

## Autumn 2017

Dear Resident,

Thank you for all the effort that you have put into Bray's Britain in Bloom campaign this year – first for the Regional and then for the National competition. Bray covered itself in glory in the Regionals (RHS GOLD Award and a Special Award for “Pride of Place”) and did remarkably well in the Nationals – but a Silver-Gilt Award was not quite enough to win the coveted “Best Small Village in the UK” title (for the fourth time). This year it went to Stanghow in Northumberland. However, what the judges especially loved about Bray was its community participation (that means each and every one of you), local heritage and residents' gardens. Well done!

Now, working onwards to 2018, it seems a good idea to choose once again a communal theme for colours in planting as from now. We suggest **PURPLES**, **PINKS** and **WHITES**.

As a committee we decided at a meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October (i.e. prior to the National results) that, after an exceptionally busy year, Bray should take a “year off” from competing in Britain in Bloom. However we still wish to continue with the provision of hanging baskets, container planting and with the popular Village Competition (with prizes) for the best front garden and best baskets/containers. In this way the high standard of horticulture and appearance that has been achieved in the past can continue to be maintained. Bulb planting was done by a volunteer team on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, but there will not be a Plant Sale in May 2018. In this way there will be time to rest and re-group whilst continuing to keep the village in trim.

**In recognition of the hard work we have all put in this year, Bray Enhancement Committee would like to invite all our Supporters to:**

**Bray Village Hall**

**on**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

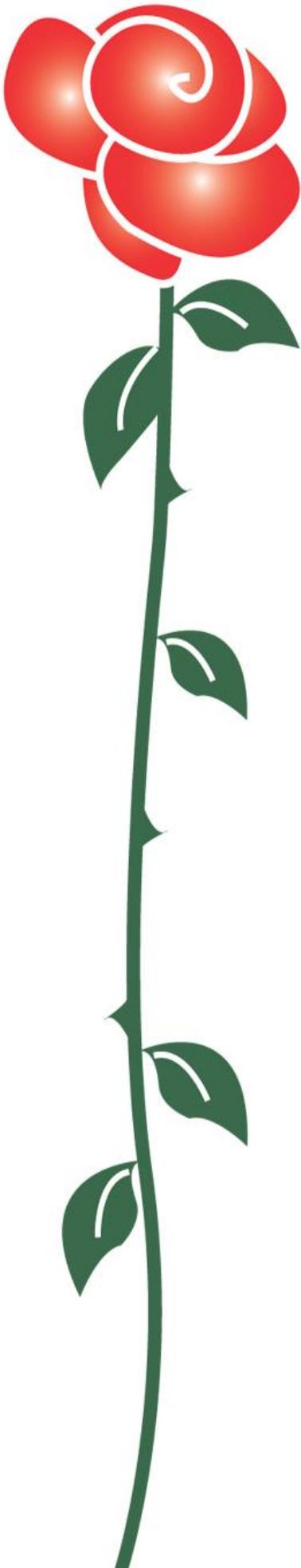
**at**

**7.30pm**

**to help us celebrate the year's events.**

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Margaret Pierce has decided that this is the moment to step down from being a member of the Bray Enhancement Committee. Margaret was involved when this was a Bray Parish Council initiative and has led Bray Enhancement Committee since it was formed. She will continue to be involved on an “as and when” basis and has particularly enjoyed years of planting up the village.

Autumn is a good time to make plans, tidy up and restructure. Mild, sunny weather has been a bonus for gardeners.

Best wishes to you all, continue the good work and see you at the **Village Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm.**

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