

*Yorkshire in Bloom Village Gold Medal Winners 2004,2007 and 2010*

*Britain in Bloom Silver Medallist 2005*

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*"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom" – Marcel Proust, French Novelist*



### **News from the village**

By now everyone in the village should know the fantastic news that Luddenden is the RHS Britain in Bloom Village Gold Medal and category winner for 2011. It was a very close competition and I think the whole village, along with the team, would like to express their congratulations to the other villages in the group as we are all in fact winners. Our local newspapers did us proud with their coverage and, if you missed the reports, we have placed the articles on the web site. Radio Leeds also interviewed Trevor on drive time the day after the awards ceremony, which was, unfortunately, the only radio or TV coverage we received. As for the six 'bloomers' who attended the awards ceremony - we are still on cloud nine.

This award though was not just about us but the whole of the Luddenden community. In 1998 when we embarked on this horticultural road we were reliant on the 'Nellie', being the sole business in Luddenden, and on the Conservation Society, together with various small grants and sponsorships, to fund our floral displays. Since then it has been you the villager, who, by supporting all our fund raising activities, has allowed us to raise the money needed for them. It may have taken a dozen years to get that gold medal but it is recognition for the community of Luddenden as to what can be achieved by a relatively few on a small budget and should serve as inspiration to other villages in the country.

What next? Well, the Yorkshire in Bloom 2012 campaign kicks off in November and the team is already planning the floral displays. These will not only show our support for the Olympics but also celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The colour scheme in the spring will be red, white and blue and for summer, predominantly white. If you are looking for a theme for your pots tubs and baskets why not use the same colours. We have also been in contact with Calderdale and are hoping their planting around the cenotaph will also reflect the schemes we have chosen.

Finally, don't forget we are once again awarding a fair trade hamper to the best home made Christmas Wreath using at least 50% natural material. So start planning yours now by looking out for suitable material when you are walking around the village. Instructions on how to make a wreath will shortly be available on the website.

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## **Flower Pots Urgently Required**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are still looking for pot donations. 1/2 litre and 1-litre pots can be left at Badger Cottage on High Street & 2 litre pots for Debbie can be left at the 'Nellie'.



## **Gardening tips for October**

From now until spring gardening activities will be governed by the weather. Clear your veg plots of old plants and compost them. If you are not planting anything in them to over winter think about sowing some green manure such as winter rye, which can be cut down and dug in when spring arrives. Continue to plant spring bulbs in pots, containers and borders. Providing the weather stays fairly mild you can continue to plant bulbs outside right up to the end of December so look out for bargains. Leaves can now be raked up, tied in a bag with a few holes for drainage and left outside to rot down over winter to make a good mulch of leafmold for next year. Dig up and store dahlia tubers and gladioli corms. Until the end of November you can still split your congested clumps of perennials. In the greenhouse finish bringing in tender plants but remember if we get another harsh winter you may still need to fleece them for added protection.



## **Dates for the diary**

Christmas Wreath Competition 2011- December -Win a Fair Trade Hamper



## **Eric's View**

Small flocks of Pied Wagtails have been seen in the village. Goldfinches, Coal and Long Tail tits are returning to the garden feeders so keep them well stocked, as they will need our help to survive another winter. Tawny owls are being very vocal during the night and Robins have started their winter song so listen out for them throughout the day. Watch out for Fieldfares & Redwings arriving for the winter months

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