



Part of RHS **BRITAIN IN BLOOM**



HEART OF ENGLAND

Heart of England in Bloom Newsletter February 2023

Greetings

I hope it is not too late to wish you all a Happy New Year.

We have decided, for the moment, to send this Newsletter out quarterly. Please send in any items of news, preferably with photos, for inclusion in the next issue. We would also like the Newsletter to be distributed as widely as possible so please pass it on to others and encourage them to sign up for their own copy. They can do this easily by going to <https://www.heartofenglandinbloom.org/> and then clicking the link on the first page.

We are hoping that 2023 will be the year when we finally get fully back to 'normal' and will see many of the groups and people who have been away for almost three years. We have really missed you so please spread the word about the Heart of England in Bloom.

Carol

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New Judges wanted

Last year some of our judges retired so we are actively seeking to recruit more. We believe that amongst the best experience for becoming a judge is to have been judged! People who are part of a Bloom group know what happens when the judges come and know exactly how a group has to prepare. Potential new judges will be invited to a training day in April and then will be 'buddied up' with experienced judges who will mentor and support them during the first season, usually assessing It's Your Neighbourhood entries.

If you are interested and think you might like to join the team of judges, please send a brief CV stating your experience and how you can be contacted, by 31 March, to Emma Sibbing

emma@heartofenglandinbloom.org



Deadlines

Remember that the deadline for all entries, In Bloom and It's Your Neighbourhood, is 31 March. Don't be late!

The seminar for In Bloom entries will be on 16 March at Harvest Fields Centre, Sutton Coldfield B75 5TJ

Support from the RHS

Whether you are a Bloom group or an It's Your Neighbourhood group, or even someone just thinking of getting involved in the Britain in Bloom scheme, the RHS is there for you. They have loads of ideas and guidance on all aspects of gardening and environmental matters. You can have a Newsletter delivered every month to your inbox, giving the latest ideas and resources

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/community-gardening>



Stonehouse in Bloom

Stonehouse once again held its very popular Christmas Goodwill Fest. The Bloom team came out in force to support the event and supplied, built, baked, donated and staffed the Stonehouse in Bloom stall. The £168 raised will be put to good use in our planned projects for 2023.

We would like to give BIG thanks to the following:

Stall staff - Becky, Debbie, Denise, Janet, Lin, Mattie, Ro, Rosanne and Simon

Stall Builders - Gary and Mark

Cake Bakers - Denise, Janet, Jen, Lin, Mattie, Pam, Ro, Rosanne, Sarah, Simon and Theresa

All those who donated drinks, cups and cheese biscuits. The hot chocolate was delicious, as were the cakes. Even Father Christmas sneaked one in! He had earned it after all.

We hope the town enjoyed the event, and that all participating community groups raised some much needed funds too!



Deborah Curtis

New Year Quiz

(from David Pritchard - so you know who to blame!)

SECTION A:

Where have all the flowers gone? Find them in the following songs, poems or whatever.

1. () () give me your answer do
2. () are red my love
3. () are blue, sugar is sweet my love but not as sweet as you
4. And all at once I spied a crowd, a host of golden ()
5. Two, two the () white boys dressed up all in green Oh ho
6. When it's spring again, I'll bring again () from Amsterdam.
7. In Flanders fields the () grow.



8. A white sports coat and a pink () I'm all dressed up for the dance.
9. Now the carnival is over for Pierrot and ().
10. I'm called Little () dear Little () though I could never tell why.

SECTION B:

Anna Gram would like you to identify these flowers.

1. EROS
2. IISR
3. SIDYA
4. TOSHA
5. FIDAFOLD
6. SUCCOR
7. HALAID
8. MURGANIE
9. TARAVALÉ
10. MOANEEN

SECTION C:

Find a word that can be added to the first word and prefix the second word.

1. Green () plant
2. Back () shed
3. Wall () arrangement
4. Patio () bud
5. Bedding () pot
6. Rain () butt
7. Bind () killer
8. Peat- free() maker
9. Water () pond
10. Copper () hedge



SECTION D:

Complete the flower names.

1. _OS _
2. R_O_OD-N_RO_
3. Y_C_A_
4. _AR_G_L_
5. E_R_C_
6. _UD__EC_I_
7. _L_M_TI_
8. I_P_T_E_S
9. _NO_D_O_
10. H_B_
11. M_NT_R_TI_
12. _U_I_
13. SC_B_O_S
14. _S_E

ANSWERS:

Mark your own but remember Bloomers don't cheat.

Section A: 1.Daisy 2.Roses 3.Violets 4. Daffodils 5.Lily 6.Tulips 7.Poppies
8.Carnation 9.Columbine 10.Buttercup. **Score: _/10**

Section B: 1.ROSE 2.IRIS 3.DAISY 4.HOSTA 5.DAFFODIL 6.CROCUS
7.DAHLIA 8.GERANIUM 9.LAVATERA 10. ANEMONE **Score: _/10**

Section C: 1.house 2.garden 3.flower 4.rose 5.plant 6.water 7.weed 8.compost
9.lily 10.beech **Score: _/10**

Section D: 1.Rose 2.Rhododendron 3.Yucca 4.Marigold 5.Erica 6.Rudbeckia
7.Clematis 8.Impatiens 9.Snowdrop 10.Hebe 11.Montbretia 12.Tulip 13.Scabious
14.Aster. **Score: _/14**



AWARDS: Marks out of 50

41 to 50 **GOLD**

35 to 40 **SILVER GILT**

30 to 34 **SILVER**

25 to 29 **BRONZE**

0 to 24 **Must try harder**

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2023 !



