

17th June 2pm-4pm : Library Lecture Room



Nature New Mills is a group supporting the community in helping nature recover, by protecting habitats and endangered species, and increasing the variety and abundance of wildlife.

It is involved with a variety of fascinating projects supporting other community groups (Incredible Edible, Friends of New Mills Station), habitats (Mousley Bottom) and specific tasks (removing Himalayan Balsam, tree planting etc). So, think we can look forward to an interesting and inspiring talk by Jill Hulme from Nature New Mills and advice on our tree planting project!

15th July 2pm-4pm : Visit to David Ross Nursery

This month our several times delayed visit to **David Ross Plant Nursery** in Kettleshulme and apologies for the frustrations and disappointments.

With any luck it could well be better timing in respect of the weather! Fingers crossed and I will reconfirm numbers and arrangements for car shares nearer the time.

Sue knows we are aiming to be with her for 2pm but just as soon as you can get there is fine of course. I see from the Nursery Facebook page there is a May to June Plant Availability in case you wish to have your shopping list ready.



19th August 2pm-4pm : Garden Visit



An invitation to visit our garden which I should say is very much a work in progress. Having moved to Whaley Bridge from Devon three years ago it is clear we are yet to reacclimatise to the changed growing conditions.

We are on Macclesfield Road in Whaley Bridge and, especially if we can organise car shares, there should be no difficulty finding a car parking space.

Hopefully, it can be a forum to offer advice, share anecdotes and pick each other's gardening brains.

And the kettle will be on.

16th September 2pm-4pm : Library Lecture Room



Taking up one of the ideas suggested when we first came together, I thought it would be a good this month to have a **Plant Swap**.

So, if you have any seeds you would like to swap or plants and seedlings (indoor and/or outdoor) you are happy to share please bring them along. Plus, if you could bring anything suitable for our table at the 20th Anniversary Group Display.

17th September : Town Hall Main Hall

Annual Groups Display & 20th Anniversary Celebration

When twenty years ago Ethne Bailey suggested setting up the New Mills & District u3a there were many who thought it would not be popular. Undeterred she, her husband and a neighbour canvassed the local area and soon had 165 members and 37 interest groups. Today we consistently have 500+ members and 36 Activity Groups. So, something to celebrate and there are sure to be lots of reminiscences.

And there is a promise of refreshments and a celebratory cake!



21st October



I wondered if for our last meeting of the year we should plan a harvest lunch? If there is enthusiasm suggestions of where we could go would be most welcome. Within easy travelling distance would be best I think.

FOOTNOTES



I contacted Craig Pickering, the Gardener at New Mills School, to check if we could organise a visit on a Monday afternoon. Sadly not. However, a reminder that the Open Days this year are on 13th & 14th July 2pm-5pm.



I understand from our May meeting that the NMAGS open days on 20th and 27th July are not now going ahead. If you have any up to date news, please could you let me know.