



The Potting Shed March 2013 Issue No.17 SALE

Come and join us on the
23rd March 2013
10.00am - 3.00pm

FOR A SALE OF
Shrubs perennials and spring
bedding

There will be bric –a brac, book
and video stalls and our model
railway layout will be on display

REFRESHMENTS will be on sale
tea ,coffee and cake

We will be holding short sales
from 10-12 on Saturdays
beginning on 6th April

Our next open day sale will be on
27th April as last year we will be
running a make your own
hanging basket session booking
required.

POPPLETON COMMUNITY
RAILWAY NURSERY
Station Road Upper Poppleton
York YO26 6QA
Tel: 01904 797623
Mobile: 07800 501382

Website: www.
poppletonrailwaynursery.co.uk
E-mail Address
pcrn.info@yahoo.co.uk

Charity Number 1148341
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.

Membership

Membership for 2013 of the
railway nursery was due for
renewal on 1st January. If you
haven't renewed your
membership by the end of
March you will be removed
from our email distribution
list. Please forward your
subscriptions to David
Thompson, 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 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.

Glass house cleaning

Brian Horsley and Davie Shannon
have made a marvelous job of
cleaning the greenhouse glass, As
reported in December, but they
have continued throughout the
winter when the water wasn't
frozen, the glass now gleams and
glints in the sunlight. They have
given the plants a much better
start this year.

Garden

This area continues to be
developed, more foundations
have been put in for paths, and
several new shrubs have been
planted.



Coal drop site

Composting has begun on this site in a small way, there is a mountain of contaminated compost to turn over to enable the weather to remove the weedkiller that caused us so many problems last spring. We also had help in removing the sycamore trees which had sprung up on site. These trees had been cut down in the past and had re-grown as multi-stemmed trees which were weak and had to go.

Visit from Children's Society

We have been working with PACT for a couple of years and they invited the nursery to take place in an audit to find out if there were areas where we could improve the volunteer experience for everyone but particularly those who were disabled. They visited on Friday March 1st and we wait for their report with interest.

Hanging basket open day

Saturday April 27th we shall have sessions available to anyone to book to come and make up their own hanging basket. Help will be on hand to advise and to demonstrate good practice. Plants, basket and compost all provided, more details nearer the time.

A Loco arrives at Poppleton Nursery



Since the nursery was taken over as a community venture 4 years ago, it has always been an aspiration of some of the volunteers to obtain a suitable loco for the nursery 2' gauge railway. Loco's small and light enough to fit through the constrained space between the greenhouses are not easy to obtain. But the unfortunate closure of the Abbey Light Railway at Kirkstall near Leeds, meant that a suitable engine came on the market, and it has been purchased by one of our members. It arrived at the nursery on the 22nd Feb see the pictures. Testing it down the line showed that it fitted Ok down all the track and curves.



It is hoped that when suitable insurance is in place the loco will be used when required to move items round the Nursery, as well as be on show and demonstrated for open days. For those interested in details. It is a Lister Diesel No. 20449 built in 1942; it was originally used at Kelby sand



and gravel co. Lincs. Then at Hoe Hill Tile works at Barton on Humber. It was the first loco used on the Abbey railway and numbered 1, undergoing a number of modifications including fitting of a Petter motor,



a cab roof and air brakes for pulling their passenger trains. Recently it became the last loco to travel the full length on the line as it was used on track lifting trains. It was named LOWECO by Peter Lowe who was the owner and engineer of the Abbey railway who unfortunately passed away last year.



For those who want to see the engine it will be on view on the open day on 23rd March. It is intended to extend the railway alongside the main line in the summer; any help with this would be welcome.

Building Work

Just an update on work that has been ongoing, we are slowly restoring the wooden buildings in the Nursery. The Old potting shed extensions which were the original Office and Mess room have finally had all the lower rotten timbers removed and replaced, and the inside re

boarded and insulated where required and painted ready for use. The outside has been covered in feather edge boards and just is waiting for a suitable day to replace the guttering and down pipes, see picture. It should be good order for a long time. S7 the shed on the top of the old railway loading dock has been lifted and had all the very rotten floor timbers removed, work is underway constructing a brick plinth to be followed by a new floor which should fix all the problems. The main constrain on doing this work is that it backs on the railway line so all work has to be done from inside. When the flooring is done we hope to insulate and board in the walls and turn it into a museum of interesting items and photos.
Bob Brook,

Summer at Poppleton Railway Nursery

Last year the Nursery was part of "Poppleton in Bloom".The village was delighted to be awarded a Silver Gilt Medal. This year we hope that all our members will work together to help make it a Gold Medal. Plants from the Nursery will be used in tubs and baskets around the village. In addition ,we

will be part of the Poppleton Garden Trail on Saturday and Sunday ,June 29th and 30th,from 11am to 5 pm. For this occasion we will need people to bake cakes and scones, serve tea ,sell programmes and plants ,and show people round the Nursery. This will be really good publicity for us. Please put the dates on your diary ,and let us know if you can help.

Gill Duxbury