those serious pruning jobs. They're yours for only £4.60 and £2.40 (retailing at £6.25 and £2.99). We have some ladies gloves at only £1.99. The store will open for business between 10 and 12 on Sunday, 12 December when everything will be on sale at this season's prices. I think it's safe to say that there will be price increases when the new catalogue comes out so why not buy now and save even more than usual! You can also pay your subs if you haven't already.

On the subject of the store is there a handyman - sorry, handyperson - out there who has the expertise and necessary hardware to help put up a shelf so that we can display some of our smaller items to better advantage. Please give me a ring if you can help.

Seeds should arrive any day now and will be delivered as soon as they are sorted.

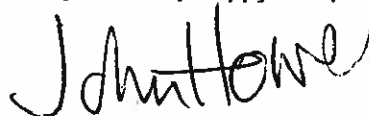
Thanks to Mrs Sumner and Mr and Mrs Bisset who came to our rescue with late pumpkin purchases which meant that we eventually sold all five raising the magnificent sum of £31 for BBC Children in Need. Still every little helps as they say!

Welcome to three new members - Mrs Wilson from Chinley, Mrs Rowlands, Whaley Lane and Mr Butler, Wharf Road.

ON THE ALLOTMENT

Most ploholders will know that the black bags of stable manure dumped next to Bill Allcock's shed every so often are for anybody so do help yourselves. Please return the bags though. Judging by the seed orders one or two of our new allotmentees should be very busy this spring!

I don't think it's too early to mention Christmas and as this is the last newsletter of 1999 - indeed of the old Millennium - I must, on behalf of your Chairman and committee, thank you all for your support over the past year and wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.



John Howes, Secretary
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