



The Potting Shed November 2010

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Welcome to our latest news publication .

CHRISTMAS SALE

Come and join us on the
11th December 2010
10.00am - 3.00pm
to welcome
Father Christmas
and the

Lord Mayor and the Civic Party

FOR A SALE OF

Christmas decorations, Wreaths,
Hyacinths, Perennials, Shrubs and
winter bedding.

There will be a Tombola ,Book
stall and a model railway layout

REFRESHMENTS

Mince pies and mulled fruit
punch, Tea and coffee and Cakes

Future Plant Sales

At Poppleton Nursery

Early Spring Plant Sale.

26th March 2011

from

10.00am – 3.00pm

POPPLETON COMMUNITY

RAILWAY NURSERY

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Needs list

Thanks to those who donated
items after the last request, we

would still like the following if
anyone has some available:

**Workshop stove to heat the
potting shed, Lino or heavy
duty floor covering, external
doors, large water tanks.
Garden hand tools, 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 fees due

1st January 2011

A Renewal Form can be
downloaded from our
website: www.
poppletonrailwaynursery.
co.uk

Subscriptions are
£5 full membership
£2 student/unwaged/ over
60's

£10 corporate membership
Please include an email
address if possible as this is
the most cost effective way of
keeping in contact with
people.

Send to:

Membership Secretary

At the Nursery address

Volunteers needed - Can You

Help?

We continue to welcome
volunteers to help on
buildings and railway
restoration. We would always
welcome those who would

like to spend time on the
horticulture side, from growing
and potting on to weeding and
general keeping things tidy,
something for every ability with
pleasant surroundings and good
company. The nursery will be
open 4 days most weeks and
volunteers are welcome on any of
those days. Please make contact
first. We need volunteers to take
on some of the admin jobs such
as volunteer co-ordinator and
meeting secretary

Notes from the annual meeting of Poppleton Community Railway Nursery on 7th October

Bob Brook welcomed everyone to
the meeting he spoke about the
nursery year. It had been
challenging so much to do , more
groups involved in the work of
the nursery, York House, a local
head injuries unit, Manor School,
two visits. A visit from the local
Brownies, a Toddlers group,
which ran from here once a
month during the spring and
summer. A group from Aviva who
helped tidy the garden area, and
the Community Payback team
which did lots of drainage work,
to help prevent the nursery
flooding in wet weather. It was
wonderful to see such diverse
groups working together for the
benefit of the whole nursery, and
in harmony. The Nursery kept its
head above water financially. We
ran 54 sales around the York area
and 16 from the nursery site.
Thanks were extended to
everyone who helps run the plant



sales. During the year the nursery took on the responsibility for Poppleton Railway station garden, Rachel Baker has done most of the work bedding them out twice for the change of seasons. It is hoped that Northern Rail will make a donation towards the cost of the plants. Bedding plants were sold to stations on the Settle and Carlisle line and it is hoped that this will increase in 2011. The narrow gauge railway on site has now got three trucks renovated and a fourth on the way. It is hoped that one day there will be an engine on site, but this will require some negotiation. Charitable status is in progress. The first set of forms have been completed, but more needs to be done. The benefit however will be getting access to grant funding from the charity sector. The board of directors have already identified several of the larger jobs on site until grants are obtained to be able to complete them. During the year the directors decided to run the monthly board meetings as open meetings with representatives from other organisations and nursery officers attending. This has worked well.

Adoption of Accounts:

The Treasurer explained the accounts to the meeting. The financial year for the nursery runs from 1st May to last day of April. Income for last year was 3,936 and expenditure was £3,033. This years accounts have been

presented to companies house. The turn over is rising but so are costs. It is in a break even situation. The growing of plants and plant sales are increasing. There is approximately £4,100 in the bank at the date of the annual meeting. Our biggest purchase has been the printer and software for a labelling system, this will enhance sales. The main costs are insurance and utilities, repairs and nursery renewables. The income is from plant sales. The Treasurer stated that no directors or officers were paid any expenses during the previous year. The treasurer answered questions.

Appointment of Directors:

The Chairman explained the situation to the meeting, and there was agreement from the members to let the board of directors form a policy on who should resign each year to maintain a rolling appointment of directors. Mr Emmott proposed, and Mr Collett seconded that the current four directors Mr Brook, Mr lee, Mr Nunn and Mr Salveson remain in office, this was agreed by the members. Appointment of Officers: Mr Botting proposed and Mr Scott seconded Mr Emmott as treasurer, this was agreed by the members. Mr Brook proposed and Mr Botting seconded Mr

Thompson as membership secretary, this was agreed by the members. Mr Emmott proposed and Mr Brook seconded Mr Scott as Health and Safety representative for the Nursery, this was agreed by the members. Mr Brook asked for nominations for a volunteer co-ordinator. There were no volunteers.. Mr Brook was appointed acting chairman the meeting agreed to this appointment. Publicity continues to be looked after by Mr Lee and Mr Pollard. It was suggested that we need to look for someone to help with fund raising.

Any other business:

Christmas Sale – It was important that this was advertised well, in the local press the free magazines, local radio and the metro. It was suggested that we ask local firms linked to horticulture to the sale and the local gardening clubs Mr and Mrs Pearson will run a Christmas decorations stall at Stamford Bridge Christmas fair, in aid of the nursery. Peter Scott suggested taking a stall at the Labour Party Christmas sale.

The production of a nursery leaflet which could be handed out at sales was needed. Mr Nunn has this in hand.