

## The Potting Shed September 2016 No. 36



Come and join us on  
10 September between  
10:00am and 4:00pm  
to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the  
Nursery. Further  
details are in this  
newsletter.

We shall also be open  
on Saturday 1 October  
from 10:00am and  
3:00pm including a  
sale of surplus  
equipment.

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## Editorial

As reported elsewhere in this issue, we have had several volunteer groups working on the Nursery. These are organised through York Cares, an organisation which helps workers from industry perform voluntary work to benefit the community. These groups have greatly benefited the Nursery and the jobs these teams have undertaken would otherwise not have been done.

## Publicity vacancy

There is a vacancy for someone to do Publicity for the Nursery. The role covers the following tasks:

- The production, printing and distribution of posters and leaflets for the Nursery.
- Liaising with other media outlets to publicise events at and relating to the Nursery.

There is already expertise within the Nursery in the production of leaflets and posters and we would consider someone who would carry out the remainder of the roles as a job share.

Contact Jo Sullivan-Jones at the Nursery (contact details on the front cover of this Newsletter) if you are interested.

## Publicity

A new supply of our general leaflet about the nursery (1000 copies) is now available. If you can help to publicise the nursery, please pick up a few copies.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nursery



On September 10 we celebrate the nursery's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

A number of organisations who have helped the Nursery have been invited to join us when York's Lord Mayor Councillor Dave Taylor cuts the anniversary cake. The Lord Mayor will be arriving by train at approximately 11:15, he will be met by our chair, Jo Sullivan-Jones.

There will be another chance to walk the Red Carpet (weather permitting) and there will be a display about the history of the nursery and Poppleton station (with the help of the Poppleton History Society).

We hope you will be able to join us. The poster advertising the event is being distributed widely by our volunteers (big thanks) and a few copies are still available if you can help

to promote the event (copies are also available on the web site).

## Railway and building work

On 7 July a group from Network Rail came to work at the Nursery. They were a very enthusiastic group and they carried out many routine jobs including: painting the Poppleton sign and tubs on the station; cleaning the flangeways on the narrow gauge railway; cutting hedges near the engine shed and the car park and scraping and painting one ex-Anglian Water trolley chassis.



A couple of weeks later a group visited from Nestlé. Amongst the work done, they located the drain in front of the engine shed and built a soakaway to drain from under the track of the narrow gauge

railway. Hopefully this will keep the track clear of water at times of high rainfall.

We are continuing re-roofing of the Potting Shed and at the time of writing one section has been completed and we have nearly completed the final section. We have also repaired the guttering on the field-side of the Potting Shed.

On 14 July a group from the Narrow Gauge Railway Society visited the Nursery. The group were impressed with the Nursery and useful contacts were made.

The railway group has been invited to display the Nursery's model railway at the National Garden Railway Show in Peterborough next April. At the time of writing we are finalising details, watch this space...

## Bus Cuts

After lobbying throughout April to June, including a representative from the Nursery, the campaign to save threatened bus services coordinated by York Bus Forum resulted in only partial success. Regrettably the section of TransDev Route 20 which runs past the Nursery gate is discontinued from 30 August. The portion east of the river from Rawcliffe to Clifton Moor and Monks Cross remains broadly with a revised timetable, but loss of our easy link to Acomb is to be regretted for the whole community.

Volunteers and clients who need to access the nursery from Rawcliffe, Haxby and Clifton etc. will need to travel

into city centre and change to any bus which comes via A59, either 59 Park 'n' Ride or TransDev 22/23 (Ripon). The number 10 service which some use now is not very convenient but the train from York Station may be another option.

However the Bus Forum has not given up and will be looking at an alternative replacement service, which necessitates a good deal of market research and, hopefully, financial support from local businesses and ward budget funds.

## Twitter

The nursery's Twitter account has now 360 "followers" including some from Australia and the US. If you or your family or friends use Twitter, please follow us @pcrnpublicity, and "like" or re-tweet our messages to help spread the word.

## Saturday Sale Dates

The Nursery will be open between 10.00am and 1.00pm Saturday mornings for sale of shrubs, perennials and bedding plants on the following dates:

- 8 October
- 15 October
- 22 October
- 29 October
- 17 December



## Nursery Open Days

These will be held on the following Saturdays:

- 10 September 10.00–4.00
- 1 October 10.00–3.00
- 10 December 10.00–3.00

## Surplus Equipment Sale

The Open Day on 1 October will feature a sale of equipment which is surplus to the Nursery's requirements.

## Needs list

- Baskets from old flower arrangements, we can recycle them for Christmas decorations.
- Garden plants, shrubs, perennials that you no longer want. We can split them and grow them on for the nursery sales. Also if you are pruning an interesting shrub we'd love a small quantity to propagate from.
- Carrier bags
- 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. We do not want items that are broken, we are not a disposal service.

## Annual General Meeting 5 October 2016

The nursery company annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 October at 2.00pm at the nursery. Please put the date in your diary. After the formal business of the meeting Tim Elsworth will give an illustrated talk about the Nursery.

## Jobs

There are lots of tidying jobs at the nursery — any extra help would be appreciated. There are numerous repair and maintenance jobs on-site, and we need members with DIY skills to take them on. Please do contact us.

## For sale

### Cookery book

- A recipe book which compares wartime and present day recipes celebrating the fact that the nursery was a product of wartime Britain, they are on sale at a cost of £2.50 each or £3.25 posted

All items cheques to Poppleton Railway Nursery at the address on the front of the news letter.

## ... and finally

The York to Harrogate line has seen few charter trains since the re-routing of the Scarborough Spa Express in 2010, but there are a few. On 14

July one of the UK's most expensive charter trains visited the line. Once a year the Royal Scotsman operates its Grand Tour of Great Britain tour over 8 days and 7 nights, visiting Edinburgh, Glasgow, Keith, Perth, Scarborough, York, Cambridge, Oxford, Bath and Chester. Ticket prices start at £9,990 per person and the tour misses London completely! The photo shows the tour passing the Nursery en route from York to Harrogate hauled by GBRf class 66 66743 with the Nursery's Lister Loweco suitably positioned alongside.

