



'The Potting Shed'

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Come and join us on the
25th April from
10.00am - 3.00pm
For our open day.

There will be
refreshments and our
volunteers will be on
hand to tell you the
nursery history

We will also be open
from 9.30am till 1.00pm
each Saturday from 11th
April to 4th July where we
will be selling Shrubs,
Perennials and summer
bedding plants

On Wednesday 13th May
we will hold our St Crux
Day Sale in York, we
need your support to
make this happen.

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**Our next open day is on
4th July from
10.00am – 4.00pm. at
this sale we will be
selling off our summer
bedding in a two for one
sale.**

Needs list

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. We would be very grateful for some cotton hand towels. Also we need as many carrier bags as we can gather before the carrier bag tax comes begins in October. We are always looking for garden tools, woodworking and engineering tools and equipment. 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. Now we are owners of a van we can collect large items.

Jobs

We need more people to volunteer to help the nursery

with the spring gardening jobs, pricking out the seedlings and potting the cuttings for this years bedding plant sales. There are numerous repair and maintenance jobs onsite, and we need people with DIY skills to take them on. Please do contact us.

St Crux Sale

Help needed for our second St Crux Sale on Wednesday 13th May. I am hoping that you will all support this venture to help raise much needed money for the nursery. We will need your help to make up several teams to supply and make up the refreshments on site. A group of people to run a book stall, another group to run a bric a brac stall and people to run a plant stall. We will have the use of several gazebos and this will mean that whatever the weather we will be able to operate and leave the main hall to serve food. Please let me know if you can help on the day, on a stall for all or part of the day. If you can provide some homemade cake, scones, homemade soup etc. etc. please let me know. We have a small amount of books for the stall, but would benefit from more. We are very short of bric a brac so need as much as you can donate. Please note we are not allowed to sell electrical items or clothing. Transport will be needed on the day so if we can have the use of your car to help bring items in please do get in touch as



well. We can access the hall from 8.00am so will have two hours till opening time at 10.00am to set up, and of course it is easier to come early to avoid the York traffic. Please contact me on the nursery email pcrn.info@yahoo.co.uk or ring and leave a message on the nursery land line (01904 797623) and it will get to me. Ideally I'd like a team of six in the morning and afternoon, so up to 12 people to run the refreshments. A team of three morning and afternoon, up to six people for the books stall and the same for Bric a Brac and Plants. That's potentially 30 people throughout the day on the stalls. If you would be able to help drive to and from St Crux then please let me know, I don't know as yet how much will need to be transported, but this will become apparent nearer the time, just indicate to me that you would be willing to help with transport. I then need about 6 people to set up and 6 to help clear up. I know some of you will be able to come for the whole day, but if you can only help for a couple of hours it would be a great help.
Paul Botting

Baskets

Does anyone have any wicker baskets left over from flower arrangements, we can recycle them into Christmas decorations for the coming year

Lawn mower

We really need a working rotary lawn mower to cut the fast growing grass on the coal drop site. If anyone is getting rid of one please let us know and we can collect.

Where have the trees gone



Recent network rail removed all the trees at the far end of the nursery these are two pictures of what it looks like now.



Prunings

As you tidy your gardens for the coming summer, please remember that if you have any named varieties of shrubs and perennial plants, don't throw them out. Bring them along to the nursery and we will propagate them to increase the range of plants we offer.

Seedlings

I know that many of you will be growing your own bedding plants from seed. If you find that you have any seedlings surplus to your needs, please send them to us at the nursery we will grow them on to raise funds for the nursery.

Are You a Tweeter?

The nursery now has a Twitter account @pcrnpublicity. We use it to announce our open days and other events. From a small start, we now have over 100 followers. Do follow us and retweet our messages if you can.

Our Next Open Day on Saturday 25th April

Attractive colour posters are now available from the nursery. Please take some and ask your local shops etc to display them for us.

2015 Sales Dates

Copies of our new full colour sales list (DL size) are now available from the nursery. Please take some and try to get them displayed in your local library, shop, community centre etc

Coffee morning

Tesco Askham Bar Coffee Morning Thursday 11th June (10.00 to 12.00) - come along and support our fundraising morning.



Poppleton Station Travellers

You may be aware that we supply the plants and maintain the colourful displays at the station (a big thanks to Rachel for her fantastic efforts with this). By kind permission of Northern Rail, we will shortly be putting up notices on both platforms to let rail users know of our involvement. Thanks to Colin, the station adopter, for taking this issue up on our behalf.

Something to celebrate

Tim Elsworth has been spending a lot of time transcribing the Nursery diaries, which were left to us, into word format, so they will be available to anyone interested in the past. He is finding out dates when things were done, buildings erected etc. One of the dates he has found in the latest diaries is that of the starting to build the narrow gauge railway at the Nursery. That was in October 1985, thirty years ago. We were wondering how we could celebrate this, so any ideas or offers of help would be gratefully received. The picture shows the first length of track being laid in front of the coal and gravel store, where the mess room is now. Thanks to Graham Warner for the photo.



Red carpet day

For over 9 years now the red carpet and associated display items have been sitting in the shed at the Nursery not used. We do not at present have a date when they were last used for Royal train duties or special events. We feel it is about time they had an airing, and are looking at setting them out to measure, clean and photograph. If all is OK then to advertise a special public viewing, with floral display, during one of our open days. At present we are thinking about the Heritage day on 15th September. If anyone would like to help with this please let me know via the Nursery.

Bob Brook

Pictures of the shop area

