



The Potting Shed **June 2010** **Issue No.6**

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Wants 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, Second hand wooden floorboards (any odd sizes from 4 ft long). Any 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

Barbecue

We would like to hold a social occasion at the nursery for the members and spouses. It will be a low key affair centred

round a barbecue. To be held on Wednesday 21st July at 5.30pm. Cost £2 per person. For catering purposes we need to know numbers by Wednesday 14th July.

Volunteers needed - Can You Help?

We really could do with some help with the nursery administration. Filing, letter writing, taking minutes and computer work. We still need a volunteer co-ordinator, (*so people feel welcome*). Also somebody who would look after the Health & Safety aspect of the Poppleton Railway Nursery site. 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.

The big 'fryup'

I had been temporary Station Master just a few days when I came up against the big 'fryup', in 1960. Travelling in on the Leeds City stopper to Morley Low near Leeds. I alighted and walked down the platform towards the fishpond, and past the station

Welcome to our latest publication of The Potting Shed for June 2010. It is not up to its usual standard as, our Editor Chris is unwell at the moment and so unable to compile it. Chris we wish you a speedy recovery.

PLANT SALE

Come and join us on the
3rd July 2010

FOR A SALE OF

Discount summer bedding Plants,
Containers, Perennials, Shrubs,
Tombola and book stall.

REFRESHMENTS

Orange juice, Tea and coffee,
Cakes and scones

Future Plant Sales

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

Autumn Sale 2010

Saturday 9th October

Opening 10.00 until 16.00

Christmas Sale 2010

Saturday 11th December

Opening 10.00 to 15.00

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garden. The garden was a raised bed resplendent with antirrhinums, lobelia and alyssum. No longer there of course, just a pile of rubble. The porter was just scrambling down from it with a bowl in his hands. We 'whistled' the train away and I looked at the bowl full of the most gorgeous mushrooms. Clearly they must have been in the horse manure that was regularly dug into the garden since Regrouping days. I was invited to a big meal in the Booking office. It was one of the few perks left, for the earliest and latest trains of the day had been adjusted in an economy drive, cutting Morley Low's porters to bare weeks. I left shortly after this to take up a permanent post at Coxwold. Following that both porters left as the basic pay wasn't enough in those days of full employment, and Morley Low was covered by relief porters on expenses. David Farr

Notes from the Nursery

The nursery has really come to life this spring, with greenhouses and beds in use and even blue tits.



nesting in a new box on one of the sheds After the winter the great variety of weather has made it difficult to control the

greenhouse temperatures but we are learning a lot in our first season. After the wet of the winter, three dry months have meant a lot of time watering. Those of you who have attended our sales will see that we have managed to produce a good variety of plants, and the sales area is looking most impressive.

Sales have been taking place at various locations including the Hospitals, the village green and for the last month on Saturdays at the nursery. **Thanks to the TEE Venture team of supported volunteers and leaders for their hard work producing and selling.**

We have agreed with Northern to look after the flower beds at Poppleton Station and they are already full of summer bedding, thanks to the hard work of Rachel Baker. If anyone would like to help with this task, particularly watering and weeding during the summer, please contact us at the nursery.

We have also sold plants to three stations on the Settle to Carlisle line, and hope this trade will gradually increase as it maintains the nurseries tradition.

Another new group on the site is one for toddlers and carers who meet once a month for activities based round

horticultural themes. It is great to see the nursery used this way and thank Jo Franklin for her work in organising this. Jo has also put us in contact with the local brownies and Manor school, and we have had visits from each of these. We hope this contact with young people will increase, and we are always open to ideas of new ways to help the local groups.

Building work has also been going on: Painting, roofing and small repairs being carried out, although we still need to add to the volunteer numbers to catch up with the backlog of 10 years of no maintenance.

On the railway the first wagon we have totally overhauled is nearing completion, with the last coats of paint being applied, and the next wagon is already stripped down and de rusting started.

We are grateful to Mr Jacob Verhoef from the former Dutch Nurseries in Haxby for the donation of all sorts of nursery equipment, which has been very useful.

Please support the work going on by attending the sales as listed on the front of this newsletter. Also please put the date of Thursday 7th October in your diary for our AGM. There will be a horticultural swaps table bring something you don't want and swap it for a plant you do want. Bob Brook