



Exmouth in Bloom Local Garden Competition Launch was held at Summerleaze Residential Care Home. A pleasant afternoon, along with tea and cakes, was enjoyed sitting under the glorious wisteria.

The Garden Competitions have been revamped for this year with 8 new entry categories, including Residential Gardens, Businesses and Organisations, along with 3 new entry categories for Schools. Kings Garden & Leisure are sponsoring some of the main prizes, along with Otter & St Bridget's Nurseries. Prizes will be awarded at a ceremony in the Autumn.

We have two new 'Blue' boats this year to enhance our displays. One has been sited on the Strand and named 'Spirit of the Exe' and one in front of the Railway Station named 'Pat Graham MBE' after our President, along with an Exmouth in Bloom 'Welcome to Exmouth' sign.



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Welcome to our 2nd 2018 Friends of Exmouth in Bloom Newsletter

Thank you to all our Friends members who have renewed their 2018 membership. There is still plenty of time to re-join us if you have not already done so. Your membership fees and generous donations help us to keep the town of Exmouth in Bloom. We also thank you for your kind comments, cards, letters of support and encouragement.



The Winter and Spring displays this year have been beautiful and long lasting, brightening up the town on dull wintery days. The addition of Bloom flower troughs on the Strand have been a very welcome sight, adding some much-needed colour to the area.



Due to popular demand from our Friends Members and due to the number of new projects we have already been involved in this year, it was decided to go ahead and issue a Summer newsletter. We are pleased you enjoy reading them.



The South West in Bloom Judges, Christine Fraser and Derek Beer, will be arriving in Exmouth at 09.30 on Monday July 16th. They will be given a short Presentation of our all year-round work, followed by a 3-hour tour of the town, starting with a photo shoot in Manor Gardens. After lunch at the Masonic Lodge Christine and Derek will spend the afternoon judging the Exmouth entrants of the South West in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards. **We look forward to their visit and welcome them to Exmouth.**

Spring 2018 - A busy few months for Exmouth in Bloom



Friends Group 2018 - Press Launch at the Dolphin Hotel with Bloom committee and Friends members: - the Mayor of Exmouth, Brian Cole and his wife Beryl, Brenda Chanter, Henry & Lynda Dougherty.



World of Country Life & Stuart Line - Invited Exmouth in Bloom to join their anniversary celebrations. 40 years for World of Country Life and 50 years for Stuart Line. Congratulations to them both.



Littlemead Coffee Morning - Another successful fundraising coffee morning at the Methodist Hall. Thank you to all our Friends members and residents from the Rivermead area, and beyond, who supported us.



Painting the Marine Way Wall - Assisted by Councillor Clare Gough, who on seeing us painting popped home to put on her old clothes and get a paintbrush before coming back to help.



Painting 'Blue' Projects - This was slow to get off the ground due to the weather. Our Volunteers managed to snatch moments between the cold, wind, rain and snow wielding paintbrushes, renovating and recycling our boats and planters. Meanwhile negotiations went on with Devon Highways for permission to install new boats and planters at sites in and around the town. EDDC donated tiered planters and Pat & Keith Graham sourced two boats. Wilson's Paints again helped with the Exmouth in Bloom 'Blue' paint. A 'Bucket' collection held at Exmouth Rugby Club will help to fund the cost of plants. We are very fortunate to have so much local support from individuals, groups, businesses and the Town Council, EDDC and DCC.



Preparing for Summer - Committee members & Helpers out in force, clearing, planting, weeding and watering. So much to do!





SWAN Project - Update

1st June - Official launch of the Swan Project - The Mayor Councillor Jeff Trail BEM and President of Exmouth in Bloom, Pat Graham MBE, officially unveiled the Swan.



Graham Bell from Exmouth in Bloom designed and painted the estuary mural on a wall covering donated and installed by Drywall Linings. He was assisted by Gilly Newcombe from Exmouth Art Group. Dave and Linda Wilson provided the paint. The colourful and

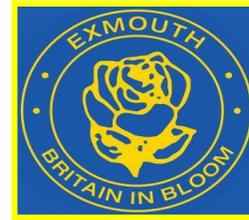


lively scene depicts and reflects the life of the Exe Estuary. Once the mural was completed, the surrounding area was built up with sleepers and levelled with the help of carpenter James Clynes who also repaired damage to the swan itself.

Kings Garden and Leisure generously donated original railway sleepers, soil and compost for the project, and EDDC Simon Kennedy and his team delivered some granite rocks and the



swan to its new resting place. It was planted up by Bloom volunteers with hundreds of wonderful flowering plants, grasses and ferns. We hope the swan will be very happy in his new home.



Dates for your Diary

Please come to our fund-raising events, we would be delighted to meet our Friends Members and Supporters.

Monday 16th July - South West in Bloom Judging Day.

Saturday 21st July 10 - 4pm - Plant Sale on the Strand, supporting Steve Gazzard Transplant Awareness Day.

Saturday 4th August 10 - 1pm - Plant Sale at the Repair Café, Tower Street Methodist Church.

Monday 27th August - All Day - Stall at Exmouth Fun Day in the Pavilion Gardens, supporting Raleigh Rotary.

Saturday 1st September 10 - 1pm - Plant Sale at the Repair Café, Tower Street Methodist Church.

Saturday 6th October 10 - 1pm - Plant Sale at the Repair Café, Tower Street Methodist Church.

Saturday 6th October 10 - 5pm - Exmouth Carnival Day.

Saturday 3rd November 10 - 1pm - Plant Sale at the Repair Café, Tower Street Methodist Church.

Wednesday 12th December 10 - 12 - Littlemead Coffee Morning and Xmas Sale.

