



Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. We think you'll agree the village is looking very colourful and the spring planting is performing really well. Thank you as ever, to our Sponsors, both monetary and "in kind", Friends of Liphook in Bloom, all the Helpers and Team. None of this is possible without your help and continued support.

Tree Planting



Early this year, our President Terry Burns and his long-time friend and supporter of Liphook in Bloom, Bob Hall, planted 2 young trees into the Cyclamen & Snowdrop bed at the top of the Portsmouth Road. The trees they chose were Royalty Crab Apple and Cheal's Weeping Cherry Blossom Tree. The trees will provide some shade to the Cyclamen and Snow Drop plants and the spring blossom will be beautiful.

Sunflower Competition



SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2025

Will your sunflower be the tallest this year?

Who can grow the sunflower with the most blooms?

Who has the best collection of sunflowers in a pot or garden?



Grow your own sunflowers or collect a seedling
at the VE Day Celebrations Picnic on the Green
Sunday 11 May, 12pm - 4pm.

As your sunflowers grow, please email photos,
with your name & contact details,
to liphookinbloom@gmail.com
and we'll add them to our website.

Competition closes - Sunday 19th August.
Judging will be shortly afterwards.

After the success of last year's Sunflower Competition it was decided to do it all again this year. It was so lovely to hear of family and workplaces having mini competitions amongst themselves. We also received some heart-warming emails from people who had never grown any plants before, really enjoying it, and saying they would continue growing. Full details are in the poster above, but if you'd like more information please reply to this email.

VE Day Celebrations - Picnic on the Green



We are delighted to be taking part in the VE Day Celebrations - Picnic on the Green on Sunday 11th May between 11.30am and 4pm. Please come and say hello. There will be some games to take part in - Barbara Frost's Eggshell game, Lesley's Treasure Map Game and another where tennis balls have to be thrown through cut outs in the centre of flowers. We will also be giving away Sunflower Seedlings to anyone who lives in the Parish and would like to take part in this year's Sunflower Competition.

Wild flowers on the Village Green

by Paul Johnson

For over 10 years the team have been seeding areas of the village green to provide a display of wild flowers. The densely packed blooms, gentle waving in the breeze, provides a burst of colour on the edge of the green.

A traditional wild flower meadow would self-perpetuate but as the village green is a multipurpose, amenity space, we have to reseed the area every three or four years.



The grass encroaches into the seeded areas and despite including yellow rattle in the seed mix we have to remove as much of the grass as we can each time we reseed. We were very fortunate this year to receive assistance from the Parish Council's groundstaff in preparing the ground

Before tackling such a prominent location as the village green, in 2013, we honed our wild flower skills on the bank in the parking area of Radford Park.



Herb Bed revamp

by Paul Johnson

Our herb bed, located outside Hiscock's in Midhurst Road, was established in 2001 and planted with 58 varieties of herbs, donated by Gates Nursery from Hill House Hill.

Although the soil was poor this suited the herbs and they grew very well, but after 6 years many of the plants were very 'woody' and past their best. The team have had a programme of replacing sections of the herb plants every 5 years, or so.

In recent years the bed has not been as colourful as we have had it in the past so we have decided to brighten it up with the addition of areas of wild flowers.



The muted tones of the flowering herbs will be augmented with bursts of red, white, blue and yellow flowers. These are from the 'Restore and Enrich' seed range from our seed supplier, Boston Seeds. They state that this mix will restore biodiversity and improve habitat in the bed using carefully selected [UK native wildflower species](#).



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