



The Potting Shed September 2010

Issue No.7

Welcome to our latest publication of The Potting Shed for September 2010. Its down to me again as our Editor Chris is still unwell but recovering well.

PLANT SALE

Come and join us on the
9th October 2010

FOR A SALE OF

Perennials, Shrubs and winter bedding. There will be a Tombola and book stall.

REFRESHMENTS

Orange juice , Tea and coffee,
Cakes and soup

Future Plant Sales

At Poppleton Nursery are as follows: (*Opening and closing times will vary due to the different times of the year*).

Christmas Sale 2010

Saturday 11th December

Opening 10.00 to 15.00 where we will be joined at 11am by the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress, the Sheriff and his Lady.

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Needs list

Thanks to those who donated items after the last request, we would still like the following if anyone has some available:

Lino or heavy duty floor covering, large water tanks. Garden hand tools, 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.

Membership fees

A Renewal Form can be downloaded from our website:
www.poppletonrailwaynursery.co.uk

Subscriptions:

£5 full membership

£2 student/unwaged/ over 60's

£10 corporate membership

Please include an email address if possible as this is the most cost effective way of keeping in contact with people.

Send to:

Membership Secretary

At the Nursery

Volunteers needed - Can You Help?

We really would benefit for appointing a volunteer co-ordinator, The role will be outlined at the AGM. We

continue to welcome volunteers to help on buildings and railway restoration. We would always welcome those who would like to spend time on the horticulture side, from growing and potting on to weeding and general keeping things tidy, something for every ability with pleasant surroundings and good company. The nursery will be open 4 days most weeks and volunteers are welcome on any of those days. Please make contact first.

Notes from the Nursery

As I write there are signs that our second summer at the Nursery is rapidly turning into autumn. Young swallows from the nest we realised was in the boiler house chimney, have practiced their flight round the nursery and have now gone. The next door field which only a few months ago was a pond, has had its crop of wheat harvested. Fine looking Hawk Moth caterpillars have made people weeding jump.





Autumn bedding is now replacing summer plants in the greenhouses. It has basically been a good summer, the succession of spring sales have raised much needed money. The sales area of perennials has looked attractive all the time and helps keep stock moving (Don't forget members are welcome to come any buy when the nursery is open). At the Station the flower beds look very colourful.



In the greenhouse we have now got the propagating bench with mist line and heating working, so we should be able to considerably increase both the quantity and range of plants we can grow.



Many of the handcarts and wheelbarrows have been repaired so we have a good range to use. Roofing work is ongoing with two sheds done, just the big one to go. Railway wagons have been rebuilt and are now in use. Drainage pipes have been laid which we hope will considerably improve the site in wet weather.

Work has slowly started in the new garden area, both by York House, Aviva team building groups and our own volunteers. Unfortunately the group from Manor School who were interested in designing and building part of it as a 'Dragons Den' project have had the funding withdrawn.

But of course there are lots of jobs we have not been able keep on top of. Weeds are a major problem and we either need more people to spend a couple of hours weeding or we will have to reconsider our policy of very limited spraying. Although some building work has been done there is still a backlog of urgent repairs, so any help would be welcome.

It is coming up to AGM time again and I hope you will be able to join us for a discussion on the future as we now need to expand the use of the premises. Please see details below.

We hope to have the Lady Mayor and Mayoress visiting our Christmas sale and we would welcome ideas and help to make a good show on the day.

Kirby Stephen

The following two pictures were taken of part of the planting display at Kirby Stephen station. Poppleton supplied the plants this year, and we have had a good response from other stations wanting to buy from us.





Railway Notes

Steady work has been progressing through the summer on wagon restoration, and we now have the second wagon rebuilt and available for use



with wagons 3 & 4 well on their way. A little bit of track work has been started but it has been a low priority.

We are starting to build a large scale working model of the nursery railway, which we hope will be useable for the Christmas sale, and by then getting some of the old items and pictures together to start a small museum will be underway as a bad weather project.

Anyone interested in helping with either of these two projects will be welcome

Annual General Meeting

The date set for this meeting is Thursday October 7th. The Nursery will be open from

6.00pm for viewing and refreshments will be served. The meeting starts at 7.00pm We will also have a swaps table, you bring in plants, seedlings, cuttings that you don't want or have too many off and take away some plant that takes your eye on the table. The agenda for the meeting will be:

Apologies
Welcome
The Nursery Year
Presentation and adoption of accounts
Appointment of Directors
Appointment of Officers
AOB

Nomination for Directors should be made on the attached form to the Nursery address (see from of newsletter for this) and should arrive by 1st October.

The Nursery accounts are enclosed with this copy of the newsletter. They appear in their abbreviated form and unsigned. They were accepted at the board meeting on 1st September and signed. The full signed accounts will be available at the annual meeting, to any members who would like to see them.

Thanks

We are grateful to PACE PLC who donated £250 to the Nursery. Pace are an IT company and the money will be used for the new plant labeling software and printer which has just been purchased.