



The Potting Shed October 2012 Issue No.15

SALE

Come and join us on the
6th October 2012
10.00am - 3.00pm

FOR A SALE OF GARDEN PLANTS

There will be a book and video
stall and our model railway
layout

REFRESHMENTS will be on sale

tea ,coffee and cake

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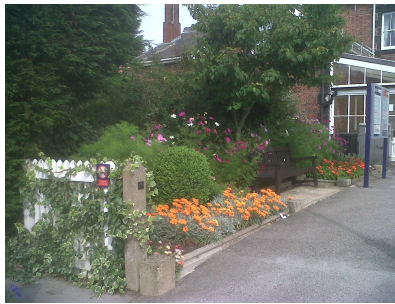
**Company Registration number
06211163**

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 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.



*Poppleton Station garden
Rachel Baker keeps the station
flower beds in first class
condition.*

Membership

Membership of the railway nursery is now 87 new members continue to join every month. One hundred and forty five people have actually joined the Railway Nursery but 58 of those have failed to renew for one reason or another. We have several Corporate Members who regularly volunteer to assist with various jobs as a group. These Corporate Members vary from those people with various traumas in their lives to young adults. The renewal date is 1st January 2013. For those who join after 30th September, their membership is extended until the following December. 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 from the nursery the £2 rate will continue.

**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 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.

Working Party

On Saturday 29th September we are organising a working party to have a blitz on some of the outstanding nursery jobs which must be done before winter. We would really appreciate your help. These are some of the jobs, pressure washing the glass, painting, site clearance on the coal drops, site weeding and various wood work repairs to the buildings. Please get in contact with the nursery if you can come along. We intend to have a barbecue lunch (just burgers and



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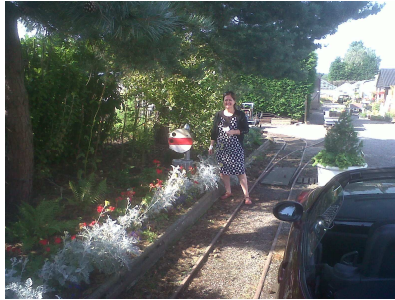
sausages) the cost will be £2.50, for which we need numbers

Annual General Meeting

This years meeting takes place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 3rd October at the nursery, Where elections for Directors/Trustees will take place and the officers of the company will be appointed. The accounts will be authorised and reports on the railway nursery activities will be presented. We do hope that you will be able to come. Nomination forms need to be returned by 21st September. Please return them to the Company Secretary.

Coal Drop Site

We have now acquired a licence from Network rail to use this site of the former Poppleton Station coal drop. The area is really overgrown with tree saplings and the hedges have become very untidy. To begin with we will just tidy the area up and then decide how to best use the place. Some ideas already put forward are an additional site for selling plants, a designated composting area, a storage site for the rarely used items on the nursery. There is a wagon body on site which needs renovation. It's a rare van which at one time has had a corridor. We have been informed that at some time there was some covered storage with an open front in one of the coal drops, but this has since disappeared.



Elly Fiorentine from Radio York visiting the nursery to interview Tom Bushell

A photographer from The Press visited the nursery on Wednesday 5th September. He was mainly interested in the railway (which is what makes us different from other nurseries) and took some photographs of Gill, Jo and Graham pushing wagons loaded with colourful plants, plus some of Pat working the point, surrounded by plenty of blooms. A photo article was due to appear on Friday 7th in time to publicise our Heritage Open Day. Three hundred copies of a full colour A4 flyer - sponsored by Burns Quality Solicitors and Integral Design Media - Is expected from the printers on Friday 7th September, in time for use at the Heritage Open Day. A supply of coloured (pale green) business cards which can be given out to prospective customers is now available.

Finances

Financial year 2011-2012 was much improved on 2010-2011. Sales of plants grown at the Nursery generated increased income. This was due to the public becoming more aware of the Nursery and what was available there. There were also donations made and together with the increased income from sales allowed the Nursery to complete many repairs that needed to be done which in turn allowed more growing space so I think we can look forward to an even better year in 2012-2013.