



REDBOURN IN Bloom

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SOCIETY NEWS

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Programme for Summer/Autumn 2021:

Summer Planting

Saturday 5th June

We shall be meeting at the Fire Station at 10 a.m. to plant our summer plants in the beds and planters along the High St. Our colour scheme for the central village area is Deep Red / Burgundy, Orange and Blue. Many hands make light work! If you can help, please meet us there. Contact Pat Schofield for details.

Redbourn in Bloom Local Awards.

Our committee members will be judging these around the end of June. The categories are Front Gardens, Best Pub, Shop, Local Business, Allotment, Community Building and Sheltered Accommodation.



Tim Kirby, one of our Front Garden winners last year

Replacing "The Drum"

Date to be announced

After clearing the plants and removing the log surrounds, we are ready to start building the new planter at the Bypass / Hemel Hempstead Rd. corner. We are awaiting a date for the delivery of the new timbers – hopefully Sat. 12th June. We are planning to do the preparation work at the Scout Hut. WE NEED HELP moving the timbers, cutting and painting them, then transporting them, fixing together and filling with soil on the Sunday. If you, or anyone you know, can help, please contact Mike Thain, (see back page).



The Drum, taking out plants 10.5.21



Demolishing of The Drum 17.5.21

Stall At Active In Redbourn Fun Day

Saturday 3rd July on the Common

Come and join in the village celebration to mark the end of Lockdown (hopefully!). We shall be organizing a fun game of "Throw the Bug in the Pot" for children, (bugs kindly knitted by Diane Whiskin), a Plant Stall, and inviting youngsters to Name our New Planter. If you can help for an hour or two, and /or can donate plants, please contact Pat.

Anglia In Bloom

July / August

The regional campaign will be held virtually again this year. We shall be entering all 10 categories, including Special Feature, (The Puddingstone Bed and The Portico at the Museum), Spring and Summer Bedding, Sustainable Planting, (The Parish Centre and Cumberland Gardens), Public Space, Churchyard, Wildlife Area, Hanging Baskets and "It's Your Neighbourhood". More details opposite.



Puddingstone Replanting 2.5.21

Grand Autumn Show

Saturday 11th September, 2.15pm at the Village Hall

We hope to hold a "real" show this year. Schedules giving all details of how and what to enter will be available soon. We always welcome new entrants, including children. If you have any skills in growing fruit, vegetables or flowers, craft-work, home-baking, making preserves, or flower-arranging, please have a go! Helpers will also be needed to set up on the Friday evening, and with the Entrance, Raffle and Refreshments on the day. We would also welcome one or two new members of the sub-committee which organizes the event. For further details, please contact Richard Morgan.

Day Trip To Cambridge Botanic Gardens

Tuesday 14th September

This will be our first trip for a couple of years – all being well! The price will be £25 per person. If you would like to join us on this visit to the beautiful and very interesting Botanic Garden, with coach transport included, please contact Terry Hunt.



Cambridge Botanic Gardens

Craft Fair

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st October at the Village Hall.

For Craft Stall bookings, please contact Diane.

More About Our Entries For Anglia In Bloom

It's Your Neighbourhood

Fish St. Approach

Ann & John Davis, who have achieved big improvements with their work along the High St. verge...



Fish St. Approach

Lockdown Litter-Pick

Also included in St. Albans Sustainability Festival, our ongoing individual / family / group litter picks have helped to keep the village tidy. Thanks to everyone who has taken part so far. Litter-pickers can be borrowed from Diane.



Meadow View



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...and with Hilary Brown, who has been working hard on the Fish St. Farm corner.



Fish St. Farm

We also hope to enter Brooke End Verge, The Woollams, New Forge Place and St. Matthews for "It's Your Neighbourhood".

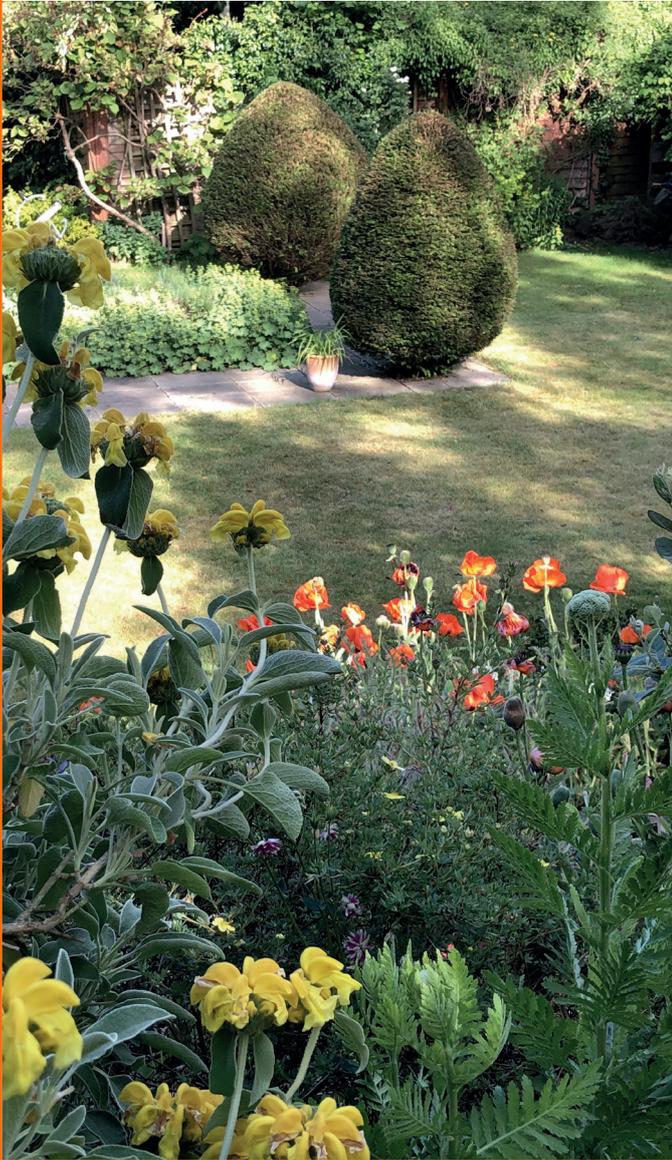
Wildlife Area

The amazing Dry Hedge created by Ann & John near to the River Ver, using branches and twigs cleared from the High St. verge.



Notelets

There are only 12 sets of our (version 2) notelets left! Featuring lovely photos of plants and gardens taken by some of our members, we are requesting a minimum donation of £7 for a set of 10. Please contact Pat if you would like some.



Janet Lang's Garden

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who has continued to help during these strange times. Please encourage others to join us, and if you, or someone you know, can spare an hour or two to help with weeding, planting, occasional heavier tasks, or at events, we would be delighted to hear from you.

If people are unable to help practically, they would still be very welcome to join. All funds from our annual subscriptions help towards our planting projects.

Membership Renewal

If you haven't yet renewed, (or can't remember if you have!), please contact Pauline. Many Thanks!

Goodbye And Thanks To Susan Stacey

We are sadly saying farewell to Susan, who is moving away from Redbourn in June. Susan has been an invaluable committee member over the last few years, and has very ably looked after our website. Thankyou so much Susan – we shall miss you!

We are delighted that Becky Vernon – Clinch has agreed to take on the website for us. We now have a VACANCY FOR A NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER. If you would like to be more involved in helping us to organize our activities and events, please contact Pat to find out more.

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