

The Potting Shed October 2024 No. 81



**The Autumn Sales
Day is on Saturday
26 October,
10:00am to 3:00pm.**

**Sale of perennials,
herbs, alpins and
herbs. Seasonal bas-
kets and planters.**

**Narrow gauge and
model railways,
bric-a-brac, craft
stalls and refresh-
ments**

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Editorial

The new building is slowly approaching completion and it has been used. Building and electrical work has been carried out as a result of damage in the recent heavy rains. We have had visits from two groups with a possible return visit before the year end. Bob Brook is giving a rare talk about the history of the site at the end of the month.

The bright lights and tinsel of Christmas are approaching and full details of our opening days are available, so if you want special orders get them in now.

Railway and building work

A series of smallish jobs have been carried out recently. Some of the wiring to the lights in the new building has been tidied up. Lighting fixtures and wiring in some of the greenhouses has been removed. The door to S7, the building that houses the model railway, has been repainted. Will the model of S7 on the

S4 is the metal building next to the toilets in which paints, fuel and other flammable liquids are stored. The roof has suffered from rusting and has started to leak. Over two weeks the roof was painted with rust remover and red oxide paint and the filling of two holes with sealant. This will

hopefully keep it watertight over the winter, we are considering further measures for long term protection.



*The newly painted roof on
S4*

New building

The building has been connected to the electricity supply and the building has seen official use. The bric-a-brac and sales stalls were sited in the building at the last sales day and the Annual General Meeting was the first in the building.



Craft stall in new building

Station adoption

The main development since the last Potting Shed has been the removal of a large tree branch from be-

hind the wooden bench on the Harrogate platform. This has made it much easier to read the train announcement board and should also reduce the amount of rain water dripping down people's necks. The photo shows the lumberjack team after their successful operation.



Northern have agreed to a request for a new planter in memory of a lifelong railwayman who lived in Poppleton. We are liaising with the family member who made the request to finalise details.

Team members attended Northern's annual conference in Leeds and are also signed up for an on-line course on suicide prevention. Otherwise, weeding, tidying etc. proceeds as usual.

Visiting groups

Early September saw a visit from a group from Open Country, amongst the jobs done was clearing up the railway sidings at the York

end of the site. This involved preparing and carrying out a 4-wagon shunt down the Nursery to clear wagons out of the sidings.



The 4-wagon train at the Harrogate end of the Nursery



The Network Rail group

Later in the month the ever keen Network Rail visited on what was a wet day. As well as the gardening jobs the car port was tidied including trimming the hedge. As a preparation for railway jobs for the winter the remaining bare wagon chassis was moved into the car port. Hopefully some work on a body for the chassis will proceed over the Winter, or its presence will mean that every Thursday will be glorious weather and we'll be able to do outdoor jobs! The Network Rail are keen to return to the Nursery before the year end!

History talk

On Wednesday 30 October at 1 pm in the new building Bob Brook will be giving a talk on the Nursery's history from it's arrival in Poppleton in the 1940s to the present day. All welcome.

Sales days

The Heritage Sales day was a fairly successful day with over £500 raised. The opportunity was taken to run LoweCo round the site and the family wagon could be used by parents to push their children up-and-down a short length of track.

Our Christmas Sales Day is on Saturday 23 November 10 am to 3 pm. Christmas wreaths, decorations and gifts will be on sale. If you require a wreath you are advised to order it first, contact or visit the Nursery to place your order. The Nursery will also be open, in addition to our regular weekday opening times, on December 7 10am to 1pm for the collection of orders and any last minute purchases.



Ten Years Ago

There was no Potting Shed produced between September and December in 2014, however work was still going on. The railway group was building the balloon loop at the Harrogate end of the site, the following four photos show work on a day in October 2014.

