

Love Luddenden Newsletter

The  Friendly Village

Britain in Bloom & Yorkshire in Bloom Village Gold Medal Winners

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Village News

Once again thanks to all villagers and folk from further afield who supported this year's plants sale. We raised just short of a thousand pounds due to the many donations of plants, greetings cards, wooden planters, a raffle and bedding from Kitsons. This money will again be ploughed back into the village to continue making Luddenden Bloom. Plants that did not sell on the day were placed on the High Street plant and produce table and soon disappeared. So hopefully a few more pounds have been donated in the honesty box to help support the village.



The Lord Nelson

After thirteen years Debbie has for various reasons called time at the "Nellie". She has over the years been a great supporter of our entries into the "In Bloom" competition, and has on several occasions been highly praised by the judges for her floral displays. Debbie has also won awards outside of the competition namely in the 2013 Enterprise Pub Floral Competition. Whatever the future holds for her we send Debbie our best wishes for the future.

More News

After the plant sale the team were out in force on the Bank Holiday Monday clearing and planting up all the tubs, hayracks and boxes with summer bedding which as usual we bought from Kitsons. Thankfully, though not to everyone's liking, the wet weather has helped the plants bed in, and they are already looking good. Nigel and his volunteers have been working very hard along the riverbank, cutting back saplings and clearing debris. This has greatly improved the views and also helped the various animals especially birds. If you want to join in with this ongoing project, check out the Luddenden in Bloom Face book page for work party dates. The Mayor's Fund also needs images of local views for next years calendar. If you want to submit photos, please send them to Phil at the email address Luddendenmayor@email.com. Everyone will be credited for their photos' which need to be with Phil by mid July. Having walked round the village several times these last few weeks, it is going to be tough judging the Ada Brook Trophy for the best house frontage. Don't forget that this will take place during August.



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The Plant & Produce Table on High Street

Keep a check on the table during summer for all sorts of plants, veg and fruit that villagers donate.



Dates for the diary

Mayor Making

Ada Brook Trophy Judging

Saturday 10th September

August



Gardening tips for July

Ensure all your summer bedding in baskets, tubs, hayracks etc are watered twice a day, in the morning and late evening. Apply a liquid feed twice a week and keep dead heading to ensure they keep blooming. In the greenhouse support and tie in your cordon tomato plants and pinch out any side shoots. You will also need to support your cucumber plants. Make sure on hot days that the greenhouse is well ventilated and again water twice a day from cans you have filled with water and left inside your glasshouse. Toms and cucumbers do better with tepid water. In the veg plot plant out autumn and winter cabbage but don't forget to protect them against pigeons and the cabbage white butterfly. Dig up early spuds once the plant flowers. With the space cleared use it again by planting out something like leeks or grow some quick salad such as lettuce and radish.



Eric's View

Lots of new life visiting my feeders these last few weeks. The highlight was the parent Great Spotted Woodpecker bringing its fledglings to the garden. Managed to get them in doors to put a photo on the facebook page. Jays are very vocal at the moment and are busy in the trees and fields searching for food or scolding my friend Salem if he gets too close. Four Buzzards have been seen flying over the village. Enjoy the Swifts flying about the village, as they will soon be heading south again now they have reared their young.



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