

The Potting Shed July 2021 No. 60



The next Sales Day will be on Saturday 11 September 10:00am to 4:00pm. It will be followed by a railway event, see elsewhere in this issue.

Our Autumn sales day will be on Saturday 2 October from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

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Editorial

The ethos of the Nursery seems to be spreading. After a visit to Poppleton some visitors were inspired to do some planting on West Byfleet station in Surrey.

Life is slowly returning to normality and the Nursery is looking forward to the Heritage Open Day and new projects starting.

Sales Days

Subject to Covid-19 Restrictions, the Nursery will hold sales on the following dates:

11 September Heritage Day
10:00am to 4:00pm, followed by Railway Event
See elsewhere in this issue & website for further details.

2 October Autumn Open Day
10:00am to 3:00pm

20 November Early Christmas Sale
10:00am to 3:00pm

11 December Collection of Christmas Orders
10:00am to 1:00pm

The nursery is also open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 3:30pm.

Railway and building work

In the last few weeks we have completed jobs that have been

on-going, due to Covid restrictions and illness, for several months. The rabbit-proof fence has been completed so here's hoping that our furry friends are not getting in and eating the produce. The new drain at the back of S8 has been completed and this should prevent flooding from the field. A secure cabinet has been fitted in the engine shed to house flammable liquids.

A tidying up and rearranging items in the workshop part of the car port anticipates work on the unrestored trucks and for the first time the Greenwood and Batley electric trolley.

Railway passes

As the Nursery is the station adopter for Poppleton station, Northern provides a number of railway passes for travel on Northern rail services which the Nursery will lend to volunteers at the Nursery. Due to Covid we have not had valid passes for sometime. Northern have now issued passes valid until 2023. They are usable on all Northern services after 9:30am.

Outreach programme

For several years. Nursery staff have been visiting various groups (WI etc.) to tell the story of the Nursery. Recently Bob Brook gave a talk to the

Newton-on-Ouse WI. Due to Covid the meeting was held in the Newton-on-Ouse village hall car park. It was not possible to use a Powerpoint presentation and Bob had to rely on pre-printed images from the presentation. In spite of the lack of the normal presentation, judging by the report from the Easingwold Gazette, the talk went over very well.



Bob Brook selling Nursery plants to the ladies of the Newton-on-Ouse WI.

11 September

Saturday 11 September is our next sales day. The Nursery will be open from 10:00am. There will be plants for sale, the narrow gauge and model railways will be on display together with the historic buildings of the Nursery. We will have a visiting Lister Autotruck similar to *LoweCo* from the Ripon & District Railway. Around 11:30 the steam roller *White Rose* will arrive and be on display for the rest of the day.

After the normal sales day on 11 September, we are having a railway event from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. There will

be running of trains on the narrow gauge railway and operation of the model railway. View the website for further details.



Help required

We are looking for help to run the railway event. If you would like to help, no prior knowledge required, email timelsworth52@gmail.com or come along to the Nursery between 2 and 5pm any Thursday.

BLS Raitour

The Branch Line Society recently ran a 4-day series of raitours starting in Scotland and visiting various parts of the railway system in northern England. On the fourth day the tour did a circuit of the Harrogate loop. The tours saw the failure of 3 class 37 locos,

a coach derailment in Holgate Sidings and a 2-hour late arrival back at York one day, the photo shows the tour making a sedate passage through Poppleton. The tours raised money for the Martin House Hospice. indicated by the headboard on the loco.



LoweCo plate



Since *LoweCo* arrived from the Abbey Railway at Poppleton, there has been two screw holes and a dirt mark on the side of the cab indicative of a missing works plate. Recently on a visit to Neil Clayton's Ripon railway we met James Jones who had been a driver at the Abbey Light Railway and on closure had kept the missing plate. James was keen to see the plate reunited with the loco. A couple of weeks ago he visited the Nursery and returned the plate.



On having a ride behind *LoweCo*, James became quite emotional and he said that it reminded of his days on the Abbey Railway.

Ten Years Ago

The was no **Potting Shed** between May and September ten years ago, so I've put some

photos taken ten years ago at the end of this issue. Can you identify the location of the one not taken at Poppleton?

Poppleton station adoption

We have completed planting lots of colourful bedding plants on the station so of course weeding and watering—especially in these very hot days—are taking up some of our time.

Passenger numbers are continuing to increase on the trains while mask wearing is already becoming more fragile. These could be difficult times!

We are persevering with Northern to see if we can fi-

nally get their agreement for our notice board to be put on display, perhaps fixed to the fence. They have now awarded us our 2020 grant which together with some unspent funds from the previous year should cover it's purchase cost and those of plants and upkeep.

The team at Knaresborough Station seem to have some good ideas so we will be picking their brains when we can during the next few weeks.

We are still only a small team and we are not getting any younger so we also intend to explore ideas for flowering shrubs to take up the majority of our spaces for subsequent planting as bedding plants are quite a lot of work!

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