



The Potting Shed September 2012 Issue No.14

SALE

Come and join us on the
8th September 2012
10.00am - 4.00pm

FOR A SALE OF

Garden plants

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

REFRESHMENTS on sale

tea ,coffee and cake

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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.

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 To cope with the postage costs if you cannot supply an email address the minimum subs rate will be £5

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.



This is one of this years young swallows, which have nested

in the chimney of B2 boiler house

Registered Charity Status

This was finally achieved for the nursery on 30th July, after much correspondence. As we are a limited (not-for-profit) company, it was necessary to change our Articles of Association/Memorandum of Association and agree these changes with Companies House in order to meet the Charity Commission's requirements. The Management Committee/Board of Directors approved the necessary changes at their June meeting. The change to a registered charity does bring with it certain important legal requirements (the four Directors are now Trustees of the new charity), but it also enables us to apply for a much wider range of grants than previously, as well as being able to claim Gift Aid.

Grants Success

The nursery has been very fortunate in obtaining a grant of £2000 from the Rotary Club of York Vikings. The grant will be used to provide disabled access ramps and rails for our toilets and exhibition building. We are hopeful that York College trainees will be helping us with fitting these. We are most grateful to the York Vikings, and particularly to their local representative Brian Nuttall for his strong support in promoting this grant. We have also been successful with our grant application to Upper



Poppleton Parish Council for £750 towards office equipment and power tools. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for helping us with these much-needed items.

Graham Collett

Railway

As way of advance publicity, at the next open day on 6th October we will be focusing on the nursery narrow gauge railway, its trucks and future development.



Introducing you to the Terry Stanhope motorised truck which has had a new engine and brakes fitted and its timbers treated with preservative

Notes from the Nursery

Sales of plants have generally done well over spring and summer. We were blessed with good weather early on which helped. We are still getting to grips with what quantities we can grow and what sells. We now have a rainwater collection grid in operation. This collects the water from the roofs of G1,2,3 and 12. It is fed by pipe to the sump pump on the pit house and from there pumped to the irrigation storage tank, for use in the nursery irrigation system thus saving us

paying for some of our water. Work continues on cladding the old potting shed with feather edge boarding and some cement fillets have been added to waterproof the base. We extended the shop space into what had previously been storage for trucks, but more needs to be done to make this area as attractive as we can get it. We held a barbecue in June to which approx 40 people came, it was good for us all to mix socially and to acknowledge the great work the volunteers have done this year.

Volunteer Co-ordinator

The nursery has undergone a tidy up during the last few weeks and as the summer season is drawing to a close the last of the unsold bedding plants are being recycled for compost, however there is no time to rest because as one season finishes we need to get ready for the next. Volunteers are required for many tasks such as horticulture, gardening, restoration, general maintenance, administration and helping out at sales. If this is of interest you and you would like to become more involved please contact me at the nursery and we can arrange a meeting to discuss how you could help. The work for the next month is :-

cleaning and disinfection of greenhouses, potting on plants, pricking out seeds for autumn planting, taking cuttings from stock plants, tidying and weeding the shop area to keep it well stocked and attractive, weeding in all areas (as per usual!), composting of old plants, organisation of plants around the site to make it easier to locate each variety, general housekeeping, DIY and maintenance, rubbing down, repainting and repairing the buildings, clearing and tidying the old coal drop site, sorting and tidying pots into sizes, railway jobs to help with the railway extension to end of G3.

Jo Sullivan-Jones

Volunteer co-ordinator

Sunday Opening

Experimental opening of the nursery on Sundays was not the success we had hoped for. So for the time being we will be closed at weekends. This will be reviewed in the future.

Footnote

Poppleton has not always been spelt this way. In 972 the Archbishop of York mentioned 'Popeltun' in a list of property, and the Domesday book refers to 'Popeltune' in 1086.