



'The Potting Shed'

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Come and join us on the
7th December from
10.00am - 3.00pm
When the nursery will be
holding an open day

We will have hyacinths
and Christmas
decoration on sale

There will be
refreshments and our
model railway layout will
be on display

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We shall also hold some
short sales on
30th November and

14th December from
10.00am – 12.00pm. For
hyacinths and Christmas
decorations

Needs list

Thanks to those people who regularly bring us pots and other surplus items from their gardens. We are particularly interested in 3.5", 5" 2L and 3L pots, please keep them coming. We would still like the following if anyone has some available:

Garden tools and equipment, woodworking tools, maintenance tools, garden plants, shrubs, perennials that you no longer want, carrier bags, used plant pots, candle ends. Small items can be put in the crate over the fence at the nursery if we are closed. Or contact us on email or phone, we have a van and can arrange to collect large items.

Membership

Subscription are due on 1st January 2014. If you would like to become a member please forward your subscriptions to David Thompson, the membership secretary. A form can be downloaded from our website: subscriptions are: £10 Corporate £5 full membership £2 for students unwaged and over 60's To

cope with the postage costs if you cannot supply an email address the minimum subs rate will be £5. For people who do not have an email address and can collect newsletters from the nursery the £2 rate will continue. The nursery membership currently stands at 99 people and four corporate members.

Send forms to: David Thompson Membership Secretary at the Nursery address

City of York Council Visit

Kay Bailey (Neighbourhood Manager - Communities & Equalities Team) will be visiting the nursery on 28th November to gain an understanding of the where we are currently up to and to explore our future plans. We are grateful to Brian Nuttall and Councillor Ian Gillies for facilitating this visit.

**Graham Collett
Company Secretary**

Volunteers needed

We would welcome volunteers to help with all aspect of the running of the nursery please let us know if you can help either on the plant side, the railway or with the DIY maintenance of the site. You can make contact by phone or email. To the Volunteer Co-ordinator Jo Sullivan-Jones. An induction is given when new volunteers arrive so that everyone adheres to the nursery H & S policy.

Christmas Craft Work

We need volunteers to help with the making of Christmas holly wreaths and table decorations. Our order book is full but our workforce has dwindled. If you can help for the period running up to Christmas (Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays) it would be appreciated. Contact on the nursery email.

York University Internship Project

Gareth Tagger, a third year English student with marketing experience, is working with us in developing a marketing plan for the nursery to present to our Management committee in March. He is coming to the site at fortnightly intervals to understand what we do and to talk to officers and volunteers about how we can better publicise the nursery. Gareth will be attending our main Christmas Open Day on 7th December.

Graham Collett
Company Secretary



Bedding plants are proving to be popular with buyers at our hospital sales. The attached photo

shows flowers being moved to the despatch area, as volunteers work hard to meet the demand.

Christmas Open Days Poster

A full colour A4 poster has been printed (100 copies) and is being displayed in libraries, post offices, supermarkets, local shops and other organisations. Copies have also been emailed to a number of organisations (including company groups who have done work for us under the York Cares 'Community Challenge' scheme) for circulation to their teams. Further copies are available for collection from the nursery if you can help publicise these open days.

Hazel Collett Publicity Officer