



'The Potting Shed'

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Come and join us on the
5th July from
10.00am - 4.00pm
For the nursery open day

We will be holding a buy
one get one free sale of
summer bedding plants.

There will be
refreshments and our
volunteers will be on
hand to chat about the
nursery

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Our next open day is on
13th September 10.00am
– 4.00pm. Our
contribution to Heritage
open Day

Needs list

Thanks to those people who regularly bring us plant pots. We have plenty for the time being, so please don't bring us anymore for now.

We would be grateful for any garden plants, shrubs, perennials that you no longer want. We can split them and grow them on for the nursery sales. Also we need carrier bags and 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.

Membership

If you would like to become a member please forward your subscriptions to 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.

Send forms to: Membership Secretary at the Nursery address

St Crux

I would like to thank everyone who helped with this event. We raised £1256 for the nursery on 14th May which was marvellous. Thankyou to everyone who donated books, video's, bric a brac, and food we very much appreciated your generosity. Thank you to the helpers who ran the stalls and to everyone who transported and helped set up and take down on the day. Thank you for donating your time and energy. I will be calling on you all again next year.

Paul Botting



All set up to sell at St Crux



Serving refreshments in the hall



Silver Birch branches

I wonder if any member has any silver birch branches about the thickness of an arm. We are looking ahead to Christmas and need some silver birch logs to cut up and decorate. Contact the nursery if you can help.

Barbecue

We are holding our members summer barbecue on Wednesday 16th July from 6.00 – 8.00pm at the nursery. Members are welcome to bring partners the cost will be £3, collected on the night. Please let us know by email or phone if you are coming so that we can get the catering right.

Nursery Officers

We need members to come forward to take on some of the administrative roles within the charity. Please make contact with a management committee member or email pcrn.info@yahoo.co.uk We also need people who have DIY skills which could be put to good use around the nursery. Also currently we are laying some more track for the narrow gauge railway, this is heavy work and we would really value some younger members early on a Thursday evening who could help. Contact Bob Brook on the nursery email or more details.

Projects G7,8 & 9

The management committee have been mulling over what to do with the wooden greenhouse G7, 8 & 9. They want a multipurpose building which can be a classroom, meeting room, cafe, shop and a workshop. This is the only area on the site which we can make a difference to the facilities on offer and we need to get it right, so plenty of time is being given to gathering information and ideas. The nursery is to begin setting aside some funds towards this and to look at the potential for outside support from other grant making bodies. Any ideas please email the nursery.



The Stall at Poppleton sports day

Heritage Trail Project

A group of York University students are designing a heritage trail guide to the nursery under the University's "@Work" programme (designed to give the students "live" experience of working on a real project). They

presented their initial ideas to the June Management Committee. We felt their proposals, which were aimed at attracting families to the nursery, as well as providing historical background to the buildings on the site, were most encouraging. We are looking forward to the finished product!

City of York Council

At the invitation of Kay Bailey (Neighbourhood Manager - Communities & Equalities), the nursery mounted a small exhibition and plant display at the Rural West "Community Conversations" meeting on 29 May. Although the attendance was fairly small, our stand was well received and favourably commented on by the Council Leader and others attending.



Volunteers at George Stephenson House sale on 23rd May

New Sales Venues

Our regular (monthly) sales site at the Mallard Restaurant at the District Hospital has not been available for some months due to building work. We looked for



other possible locations and were very lucky to be offered sites at Network Rail (George Stephenson House) and Aviva (Yorkshire House). We are most grateful to both organisations and our supporters for helping us in this way and we hope to repeat both sites in the near future.

Grants Update

I am pleased to report that we have been successful in our application to the Charity Lands and Unknown Donors Dole of Upper Poppleton, who have kindly provided us with a grant of £300 towards our museum/archive project. We have also submitted an application for help with publicity items to the Rural West Ward grant scheme and are expecting the outcome very soon.

Graham Collett
Company Secretary

Open Days Posters and Leaflets

The two new coloured leaflets (a general one about the nursery and one giving the sales/open days dates for the year) have been a great success and attracted lots of new visitors to the nursery. The sales/open days leaflet was so successful that we had to arrange a rapid reprint! The new full colour posters have also been very popular. Copies of the Summer Open Day poster will be available from the nursery next week. Please help us by

taking a poster to display in your local area if you can.

Hazel Collett
Publicity Officer

Museum progress

The building work converting the shed S7 into a museum for the nursery was finished in March and we have just put up a few temporary displays. It is intended to make the fitting out of the museum a winter project. In the meantime Anne Dixon has made a start on cataloguing the various historic items and paper work round the Nursery, and we thank her for offering to do this. We are also thankful to the Unknown Donors Dole of Upper Poppleton which has given us a grant to use for the museum displays, and we will be using that for quality pictures and displays. Another surprise at the last open day was a visit from a lady who remembered the nursery as a young child, as her father worked here for 46 years. Joan Marchent has since returned and brought copies of photographs of the nursery and special royal events from the 1950's and 60's, and we hope to use some of these, plus her memories in the museum. Hopefully some will

also appear in the potting shed in future editions.

Railway progress

It is a few months since I wrote about the work on the point we had rescued from the railway bank. We have done a lot of work on it and are now fairly certain it will fit where required. So work has started on extending the track from the main line side round to connect up with the old line. When the first length is in position and a path made on it, we will then dig out the old track to lay the point. We hope this will all get done by autumn, but we need all help we can get, so if you feel like a bit of exercise please come and join us on a Thursday between 1.30 and 7.30.

Bob Brook