



The Potting Shed December 2012 Issue No.16

SALE

Come and join us on the
8th December 2012
10.00am - 3.00pm

**FOR A SALE OF
Christmas Decorations
and Hyacinths**

There will be a book and video
stall and our model railway
layout

REFRESHMENTS will be on sale
tea ,coffee and cake

**We will be holding two short
sales from 10-12 on Saturday 1st
and 8th December to enable
people to pick up Christmas
items**

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**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 of the railway nursery will be due for renewal on 1st January. 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.

Publicity

We welcome on board Hazel Collett who is taking on the publicity for the railway nursery

New Directors and Chairman

I'm sure you will be pleased to know that Pat Otterburn and Jo Sullivan-Jones have both agreed to become Directors/Trustee's of the railway nursery, and to add to her list of jobs Jo Sullivan-Jones has agreed to become the new chairman. We should take the opportunity of thanking Bob Brook who stepped down as chairman at the annual meeting, Bob has steered us through the early days of setting up the organisation. Your nursery committee members are Jo Sullivan-Jones – Chairman and Volunteer co-ordinator, Pat Otterburn – Treasurer, Graham Collett – Company Secretary, Tony Nunn – Nursery Manager and Horticulture Committee, Bob Brook – Railway Committee, David Thompson – membership secretary, Hazel Collett – Publicity, Gill Duxbury and Paul Botting



Finances

It was reported at the last management meeting that we had made approximately £5,000 in plant sales since 1st May this year, which is good going for us. Thanks are due to the sales team on site and to those who run the sales around York.

Preparation for Winter

Brian Horsley and Davie Shannon have spent many hours working through the greenhouses cleaning the very dirty glass, many thanks for this you are doing a great job. Gradually we have been putting the nursery to bed for the winter, moving the tender plants into the protection of the pit house, the next job is to put all the bubble insulation back in place and prepare the paraffin heaters and boiler in readiness for the seed sowing next January. The seeds have been bought and are ready to go when the time is right. Tony Nunn has been working on the many list of plants which members wanted to grow, and finally selected the ones we can afford. The order has gone in for all 2013 plants so that we get the early order discount.

St Nicholas Fields

St Nic's have become corporate members of the nursery and are keen to work in partnership with us particularly in developing a good composting system. Also

developing a sales and display area on the coal drop site.

Archeological Dig

The nursery management were approached by the organisation doing the dig on the park and ride site on the A59. They needed a place to wash the finds. We were able to provide part of G2 greenhouse which served them well. It was quite exciting to see what they had found, trays and trays of pot shards and clay pipe stems. But to the expert who interpreted the finds to me it was fascinating to know what each piece was and what age they were.

New Addition to the Garden



Darren Harkus has made several bird tables for nursery customer and now one of his creations graces the garden at the nursery

Garden

CPP came to our aid and worked their socks off to get the job done in a day. Digging out paths, putting in curbs laying hardcore and sand then

laying paving and slate chippings. Do make sure you have a look at it when you visit.

Coal Drops

We were fortunate to have the services of Northern Rail and Aviva who allowed groups

of staff to come and volunteer for a day each. They worked through the whole site and cut down all the unwanted undergrowth and leveled the site from back to front. This will leave the way for us to develop the site into a useful nursery space.