



'The Potting Shed'

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Come and join us on the
28th March from
10.00am - 3.00pm
For our open day.

There will be
refreshments and our
volunteers will be on
hand to tell you the
nursery history

We will also be open
from 9.30am till 1.00pm
on 14th March where we
will be selling plants for
Mothering Sunday

We will begin our regular
Saturday morning plant
sales from 11th April
through to 4th July

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**Our next open day is on
25th April from
10.00am – 3.00pm.**

Needs list

We would be grateful for any garden plants, shrubs, perennials that you no longer want. We can split them and grow them on for the nursery sales. We would be very grateful for some cotton hand towels. Also we need as many carrier bags as we can gather before the carrier bag tax comes begins in October. We are always looking for 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.

Membership

Was due on 1st January 2015 If you would like to renew your membership please forward your subscriptions to the membership secretary at the nursery address. A form can be downloaded from our website: subscriptions are: £10 Corporate £5 full membership £2 for students

unwaged and over 60's To cope with the postage costs if you cannot supply an email address the minimum subs rate will be £5. For people who do not have an email address and can collect newsletters from the nursery the £2 rate will continue.

Jobs

We need more people to volunteer to help the nursery with the spring gardening jobs, pricking out the seedlings and potting the cuttings for this years bedding plant sales. There are numerous repair and maintenance jobs onsite, and we need people with DIY skills to take them on. Please do contact us.

St Crux Sale

Again we have been fortunate to secure a booking at St Crux Hall on Wednesday 13th May. We will need lots of help to transport things there and many hands to actually do the selling and food preparation. We will be selling bedding plants, second hand books, bric a brac and cakes, so we will need donations from you all.

New addition

To the nursery is a concrete hard standing to unload pallets of potting compost, outside S9. With grateful thanks to some expert friends of the nursery for their advice and labour.



Conifer Felling

With the help of David Antill we have finally removed the last of the gigantic conifers overshadowing the growing space



at the far end of the nursery. The last three produced a huge mound of wood which needed to be got rid of, in the end we managed to burn the conifer tops and David took away the usable branches for firewood.



Online Giving

Thanks to all those members who have made donations to date - either online or by cheque, this money has been earmarked for the long term project to

redevelop the space known as G7,8 & 9

Nursery Clothing

How would you like to promote the Nursery with PCRN Branded Clothing? We have been investigating the possibility of purchasing branded clothing to help promote the nursery's image and improve our public profile. All items will be bottle green with the logo of the nursery embroidered on them. They will be of good quality material at an attractive price. Before an order is placed, we would like to gauge the level of interest from members. Approximate prices (incl VAT) are as follows:

Fleece £23 - £27

T-Shirt £9 - £16

Polo Shirt £11 - £18

Sweatshirt £15 - £19

These prices are dependent on the number of items ordered. If you would be interested in ordering any of these, please contact Graham Collett Email collettgl@gmail.com or the nursery on pcrn.info@yahoo.co.uk by March 31st.

Sign writing for the Van

Again we are indebted to the Round Table who are going to pay for the van, which they

donated to us back in November, to have our logo and contact details put on the sides. This will help raise the profile of the nursery as we travel about to the various sales round the city.

Talks and visits

Bob Brook continues to take the existence of the Community Nursery to the wider public with his illustrated talk on the history and current status of the nursery. This has paid dividends with numerous groups then wanting to visit our site and the resulting plant sales. We have recently be approached by a group from Wetherby called 'Open Country' they would like to bring a group of people to the nursery to experience our facilities, we hope that if they like it they will come back again. We continue to make contact with other groups around the area who might come and join in with the preservation and nursery work taking place at Poppleton.



Railway News

Work has gone on through the winter finishing off the extension at the end of the nursery, still some clearing up jobs to do (see picture),



but we are already thinking of next jobs. At last we have finished cleaning and painting the ground signal from the NRM, and it is now in place near the car park.



The motorised trolley (Terry Stanhope) has had work done to repair the gearbox and clutch, and is now running well. Work has also been progressing on the Lister loco, but we still cannot get the motor to run. Any expert advice would be helpful.

Museum News

Because of various personal constraints, we have not done as much as we had hoped this winter, but work on sorting, cataloguing and clearing paperwork has continued, along with getting some of the old diaries details into the computer. We hope by the time of the first open days to be able to present a fairly tidy and interesting display, although it will not be finished.

Buildings

Although the work we have done to bring the Nursery buildings, back into good repair over the last 6 years, has met with the approval of our Landlord (Network Rail), there is still much to do. The Thursday group hope to spend more time this summer, repairing several roofs and doors, as well as starting on a bigger project. If there is anyone who feels they can help with building work, please contact the nursery. There are jobs for all abilities.