

HOPE's plans for 2012

Shop to open at the Garden

After discussion with the staff, the Directors decided that a shop will be opened at the HOPE in the late spring of next year. Because we have only two gardeners we have had to make substantial changes to the way that the Garden will be run in the future.

Richard and Joyce have implemented a new layout with the Garden be arranged in four quarters which will be managed on a rotation basis. A shop will opened selling organic vegetables and plants as well as garden related items such as compost and garden related products.

The vegetable box scheme has been discontinued. This scheme has been very demanding of staff time and has not generated a great deal of income. The new arrangements will mean that our trainees will be able to learn new skills working in the shop and dealing with the public.

More volunteers required

The new arrangements will require a lot more volunteers as we plan to have the shop open 5 days a week from 10 am until 4 pm and possibly Saturday mornings. Volunteers will be needed for two shifts per day. Those people volunteering in the mornings will be required to supervise the trainees. We are undertaking a recruitment drive to attract more volunteers for next spring. If you would like to volunteer please let the staff know or contact Cedric de Voil on 01241 872614.

Staff appointments

Since Bernie left HOPE the Directors have appointed Richard Bruce as Garden Manager. Joyce Pearce is Garden Development Worker.

HOPE Christmas Fair

This year we are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 10th December at Old & Abbey Church Hall in Arbroath from 10 am till 12 noon. This will take the form of a festive coffee morning. We shall have holly wreaths and bowls of hyacinths for sale as well as raffle, tombola, cake & candy and bric a brac stalls. Our recipe book "Herbs with HOPE" will be on sale. Admission is £1.00.

We need donations of mince pies and items for all the stalls please. If you have not been asked and would like to help at the fair please let Cedric or other HOPE committee members know.

Christmas wreaths

Every year the staff make hand made holly wreaths. If you have holly and other greenery for these wreaths please bring it to the Garden as soon as possible. Work begins at the start of December.

Christmas party

Each year HOPE organises a Christmas party to thank the staff, trainees and staff for their efforts on behalf of HOPE over the past year. The arrangements are the same as last year. It is our intention to present the trainees with their Certificates of Achievement during the party. We will meet at the British Legion Halls in Arbroath on the evening of 15th December. Tony Simpson and the Inchcape Band will provide the music.

HOPE would like to wish all our supporters and customers seasons greetings and we look forward to a successful year in 2012.

GARDENERS QUESTION TIME

HOPE held a very enjoyable evening on 24th August in the Jazz Room at Hospitalfield House. The panel was Anne Webster (Ashbrook Nursery), Colin Ainsworth (Dundee City Council) and Claire Reaney (Dundee University Botanic Garden). John Shearer chaired the meeting. We raised £345.

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