

The Potting Shed October 2018 No. 46



Come and join us on 6
October 10:00am –
3:00pm for our
Autumn Open Day
Sale. The narrow
gauge and model
railways will also be
on show. Tea, coffee
and homemade cake
will be available.

The Christmas Open
Day will be Saturday 8
December
10:00am–3:00pm.

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Editorial

This year has seen the 30th anniversary of the opening of the narrow gauge, next year will be ten years since we took over the former railway nursery. While it is too early to say what celebrations are planned for next year, your editor has something planned to celebrate the event, watch this space. After ten years of slow decay of greenhouses G7–G9, the removal of the asbestos roof has given the green light for work to start on rectifying that decay.

Railway and building work

Holidays and lack of absence of people has rather restricted the group from any major work over the summer. Little more than routine maintenance has been carried out on the narrow gauge railway. Two of the perspex panels in the wagon shed are not very securely fixed, glue has been tried but during the recent gales the panels have moved and eventually fallen out, we shall have to try something else.

On the model railway a new less sharp end curve has replaced the original and other rough sections of the track have been repaired.

The main work on buildings has been on greenhouses G7–G9, very little work has been carried out on this build-

ing and consequently it is in a poor condition. One of the blocks on working on the building was the presence of asbestos in the roof of adjoining boiler B2. As the Nursery is owned by Network Rail an approved contractor had to be used to remove the asbestos to Network Rail's satisfaction. This has been done and now we are clear to start on the task for refurbishing the greenhouse.



The removal of the roof means that the boiler in B2 is now open to the weather, although it is unlikely to be used again it has been sheeted over so that it could be cosmetically restored if required. The first phase of the work is to put a car port-style roof over the front of the building, this will be built from scratch as we did for the previous car port.

Much of the brick walls will be kept but the windows will be left open. A start has been made on the concrete footings for the uprights. While we have been doing the work it is obvious that when the greenhouse was built the bricks were laid onto the bare earth with little, if any foundations.



The space which will be covered by the car port-style roof.

Poppleton station adoption



There is unfortunately little to report this time.

We have had to suspend all our gardening work on the station because the fence has

been taken away by the owner of the plot next door, our flower bed wall has become unsafe, our water butt has got smashed up and cable has been laid on top of the soil and next to the missing fencing on the other platform.

This is not vandalism it is as a result of workmens' actions. We have tried to get Network Rail involved with no success.

We felt we should get Northern Rail to meet us on site to see what they could do to help us. Without water and a safe environment we feel unable to plant up any thing else.

We were due to meet them on Thursday 27 September. They could not make it in the event.

Hoping for a more positive report next time.

Colin Wood, Team Leader, Station Adopter Group

Sales day

The Nursery will be open for sales only on October 13, 10:00am-1:00pm.

The Nursery then...



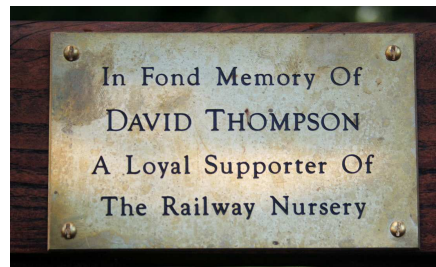
The portacabins hadn't arrived yet, the railway hadn't been extended round the car park and there was storage for coke etc.

... and now



The Kottlingly building, S7 and the signal remain in the current picture.

In Memoriam



A bench seat has been dedicated to David Thompson our former membership secretary.

Needs list

- Baskets from old flower arrangements.
- Garden plants, shrubs, perennials that you no longer want.
- 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.

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.

Volunteer Coordinator

- Can you spare a few hours each week?
- Do you enjoy meeting and helping people?

The nursery is currently looking for someone to take on the role of volunteer coordinator. The position would be ideal for someone who has good interpersonal and communication skills, is positive, enthusiastic and well organised.

The job would involve welcoming potential volunteers to the nursery, assisting them in identifying the role that they would be best suited to and helping them to settle in. If you have a friendly personality, enjoy meeting new people and would like a new challenge in your life why not consider applying?

For more information visit the website or contact the nursery by email and we will supply you with a full job description and answer any

questions you may have.

Jo Sullivan-Jones Chairperson

... and finally



Recent visitors to the Nursery may have seen the clock fixed to the car port. I just hope we don't get people meeting under it or expecting to catch Penzance bound trains.

A late summer miscellany

