



## North East Group Registered Charity No. 1004009

## Summer Bulletin -Update for 2013

Time goes so fast when you're enjoying yourself, which I'm sure we all are in this prolonged period of summer weather. As a result the autumn programme is already appearing over the horizon.

Here is a reminder of various forthcoming events:

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August: 2-5pm, Polemonium Open Day at the Nichol-Browns' at Trimdon Station.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**: Blagdon Plant Fair. 10am – 3pm. This looked in doubt, but now some extra nurseries are coming, possibly because there was no Gateshead Flower Show. Make sure you come, and encourage others to attend. In addition to our own plant stall (please bring anything you feel would be appropriate for selling) there will be a "Problem Table" - bring your problem plants / queries for advice. If you can display or distribute posters and / or flyers, please contact a Committee member to obtain these nearer the date. Volunteers will be needed to help in the Tearoom. As usual donations of home made cakes etc. will be welcome. Please bring them on the day. We also need help with car parking, setting up etc. contact David Goodchild (01661 823145 or 07802 745482 or david @potentilla.org.uk).

Saturday 12th October: Lecture - Simon Thompson of Northern Ark Nursery.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**: Propagation Worksop (Division & Pruning) at the Goodchilds' from 10am till ?pm. Bring some lunch and any suitable plant material and tools (secateurs & border forks).

**Public Lecture 19**<sup>th</sup> **October 2103 at Northumbria University** Toby Buckland is going to talk on "Chelsea in your Garden" on 19<sup>th</sup> (**not 26**<sup>th</sup>) October. Contact Jackie Latham (0776 214 0433 or JACKIEBROWN37@gmail.com) for tickets (also available on <a href="https://www.wegottickets.com">www.wegottickets.com</a>).

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Proposed coach trip to Thorp Perrow – see overleaf.

Saturday 9th November: Lecture - Martin Walker "National Collections of the City of Leeds".

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas session – a talk by Lord Howick on Plant Hunting and nibbles.

We are still trying to coax those who currently require hard copies to provide us with an email address instead. High postage and printing costs eat into funds which can be better used to help Plant Heritage. Can another member who lives near you keep you up-to-date with print-outs if you don't use the internet? Contact Alison Brown (0191 266 6635) or Bryan Stanley (01670 787 916) to update us.

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## Plant Heritage Autumn Day Trip to Thorp Perrow Arboretum on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013

A day trip to see the autumn colour at Thorp Perrow Arboretum, near Bedale, North Yorkshire which has one of the finest collections of shrubs and trees in the country. The cost of the trip will include coach travel, admission to the Arboretum plus a guided tour of the Arboretum by the curator.

Cost per person is £23.

Itinerary:

8.30am Depart Cramlington.

9am Depart Outside Newcastle Central Station.

10am - ish Coffee, toilet and plant nursery stop at the Lakeside Country Cafe at Scorton DL10 6AP.

Lakeside Country Cafe offers a wide selection of freshly baked scones and cakes plus teas, coffees and other drinks. Green Frog Garden shop is next door to the cafe and is a small independent nursery selling a wide selection of shrubs, climbers, alpine and seasonal bedding.

11.45 Arrive at Thorp Perrow.

Midday Guided tour which last one and half hours.

1.30pm Chance to have a look around Thorp Perrow including the plant nursery and birds of prey flying demonstration. You can buy lunch in the cafe or optionally you can bring your own picnic.

4.30pm Leave Thorp Perrow for home.

I would strongly recommend that you wear sensible footwear and bring some waterproof clothing. Don't forget your camera as there will be some spectacular photo opportunities.

Please note there are no discounts for OAPs or RHS members when you make a **group** booking with Thorp Perrow.

If you would like to join us on this day trip then please send completed booking form plus cheque to address given below. Closing date for bookings is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please note that you do not have to be a member of Plant Heritage to come along. Please feel free to bring your friends. Also if there is enough interest there may be an additional pick up point at Durham.

If you have any questions then please ring or email Irene Bosomworth: Phone on 0783 533 2931 or email at i.bosomworth@btinternet.com or Tel: 0783 533 2931.

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			PICK UP (please tick)	Cramlington 8.30 am	Newcastle Central Station 9.00 am
			Please reserve places at £23 each. I enclose a cheque for (Cheque made payable to <b>NCCPG</b>		