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NEWSLETTER – JULY/SEPTEMBER 2009

Dear Member

Its newsletter time again! The months are galloping past already this year. I hope you are managing to get some work done in your gardens. We have had some lovely days so far this summer so lets hope they continue, so we can get the gardens looking their best. There are a few things to tell you about what is happening in the society.

Cup holders from the Summer and Autumn Shows

Please can I ask the winners of the cups from the Summer and Autumn shows to arrange to take them down to the hut or pass them onto Bob Warbouys by the beginning of July so that we can organise to get them engraved ready for this years shows.

Garden Trail 18th July 2009

We have our bi-annual Garden Trail on the 18th July. It starts any time after 10.00am and finishes at about 4.00pm. The Trail starts at our house – 41 Upton Lane, where you can collect your Trail Guide. We have 11 gardens on the trail, all of which are beautiful and all very different. Some of them you may have visited before others are new to the trail. The cost is £1 per person and there is a quiz for you to do as you go round. Refreshments will be available to buy to help you on your way. We are having a plant sale in aid of Claire House Children's Hospice and will deliver any plants locally that you cannot carry. I would like to give a huge thank you to all the members that have agreed to open their gardens for us as they are all working very hard to make their gardens look extra special. We just need to hope for good weather so everyone's hard work has been worth while.

Grange Farm Visit 5th August

We have arranged a visit to Grange Farm in Mickle Trafford on Wednesday 5th August. We are to meet at 6.00pm in the Nags Head car park. We will leave there to go on the tour. If you would like to go please put your name down on the list that is at the Hut or contact me and I will add your name. The visit is free to our members. If you are going please make sure you wear sensible foot wear.

Summer Show

I hope you have all been studying your Show Schedules so you will be able to put in plenty of entries. The Summer Show is on Saturday 29th August.

We have 2 extra classes this year in memory of two long serving members. Class 45 in the Dahlia section is in memory of Ken Stamp and Class 86 in the Pot Plant section is in memory of Harold Read. So it would be lovely if you could support these classes.

The children's classes have been split into 3 age groups Under 7, 7 to 10 and 11 to 16 years. There are some good classes for them again this year. So please encourage any of your families or friends children to enter. If you require a schedule please let me know. Any questions you have please ask and we will try and help.

Hoole Allotment Day 20th June 2009

Hoole allotment is having an open day on Saturday June 20th from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. All are welcome to go and see what happens 'on the allotment'. It should be a very good afternoon so do try and pop along.

Website

We have a 'new look' website! Our webmaster has updated the look of our website for us so please have a look and let me know what you think. If there is anything you would like putting onto it please let me know and I can organise it for you. We keep it updated with events, meeting information, photos of shows, trips etc. The web address is on the top of this letter.

Gardening Offers

We have been given a website address for you to use that gives various offers like 2 for 1 vouchers for a number of attractions for example Ness Gardens, Jodrell Bank Arboretum and Levens Hall in Cumbria to name but a few. The website address is www.enw.co.uk/gardens. Vouchers need to be printed off the website. Worth having a look.

Membership

Janet and Mike have asked me to ask you that if you have given your email address to them for them to send you our newsletters etc if you change your email address please could you let them know. This would help them considerably.

Bird Food Orders

We will again be ordering bird food in the Autumn. The Hut team will be collecting the orders from the Summer Show until the October meeting. So if you require any food to feed the birds over the winter please let them know.

News from the Hut

We have had a very busy season down at the Hut so far this season. Thank you for all your support and to the helpers who are all working very hard.

The Hut is open on a Monday night 7pm – 8pm until the beginning of September when it will go to a Saturday. Please do carry on supporting them. Don't forget if you need any Autumn Lawn Food please let them know.

And finally

I hope you have a good gardening season and we hope to see you on the Garden Trail and at the Summer Show.

Wendy Carman
Chairman