

Spring 2017

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Dear Resident,

2017 is big news for Bray and Britain in Bloom. All your enthusiasm and hard work last year ensured the Village a place in the NATIONAL FINALS as well as a bid for continued success – and more RHS Gold Awards – in the REGIONAL competition. Exact dates will be notified to you later but expect:

- **Regional Judging – mid July**
- **National Judging – first 2 weeks of August**

We will be choosing plants with staying power and, if necessary, may be refreshing and supplementing displays in the period between these dates. RHS Themes this year are **Health, Happiness and Horticulture** (Regional), **Wildlife and Conservation** (National). Plants that attract pollinators are simple to identify (look for the “Perfect for Pollinators” label on seed packets) and help fulfil the National criteria.

Where better to start your choice of plants than the **VILLAGE PLANT SALE – Sunday 21st May at Bray Village Hall from 10am to 1pm**. Here you will find variety and value with special attention to this year’s chosen colour scheme of **RUBY, GREEN** and **WHITE**. Pink is a further option.

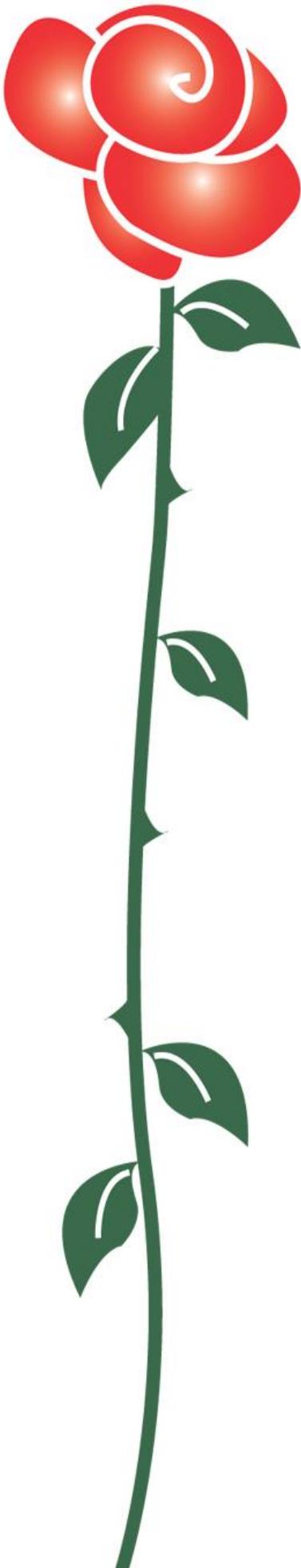
At the same time you will be supporting Bray’s campaign. All the profits from the SALE are ploughed back into the public floral displays throughout the Village and the renewal of key areas. If you have any SPARE PLANTS, have sprouted extra runner beans etc, please donate them to the SALE. They all add variety and interest.

Other upcoming events:

- **Bray Village Dig Together Day. Sunday 2nd April, meet at 10am outside the Village Hall**. There are lots of jobs to be done prior to the main planting and gardening season which really begins at EASTER.
- The ever-popular **Village Competition** with prizes for the best front garden, hanging basket or planter. Incorporate the chosen Village colours and make reference to the RHS Themes for 2017 (see above).

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- **Allotment Judging** – both Regional and National Judges take a great interest in Allotments. Parish Council Judging will precede their first visit. Expect Judging in early July. Watch the Allotment Notice Board for the exact date.

Whilst thinking about flowers, we must not forget to continue the pruning, maintenance, and possibly replacement, of trees, hedges and shrubs in our gardens and along our boundaries. Tidying up done now will last through the growing season.

Remember that we have a section on Bray Parish Council's website just for Bray in Bloom. You can keep up with our activities at <http://www.brayparishcouncil.gov.uk/> click on "Bray in Bloom" in the centre of the top navigation bar.

A new Supporter for Bray in Bloom is a matter for celebration. We are able to announce that Monkey Island Properties, which is currently redeveloping Monkey Island Hotel, have agreed to join our list of sponsors for the next 4 years.

Bray's Britain in Bloom campaign is a joint endeavour, a horticultural learning opportunity and a chance for the Village community to interact and enjoy making the place where we live look its best!

Let's Win Again – and Again!!

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