

Spring 2018

Dear Resident,

As you know your committee is having a quieter year in 2018. We are not entering the Britain in Bloom competition this year but we plan to continue to do all the planting and work necessary to maintain the look and feel of the village at the high standard to which we have become accustomed. And we need your help to achieve this!

We ask you to ensure that your front gardens continue to look good and suggest that you choose plants that support the **communal theme for colours** in planting of **PURPLES, PINKS** and **WHITES**.

We will be running our **Annual Garden Competition** which, as usual, will have special prizes for the winners in each category. Judging for this competition will take place in July.

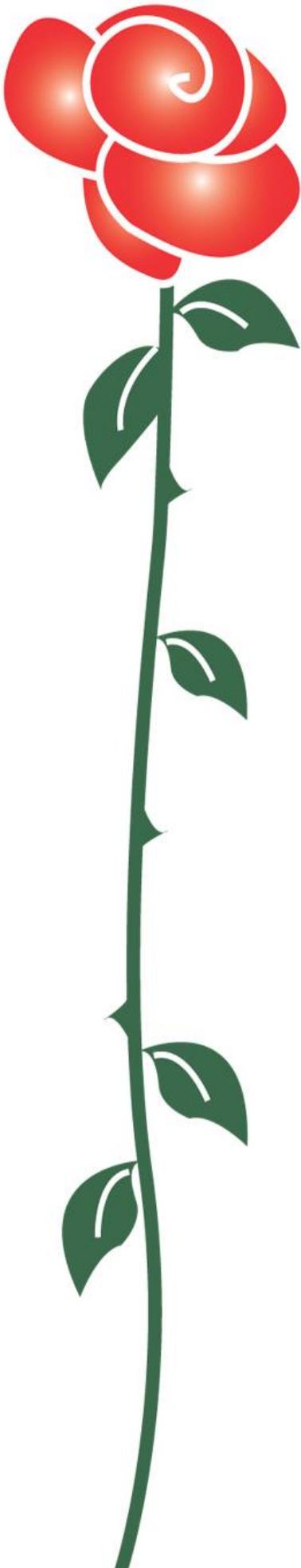
Bray Parish Council continues to support our work with a grant for 2018/19 and we hope that our other sponsors will do so too.

We will be organising a **Planting out Day** on **Sunday 3rd June** when we will be planting up the troughs, barrels and hall beds throughout the Village. Please meet outside the Village Hall at **10am** and bring along your gloves and trowels.

The **High Sherriff of Berkshire**, Graham Barker, welcomes all visitors to **Open Gardens in Bray** on **Sunday 1st July 2018 from 2pm to 5pm**. These are private gardens not normally open to the public. It is expected that up to 10 gardens will be open in addition to St Michael's Church, the Church Tower and Jesus Hospital. Teas will be served in St Michael's Church Hall and at Jesus Hospital for those in need of some refreshment. Thames Hospice will be providing stewards and Thames Valley Police Cadets will be on duty throughout the village. Parking will be available on the Village Green courtesy of Bray Parish Council.

BEC Committee:

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In the evening at 8pm on Sunday 1st July 2018 there will be a concert entitled **Gardens in Word and Music** in St Michaels Church which will include recitals, choirs, poems and readings all embracing the theme of gardens.

Tickets, £10 per person for each of these events, can be obtained by contacting **Julie Graham on 01628 778054** or by email to **brayopengardens@gmail.com**. The funds raised will be shared between Thames Hospice and St Michael's Church.

If you think that you would like to open your garden, call Julie Graham on 01628778054 for more information.

Keeping the village and your front gardens looking good will showcase the village for the visitors to these events.

Spring is a good time to start implementing those plans you made over the winter, to tidy up and restructure. The days are lengthening and the periods of milder, warmer weather are a bonus for gardeners. We hope that in our area the majority of the frosts have passed but you can never be sure until after the middle of May!

Best wishes to you all, continue the good work and....

Let's Keep Bray Looking Good!