



The Potting Shed

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SALE

Come and join us on the
28th April 2012

10.00am - 3.00pm

FOR A SALE OF

Shrubs, perennial and bedding

There will be a Tombola, Book
stall and our model railway
layout

REFRESHMENTS on sale

tea ,coffee and cake

Also on the same day come and
make your own hanging basket
from 11.00 – 1.00

See website for booking details

Additional Sales

At Poppleton Nursery

On 5th , 12th , 19th 26th May
9th , 16th ,23rd and 30th June

from 10am – 12pm

We shall also hold a

Summer Open Day on

Saturday 7th July from

10.00am – 4.00pm

Summer bedding plants (at
discounted prices), hanging
baskets, containers and shrubs

POPPLETON COMMUNITY

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Needs list

Thanks to those people who
regularly bring us pots and
other surplus items from their
gardens, please keep them
coming.. We would still like
the following if anyone has
some available:

**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

Membership is always
welcome, renewal date is 1st
January 2012. A form can be
downloaded from our
website: subscriptions are:
£5 full membership £2 for
students unwaged over 60's
**Send forms to: David
Thompson Membership
Secretary** at the Nursery
address

**PLEASE NOTE can everyone
supply an email address as
we will not be able to send
out four newsletters a year at
a cost of 50p oer time for the
£2 subscription rate.**

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 or with the DIY 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.

DAVID ADDY

David died in January he had
been a regular attender at the
nursery since it opened to
members in August 2009. He
loved digging and hoeing which
was put to good use keeping
down the weeds on site. David
had a great knowledge of plant
names and birds and often told us
the Latin names for the plants he
worked with and the birds he saw
at the nursery. Though a quiet
man, we miss his presence with
us on Monday and Fridays.

Notes from the Nursery

It seems a long time since the last
Potting Shed, and much has been
happening at the nursery. The
weather has been kinder to us
than the last two winters and we
have come through the winter
with fewer problems, thanks to
all who have improved the
buildings and worked hard on the
plants. Spring has been early
which has meant the bulbs both
for sale and in planters have been
looking a picture, the display on
the station has looked most
attractive. The early spring sale
held two weeks ago was well
supported and added to the bank
balance at what has become the



low point of the year. The Greenhouses are getting filled up with bedding plants for the next three months and all have been busy with seeds, pricking out and potting on.



Station plants (Thanks to Rachel)



The coal drop challenge

We hoped by now to be able to tell you the lease had been extended for another three years, but because we have asked to have the former coal drop land behind the station added to the lease the preliminaries are taking longer. Network rail have cleared the tall hedge from their signal and removed the asbestos from the boundary fence. We realise that this land will need a lot of work, but we feel it will be worth it as it is very run down and people still think it belongs to the Nursery. When cleared we hope

to use it as in the past for storage, composting, overflow car park as well as making it look attractive. We need help clearing this when the lease is finalised so any offers would be welcome.

On the structure side G3 the last big greenhouse to be restored had had its glass completed and is now in use, which leaves us to consider what we will do with the poor quality house G 7-9 which needs complete restoration, preliminary work has started. Of the buildings we have now finished the middle part of the Old potting shed, completely replacing rotten timber on the field side and the bottom on the railway side, it has been painted and is ready for use, the office end of the building is useable but needs more work doing on the woodwork. There is still plenty more to do, and any painters would be welcome on the dry days.

Railway work has slowed down recently although the new point now has a very sturdy lever obtained spare from the NRM, and the ground signal also obtained has been painted and is in place. We expect a few more disposals from the Museum as they become accessible. The motorised wagon now has brakes and hopefully it will not be too long before it is fully working. We need to

push on with extending the track as volunteer time and resources allow.

Please note the list of sales and we hope we will see you all at them during the early summer. We thank all those who do the selling and anyone who can spare a few hours to help will be welcome, as we hold sales not only at the nursery and the hospitals, but also at other locations. We also expect to sell on certain days from a trolley on the station, keep a look out for details.

As you may know, Poppleton is entering the Yorkshire in Bloom competition this year, and we have agreed that the Nursery and Station will be included. We expect our first visit from the Judges on 17th April. We hope they are pleased with what we have achieved.

A new initiative this year will be a trial of opening on Sundays for volunteers from May to July. If it is successful we would hope to continue. This will give a chance for those who are not available during the week to enjoy some time at the Nursery and feel part of the project. There are lots of tasks available to suit all. Please come for as long or short a time as you can.

Thanks for your continued support and I hope this will continue as we slowly increase our output at the Nursery. See you at the next open day.

Bob Brook



Volunteer Co-ordinator

Most members will be aware that a new monthly volunteer newsletter is arriving in their mailboxes. If you are not getting it and you want it, then let us know. It lists the jobs that we need volunteers to do during that particular month.

We are going to be running a "Make your own Hanging Basket" activity and preparation for the Poppleton in Bloom competition. See website for booking details ,places limited.

These are the jobs that have been planned for the next few weeks.

- Clear away rubbish and tidy up the garden area in readiness for the Poppleton in Bloom judges who are visiting on 17th April
- More seeds need to be sown for summer bedding
- Propagation and division of plants
- Making up hanging baskets and planters
- Tidying and weeding the shop area to keep it well stocked and attractive
- Weeding in all areas
- Digging and preparation of the garden area to get it ready to be marked out
- Cleaning and weeding in the greenhouses
- Washing down glass inside and out, access and safety permitting
- Re-glazing
- General repairs to doors, stanges, benches etc

- Rubbing down, repainting and repairing the buildings
- Organising and tidying plant pots
- Washing plant pots
- Clearing and tidying the area across the road as soon as we know that we have been granted the lease
- Track needs to be bent for the rail extension
- Track needs to be laid .

Jo Sullivan-Jones

Volunteer Co-ordinator

Grants News

We have several applications ongoing for grants this year. One to provide disabled access ramps to the buildings and safety rails, another to replace the ailing office computer and yet another to replace the portable electrical tools with 110 volt equivalents. We wait patiently to see if we are fortunate in obtaining some money in these difficult times.

Graham collett

Sunday opening

From May 6th to July 29th inclusive the nursery will be open for volunteer working. From 10.00am – 4.00pm