



'The Potting Shed'

June 2013

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**Come and join us on the
29th & 30th June from
11.00am - 5.00pm
When the nursery will be
open as part of the
Poppleton Garden Trail,
this is a village fund
raising event and so an
entry fee of £3 will be
charged, this will allow
you into all the other
open gardens in
Poppleton**

**We shall also have our
two for one bedding
plant sale**

on

**Saturday 6th July from
10.00am – 4.00pm**

For a sale of

**Shrubs, perennials,
containers and half
price summer bedding**

**There will be bric –a
brac, book and video
stalls and our model
railway layout will be on
display and refreshments**

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**Our next open day sale
will be on 14th September
from 10.00am – 4.00pm
when we will be opening
as part of the country
wide heritage open days.**

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

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 87 people and two corporate members.

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

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.

Poppleton Garden Trail



We will be taking part in the village Garden Trail on Saturday and Sunday, June 29th and 30th, from 11am to 5 pm. For this occasion we will need people to bake cakes and scones, serve tea, sell programmes and plants, and show people round the Nursery. This will be really good publicity for us. Please put the dates on your diary, and let us know if you can help.

Nursery News

The bedding plant season has progressed well, from worries that we had planned our sales too early because of the cold spring, which in the end were unfounded. Our plants were ready for sale in mid May as planned. To our constant worries of being able to water everything, in the baking sunshine. Nature caught up and we were able to muster enough help for the constant round of weekend watering. The selling season is well in progress and plants are going through the gates at a great rate of knots. We have grown some new flower varieties this year and tried some vegetables for the first time and all are selling well. Plants have been supplied again to Appleby, Kirkby Stephen and Langwathby stations on the Settle & Carlisle, Poppleton Station also Starbeck Station and this year, for the first time, the 16 hanging baskets at Bolton Abbey Station on the Yorkshire Dales Railway and the

Poppleton in Bloom Committee. Improvements have been carried out to greenhouse G2 with shade netting having been installed and an improved irrigation system in G2 and G3, shade netting will also be installed in greenhouses G3 and G12, these improvements will mean that we can propagate more shrubs and give them a better start in life rather than leaving them outside to fend for themselves in the Winter. Thoughts are now in mind for the plants we require for summer 2014; you may think it's a little early for this but we have to get our orders in for both summer and winter plants next year before the end of October 2013, we will also be sorting out our bulb order for Christmas 2013 and also for next spring and summer. We have a small gap in growing now, except for propagating shrubs, but early September sees the start of the winter growing season ready for sales and also starting to produce Christmas items. There is always something to do on the nursery and we would welcome more help to do this even if it's only a couple of hours a week. If you are interested in joining us at the nursery please speak to our Volunteer co-ordinator, Jo

Sullivan-Jones, on the nursery email address or come down and see us at the nursery on a Wednesday or Friday, a friendly welcome awaits you and a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits can also be provided.

Tony Nunn



Bedding plants on Poppleton Station platform waiting for the train to Starbeck

The Nursery supplies Starbeck Station with Plants by Rail!

The morning of 14th June dawned. However this was a special day. It was a step back to the past when the nursery used to supply plants by train to stations across the North East. At 10.40 a photographer from the York Press arrived to take photos



Volunteers loading at Poppleton



Even Dave Norton the Station Manager for Northern helped load the trays

to illustrate the story of our shipment by rail to Starbeck station of plants grown by the nursery. These were for the station display as part of Starbeck in Bloom. Volunteers from Starbeck Station under the guidance of Christine Stewart arrived on the 11:30 York-bound train, collected their plants from the nursery and



Volunteers unloading at Starbeck

loaded them onto the 12:15 train back to Starbeck. Starbeck volunteers beautify their station with flower barrels and planters in the same way as we do at Poppleton station. Northern Rail are very keen to encourage local groups to adopt their local station

in this way. They were happy to co-operate with the movement of the plants by rail, as they did when we took plants to the Harrogate 150 event last August. Dave Norton (Northern's Station Manager) was there to ensure everything went smoothly. The event has raised the nursery's profile in the media and will hopefully evoke more interest in the future.

Hazel Collett



Safe arrival at Starbeck

Nursery Annual General Meeting

The date has been set for Thursday September 12th at 7.30pm at the Railway Nursery. Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm and the nursery will be open to look around. Do please come along and exercise your right to vote for the directors/trustees and to listen to the work the nursery has done over the previous year.

Barbecue

The nursery is running a social event on Wednesday 26th June from 6.00pm. For the last three years we have held a barbecue and this year is no exception. The cost will be £3 each, which will cover the meat and salads. Donations of sweets would be much appreciated. Please email the nursery pcrn.info@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to come. Please tell us if you would like a vegetarian burger.