

Dear all

Hope everyone is well after a week of cold but beautiful weather.

The garden is really perking up now .All the seeds have been distributed and thank you to the Clayesmore volunteers and to Lorna and Barbara who came to my house to plant trays of seeds for the garden (see pics). My greenhouse and one of the cold frames are full of newly sown seeds and some established sweet peas which the St Andrew's Children planted last October. The plan is to have a real succession of sweet peas this year, with some planted in March for early flowering and more in May for later blooms.

We will also be selling all our surplus plants to raise funds.

After half term week, the focus will move to the garden itself, where we will be tidying, replanting where appropriate for the coronation and planting out seeds when ready.

One of our beds this year will be dedicated to Briony Long. It was her idea to have the theme of " colours of the rainbow " and one of our beds will be full of flowers to cut in all colours of the rainbow. We hope you will come into the garden to cut blooms in her memory.

Briony's funeral is THIS FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17 th at 1.30 pm at Poole Crematorium. Jeremy welcomes friends and villagers and the dress code is BRIGHT . A private gathering for family only will follow the funeral.

WARM HUBS

We had a wonderful Wednesday again last week and it continues to get busier every week. Thank you to everyone involved in this. There are a huge number of volunteers who make it successful.

THERE IS NO WARM HUB THIS WEEK DUE TO HALF TERM- THE NEXT HUB IS ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22 ND.

Please see the advert again for the presentation on the use of Klinik by the Blackmore Vale Practice. This will be very useful - all the details are on the attached poster.

Food Boxes - Sue Keen, Lisa and myself are contacts for distribution of the food boxes. If you or if you know of someone who could make use of a food box, please email bookings.fmvh@mail.com and one of the three of us will be able to give you information.

I know Rosie Anne and Lisa have also organised visitors for the next hub. You will be able to meet Keith Harrison and Jackie Monkton again from the Health and wellbeing team who are so lovely and so helpful.

Please do come along and / or invite / encourage neighbours to come along.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

I am always happy to accept more volunteers for the garden - both in the village and in surrounding villages. Please do get in contact if you might like to help. It really is as little or as much as you want to do- and there is always a coffee and a cake at any session! We always gather on a Friday from 11.50-12.50 with Clayesmore senior students and on alternate Fridays from 1.00-1.30 with Clayesmore Prep students.

Wishing you all a happy week .
Kind Regards
Siân x