

From the Chairman...

Welcome to East Midlands in Bloom autumn/winter newsletter, and once again it is great to report that EMiB has had yet another superb year, all thanks to you, our fantastic entrants! We have had 61 'main Bloom' entries, 143 It's Your Neighbourhood entries, 30 schools participating and an encouraging number of 'special' entrants - so well done all of you!

We were very pleased once again to have the company of several new Bloom communities in 2014, and so a cheery welcome goes to out to Barrow upon Humber, Draycott, Earl Shilton, Habrough, Hamilton, Little Eaton, Melton BID Company, Nottingham BID, Waltham Parish Council, Wessington and Winterton. We were equally pleased to see the return of Asfordby, Buxton, Ibstock and Sleaford to the campaign this year, after varying periods absent.

I am also extremely pleased that our established sponsors have continued to recognise the importance of East Midlands in Bloom by sticking with us, as without our commercial partners the campaign is not viable.

EMiB was very well-represented at the RHS Britain in Bloom Awards, held this year in Bristol, and of course celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Britain in Bloom. We had five representatives from this region and another splendid set of results, with Gold for Market Bosworth, Silver Gilt for Belper, Immingham and Loughborough and Silver for Evington. Both Immingham and Evington are new to the National campaign and these are particularly impressive outcomes when this is taken into account.

We were also delighted that Immingham in Bloom was awarded the RHS Britain in Bloom Discretionary Award for Young People's Involvement, reflecting their remarkable levels of engagement which include the design and construction of the World War 1 trench, with research from all the schools in the town; employment of young people to work over the summer on Bloom activities; and full employment of a young Apprentice as part of the Bloom project.

On the subject of the participation of young people, can I remind you all of the school garden, art and digital photography competitions. Don't forget that these competitions are also open to individuals and to other young people's groups, not just schools.

In 2014, a Royal Horticultural Society Its Your Neighbourhood National Certificate of Distinction was awarded to the group from Harlech Gardens, Grimsby, reflecting their continued development and sustained achievement of this important project, which turned an "unprepossessing patch of mud and rubbish into an oasis of green" through the efforts of the local residents.

Next year we are looking forward to seeing the success of six EMiB representatives - Barton in Fabis, Caistor, Cleethorpes, Grimsby - and two new National entrants, Melton Mowbray BID and Uppingham - in RHS Britain in Bloom, for which the date and venue of the Awards Ceremony is soon to be announced.

To conclude, thanks to all our participants, judges, assessors and sponsors for their efforts in 2014 and I wish you all another outstanding year. As always I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in 2015, which begins with the Biennial Seminar in Melton Mowbray on February 19th. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Jeff Bates,

Chairman, East Midlands in Bloom

2015 EMIB DIARY DATES

Thu 5th Feb	Closing date for Seminar reservation forms and AGM nominations
Thu 19th Feb	EMiB Seminar Council Chamber, Melton Borough Council, Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE13 1GH
Thu 19th Feb	AGM Venue as above
Thu 30th April	Closing date for 'In Bloom' and 'It's Your Neighbourhood' entry forms
Fri 15th May	Closing date for EMiB Special Award entries (Frank Constable Award, Best Pub/Hotel Garden & Best Retail/Commercial Premises).
Fri 5th June	Closing date for EMiB Best School Garden Award entry forms
Fri 5th June	Closing date for Children's Art Competition and Digital Photography Competition
Mon 6th – Fri 17th July	EMiB Judging Period
Wed 1st – Fri 31st July	EMiB It's Your Neighbourhood assessment period
Wed 16th Sept	EMiB Awards Presentation - Rutland Water Golf Course, Manton Road, Edith Weston, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8HB

2015 SEMINAR

19th February, Melton Mowbray

This is our major biennial event, which is open to all interested parties, existing or new/potential entrants.

At the time of writing the content of the event, and the speakers invited, are still being finalised. However we anticipate that there will be at least one major presentation on a current Bloom initiative as well as general news about what is taking place in the Region for 2015.

There will also be an update on the National Bloom developments, with the new 3-year theme of Green Streets explained in more detail. There are anticipated to be developments on how Bloom is judged coming forward in 2016, and some advance discussion on that may take place.

There will, of course, be opportunities to meet with other 'Bloomers' and to talk to some of our important sponsors, who will bring with them some of the products that are so helpful in brightening up our communities

The cost is £10 per person, to cover the cost of refreshments and a light lunch. To ensure your place/s, please return your completed reservation form (see page 10 of this newsletter, or download a form from our website: www.eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk) by **Thursday February 5th** to EMiB Secretary Irene Bates* (see address below).

AGM

This will start after completion of the Seminar at approximately 3.30 pm. We encourage each community that entered the EMiB Competition in 2014 to attend the AGM. Please also inform Irene Bates, if you intend to be present.

Any nominations for the *executive committee* must be received by Irene Bates not less than 14 days before the AGM (i.e. by Thursday 5th February 2014). Please write with your nomination/s to:

Irene Bates, East Midlands in Bloom Secretary
64 Chaddesden Park Road, Derby DE21 6HD

Email: info@eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk
Tel: 01332 679598
www.eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk

Britain in Bloom Key Dates 2015

30 January	Finalist's Seminar, Sheffield
11-19 April	(exact date tbc) BiB/IYN Press Launch
13-19 April	National Gardening Week
3rd-14th August	BIB judging fortnight
October	Britain in Bloom Awards, Sunderland (exact date and venue tbc)
26 Oct - 1 Nov	RHS Wild About Gardens week

Notable themes for 2015

- Green Streets
- Centenary of the Great War, WW1 continues

The new campaign will be called *Green Streets: Better Lives* and will run for three years, during which time the aim is to support groups to transform a total of 9,000 unloved (grey) spaces into great green spaces for people and wildlife. The RHS will be offering advice, tips and resources (and free nasturtium seeds for groups in the first year). Many groups already do this, so the aim is to support their achievements, encourage people to consider new projects and inspire others to get involved.

This theme will be echoed across the RHS during the three year period, with a cross-organisational push to promote the many benefits of gardens and green spaces.

Spaces that people choose to transform can be big or small – for example, a group might decide they want to turn a derelict grot spot into a new community garden, or it might just be adding a new planter to an unloved paved area.

The RHS will be including ideas and advice about how Bloom, IYN and other groups can get involved, in January's Grass Roots magazine which will be out in early January – and there will be additional resources available online to support groups. If you are a registered group with East Midlands in Bloom in 2014, either Bloom or IYN, you should automatically be sent the magazine.

Call for new EMiB Bloom Judges and IYN Assessors for 2015!

A few of our long standing and dedicated judges are retiring and we would love to have new judges and assessors on board with us. Do not be daunted, you do not have to be horticulturally qualified but just need to feel passionate about the Bloom/IYN campaigns and be willing to volunteer some time during July. Full training will be given. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be, please contact us straight away.

Growing the Bloom in the East Midlands 2015!

We would again like to achieve a new record year in 2015 for participation in our wonderful campaign, but to achieve that we need everyone out there in the 6 counties to assist us!

If any communities local to you look like potential entrants, tell them why Bloom is great, and pass on their details to us to make contact and advise (or do the advice locally if that is easiest – let Irene know and we can ensure that anything you would need in terms of support materials can be made available) them of our details.

Tell everyone and anyone about the Seminar in Melton on Feb 19th! There is no commitment to enter – though we are sure that there will be ample enthusiasm from everyone there to get anyone who is wavering fully onboard!

All entry forms are downloadable from our website
Remember that you can also enter any of our four Special Awards: Frank Constable Award for best Front Garden; Best School Garden; Best Pub/Hotel garden and Best Retail/Commercial Premises. Closing date 30th April.

EMiB SPONSORS 2014



Amberol (EMiB Silver Sponsor)
"Britain in Bloom has probably done more than any other initiative to raise the profile of horticulture, at the same time as bringing communities together in a bid to make our cities, towns and villages better places to live."
Amberol sponsor all our city categories and this year have also added the John Williamson trophy for the new BID (Business Improvement District) category.



Barcham Trees sponsors in kind of the EMiB Best New Permanent Landscaping Award.



DART Training sponsors of RHS/EMiB It's Your Neighbourhood with the Most Inspiring IYN Entrant Award.



Moles Seeds is pleased to support the East Midlands in Bloom Large Village Category.



Naylors Bulbs sponsor in kind of the RHS/EMiB It's Your Neighbourhood with generous donations of daffodil bulbs.

Taylors Bulbs is pleased to support the East Midlands in Bloom Most Improved Entrant Award.



The Art Department are one of the nation's leading graphics providers with over 25 year's digital print experience. They sponsor EMiB by providing the plaques for the Best Pub/Hotel garden or display; the Best Retail/ Commercial Premises; and the Best School Garden Special Award.



Western Power Distribution (EMiB Bronze Sponsor)
was pleased to support the East Midlands in Bloom event this year by sponsoring all the schools which participated in the EMiB Best School Garden Special Awards.

East Midlands in Bloom

"Draycott in Bloom" (D.I.B) arose from the success of our entry into the 'It's your Neighbourhood' Competition in 2013. We were feeling particularly buoyed by being awarded an 'Outstanding' category on our first time entry. One cold January 2014 evening a group of curious enthusiasts met at our local hostelry and a plan was hatched. We all agreed to meet the following weekend and walk around the village in order to identify the areas that we felt needed most attention. Ideas abounded for improvement and we decided on a 'Wheelbarrow and Wellies' theme to be used around the village, and settled upon several major renovation projects.

Over the next few months the group sowed seeds, potted on, transplanted, dug, pruned and designed planting schemes. Local businesses were encouraged to help fund the various projects. The community spirit grew with each passing week and by the time judging day arrived not only was the village looking wonderful, it was buzzing with excitement!

The judges immediately put our four nervous hosts at their ease who then proudly showed them what the whole village had collectively achieved, in such a short space of time. It was a memorable day for all involved. We certainly threw a great party that evening to celebrate, whatever the outcome!

The next few weeks felt slightly anti-climatic after the frenetic lead up to judging, but frequent deadheading and watering kept all the blooms looking wonderful despite the continued lack of rain.

Excitement began to increase as September 17th approached and the results would be announced. At a splendid gathering at Lark Hill we learned that we had been awarded "Silver Gilt" at our first attempt. We were astounded and couldn't stop smiling (I'm still smiling as I write this!). Another great party was organized that evening to say thank you to all who had been involved. To summarize the 'In Bloom' competition; there is far more to it than just producing blooms. It is about bringing a community together, forming new friendships and making a village one can be proud to be a part of. You simply cannot overestimate the value of the benefit that the competition brings to the community. There has also had a noticeable knock-on effect with neighbouring villages now busy planting bulbs even as I type. Was it worth the blood, sweat and tears it took to achieve such a result? Absolutely it was, and we all enthusiastically look forward to 2015's competition.

Alison Bowley, Draycott in Bloom



Northampton in Bloom just gets better!

This year Northampton in Bloom scooped a Silver Gilt and won 'Most Improved Area' in the East Midlands in Bloom competition – a fantastic achievement which the town is very proud of.

Since first entering the competition in 2001, Northampton has won a number of medals and the Bloom Planning Committee has worked really hard to get more people involved.

A lot of regeneration has been happening in the town which has made Bloom even more of a challenge than usual. Our theme for the year was 'remembrance and celebration' to mark the centenary of the outbreak of WWI and the 825th anniversary of Northampton's town charter granted by Richard I in 1189.

The support from the Royal British Legion and other organisations has helped make this a year to remember. Some of the stand-out features included a gigantic roadside display of a single remembrance poppy made out of 16,000 plants, a pop-up cottage garden in the Market Square and a huge shoe planter that reflected the town's shoe making heritage. The EMiB judges described these extra features as 'inspirational' and praised the enthusiasm of everyone involved.

For the local Northampton in Bloom competition we had a record number of entrants and it is thanks to their enthusiasm and green fingered talents that the town managed to do so well in EMiB.

On 14 October we held our local awards ceremony to recognise and reward people's efforts. It was an amazing evening and over 200 people attended – again a record number. There were 11 Golds, eight Silver Gilt, 21 Silvers and nine Bronzes handed out to schools, residents, community groups and businesses. Bloom's sponsors pulled out all the stops too and helped fund the cost of the night as well as contributing some great prizes.

Councillor Mike Hallam, chair of Northampton Bloom Planning Committee and Northampton Borough cabinet member for the environment, said: "Each year Bloom gets better and better. What stands out for me about this year's Bloom is just how many people have helped us. Individual residents, community groups, businesses and schools have all come together to make our town look as beautiful as possible. Corporate sponsors have also been supportive, which we very much appreciate. Our thanks go to them all."

Plans for next year are already underway and the theme chosen is 'colourful Northampton'.

Councillor Hallam added: "For next year we are hoping to encourage more communities from across our town to get involved. We also hope that more businesses will join us to support Bloom. 'Colourful Northampton' is a broad theme and we are looking forward to see what people come up with."

For details of Northampton in Bloom and links to the Bloom photo gallery for 2014 visit www.northampton.gov.uk/northamptoninbloom.

Lois McLeod
Northampton in Bloom



Melton BID in Bloom

Melton Mowbray has been proudly represented in the East Midlands in Bloom competition for many years, thanks to the consistent drive and passion of the Melton in Bloom group. Melton in Bloom comprises volunteers and community groups, which strives to enhance the town centre throughout the year, with floral displays and planting initiatives. Key schemes this year have included the excellent design and planting of the Heritage Garden and the St Mary's churchyard borders in the town's Jubilee Growing for Gold theme.

This year, the Melton BID was proud to represent Melton Mowbray in its own BID category of the East Midlands in Bloom competition. Working closely with Melton in Bloom, the Melton Mowbray Town Estate and Melton Borough Council, businesses and community groups, the competition has allowed the BID, for the first time, to showcase the revitalisation of its town centre and its proud horticultural achievements.

The Melton BID was formed in 2011 and seeks to enhance the vitality and visual appearance of the town centre, raising its profile as a tourist and shopping destination. Comprising businesses, community groups, business groups, the public sector and Melton Mowbray Town Estate, it has worked in close partnership with businesses and community groups throughout, to promote the town centre, support businesses and attract more visitors to the town.

The BID has worked closely with Melton in Bloom, businesses and partners in the extensive retail hanging basket scheme this year throughout the town centre. Themed in this year's theme of Growing for Gold, the scheme was further enhanced by new town centre planters and planting, whilst businesses and individual streets, such as King Street and Church Street, followed the gold theme with planters and basket trails and themed courtyard gardens.

The Market Place Enhancement Scheme, in partnership with Leicestershire County Council Highways, Melton Mowbray Town Estate, the BID, Civic Society and MBC, has revitalised the town centre, decluttering street furniture and enhancing the historical Market Place with new trees, signage and benches to create an open space for events and festivals. This has been supported with a strong business and community contribution, in terms of new shop frontages and refurbishments to enhance the town centre and its heritage, supported by English Heritage.

Melton and its community is proud of his heritage and this has been reflected in the BID's ongoing partnership working with the Civic Society and Heritage Society to showcase the town's history and culture, with enhancement of the town's Blue Plaque scheme, Heritage Trail and Kings Highway project.

Melton is also well known as the Rural Capital of Food and the Melton BID plays a key role in the support and promotion of events, such as the Artisan Cheese Fair, British Pie Awards, Victorian Xmas Fayre, whilst supporting the town's High Street with Shop Local Campaigns, Empty Shop Schemes of local artists and Art in the landscape.

This year's first BID entry into the East Midlands in Bloom competition has reflected very clearly, the commonly held desire, of all involved to work and strive together for the good of the town. It is with tremendous pride that we therefore receive a Silver Gilt Award and John Williamson



trophy this year, on behalf of our town and we very much look forward to next year's competition!

**Shelagh Core, Town Centre Manager,
Melton Mowbray**

Immingham 2014.... the project continues!

Another winter passed us by as Immingham in Bloom prepared for their most important year to date. Not only were we intent on defending our victory from 2013 but we were entered for Britain in Bloom too as Category winners. In only our 5th year since inception, we knew that the challenge would be huge and with only a comparatively small team, we were going to have to call upon our friends and groups from the town to help us with this challenge! Not only that but just to make it even more difficult, Immingham embarked upon its biggest regeneration project for 30 years with the town centre turned into a building site for 10 months!

We started by holding the new members seminar in February, which was well attended and doing our little bit to encourage at least 3 new entrants. By now the road works, fences and chaos of the new shopping centre were well underway too, causing us great angst.

Undeterred the team pushed on and with support from Heritage Lottery Fund, The Town Council, Royal British Legion and numerous schools they developed their signature project, the recreation of a section of WW1 trench. This made a real impact at one end of the town and with new floral displays added at the other, improvements made to the cemetery and railing baskets added along the main road, the building works were overlooked and the town looked fabulous.

Judging for the East Midlands Competition went well on a beautiful sunny day and 2 months later the result of the hard work paid off again with yet another category win and a gold medal. In addition we received a judge's award for the quality of the bloom features.

Having then been drenched on the August judging day for Britain in Bloom, it was time to hear how our first foray into the big boy's competition had gone. Accepting that this was a whole different ball game, we weren't too optimistic. What a great surprise then to find that not only had we won a silver gilt (only just missing a second gold) but we had also received a prestigious Discretionary Award for our work

with Young People, including our work on the trench project. It was the culmination of a really hard year, somewhat against the odds but still full of enjoyment and excitement. So expecting a couple of months off with our feet up was the order of the day, but as we have already de-briefed the judges feedback, we're now engaged on our masterplan for 2015 and looking to see how we can improve even more for next year.

It's a bit addictive this Bloom Thing!

.....Now where can I source a Spitfire??

Stewart Swinburn,
Chairman, Immingham in Bloom



Blooming Marvellous!

"Wow, this school is extraordinary!" Ian Cooke, RHS Judge for East Midlands in Bloom.

It's official - Boston West Academy has a garden to be proud of!

Over the years, we have embedded an ethos of sustainability, working hard to develop our school grounds into what they are today – an inspirational field-trip on our doorstep for every child to enjoy.

Our journey has taken us 14 years to reach the RHS Gold standard and to be voted the East Midlands in Bloom Best Schools' Garden 2014. We have always encouraged our children to find their voice and listened to their ideas in our quest to transform every square centimetre of outdoor space on our school site.

We have created a Garden Of Reflection, an established wildlife pond, raised allotment beds, a poly-tunnel, a recycled plastic bottle greenhouse, a woodland area for bush-craft activities, living willow classroom and maze, a nectar bar, an orchard with native Lincolnshire varieties and our ever popular 'mud factory'.

Whatever the weather, all our classes spend a minimum of two hours a week of their curriculum time outside, with every pupil having their wellies in school, enabling them to 'Get Out There!' at every opportunity.

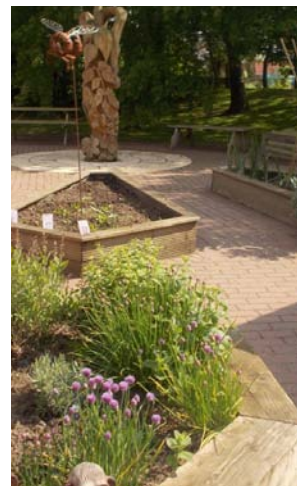
Our school has an active, over-subscribed Eco Club of enthusiastic children, many of whom are keen gardeners and some who willingly give it a go! Along with other members of the school community - parents, staff and governors, our children work in and care for their gardens and allotments to learn, enjoy and keep them spic and span.

The newly developed Garden of Inspiration has an area for drama and stands proudly in front of The Hive - our Centre for Learning Beyond the Classroom. The garden was designed by staff and a governor of the school, based on many of the children's ideas. Pathways lead through planted areas that represent the four elements of Fire, Air, Earth and Water. Its maintenance and care is the responsibility of all and children enjoy nothing better than keeping the plants happy by watering them with supplies collected in our numerous water butts! As an additional source of inspiration the garden contains various sculptures, including a giant's head; a musical wooden heron; a metal chime tree, a mosaic dragon and a rainbow to name but a few. In its first year, the wildflower meadow was a sight full of awe and wonder, towering over the younger members of our school as they ran through its mown pathways.

Our children benefit from a wealth of first-hand, real-life experiences in our school grounds, from planting seeds/trees to lighting camp fires, from composting to watching and studying wildlife; from harvesting and cooking vegetables to collecting eggs from our chickens, all ensuring that children at Boston West Academy gain a greater understanding of the value and importance of the environment and the wildlife around them.

We hope that every little seed of knowledge passed on to the children will blossom into a bumper crop of future gardeners and carers/ protectors of the world they inherit. The need to nurture children's curiosity is paramount and being outside in the natural world, in all weathers and seasons, experiencing the awe and wonder of what is around them, provides inspiration, enjoyment, motivation and a love of learning.

Emma Schofield
Outdoor Learning Leader
Boston West Academy
November 2014



Best School Garden Winners 2014

This year we were delighted that more schools than ever before, entered the EMiB Best School Garden Award and the judges were very impressed with the enthusiasm of pupils, teachers and helpers and the high standards of the school gardens. It was very pleasing to see nearly all winning schools represented at the Presentation of Awards at Lark Hill Village.

The overall winning school was Boston West Academy, Boston, Lincolnshire. The Best School Garden for Wildlife was Lisle Marsden Primary C of E Aided Academy, Grimsby. The Best School Ornamental Garden was St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chesterfield, and the Best School Fruit & Vegetable Garden was Ellis Guilford Sports College, Nottingham.

The number of schools that can enter relate to the Bloom category, please see below. Schools that are not in a Bloom entry area can also enter independently as long as they do not exceed the allocation below:

Small Village, Village & Large Village - **one** school

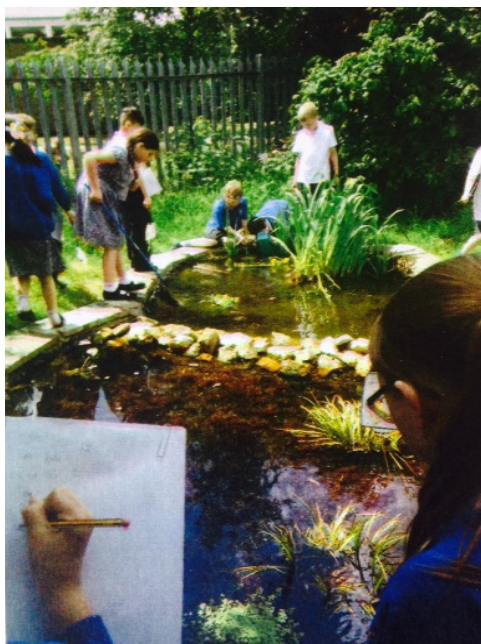
Small Town, Town, Large Town - **two** schools

Small City, City, Large City - **three** schools

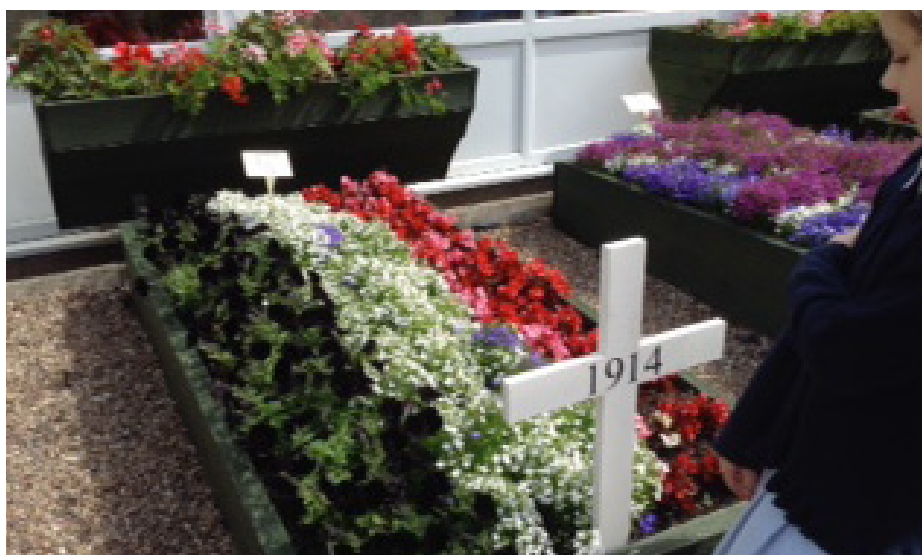
Below: Boston West Primary Academy



Ellis Guilford Primary Academy, Nottingham



Left: Lisle Marsden C of E Aided Primary Academy, Grimsby



Below: St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chesterfield

EMiB Best School Garden Competition

This competition continues to encourage gardening in schools and is now in its 9th year! Schools can enter the competition through their local Bloom group. If there isn't a local Bloom group, they can still enter independently by filling in the entry form on the East Midlands in Bloom website, and returning by post or via info@eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk You can also find out if there is a local active group by enquiring from the same email address.

Schools who are following the RHS school gardens programme are also very welcome to enter. The aim of the judging is to "encourage and support the quality and development of gardens and encourage student involvement"- and you get an award too!! The closing date for entries in 2015 is: **Friday 5th June**. For further information contact Rupert Atkinson: rupert@rupertatkinson.plus.com

Our other Special Awards:

Frank Constable Award for Best Front Garden

We had a good number of superb entries again in 2014, and following the passing away of our President Frank, his sons John and Andrew are continuing the award in their father's memory. This year the winner is Mr David Harrison with Rainbow Cottage, Shenton Lane, Market Bosworth. Please remember to enter your best front garden (or even hold a competition of your own in your area). The closing date for all three of these awards is **Friday 15th May 2015**.

Best Pub/Hotel Garden or display

This year's winner for the second year running is the Falcon Hotel, Uppingham, managed by Mr & Mrs Wills.

Best Retail/Commercial Premises

Was won by Chris's Fish & Chips, West Street, Earl Shilton Leicestershire. It is run by Mrs Elisavet Kyriacou.



Left:
Rainbow Cottage



Above: The Falcon Hotel

Left: Chris's Fish & Chips

Children's Competitions 2015

Please encourage your local schools, other groups and individuals to enter these two competitions so that we can continue to run them in the future:

The EMiB Children's Art Competition and the EMiB Children's Digital Photography Competition.

Please let your local schools know about the competitions (there will be a flyer available that you can print - please contact us) and there is no limit to the number of schools in your area that can enter. All we ask is that teachers select from one in four of each class's entries to help us with the judging. Entries can be sent at any time (in fact we encourage entries with autumn and winter themes to show this is not just a summer competition). For the Art Competition please note this is the current address to send the entries to:

Ian Slater, Creative Director,
Snake Lane Design,
7 Market Place, Derby DE1 3QE.

Please put '**EMiB Children's Art Competition**' on the bottom right of your envelope or package. The closing date for all art & digital entries is **Friday June 5th 2015**.

The Digital Photography Competition entries will continue to be sent to Ashley Franklin as before and images can be sent to him digitally too. Please do read the full rules for both competitions first (available from our website).

Here are a few winning examples from 2014:



Above: 'Beautiful Painting'
by Areesha Saleem (aged 7)
Fernwood Infant School,
Nottingham



'Daisy Days' by Megan Finney
(aged 11), Buxton Junior School,
Buxton, Derbyshire

Left: 'Wasp on Flower'
by Libby Smith (aged 10)
Holmsdale Manor, Ibstock,
Leicestershire.



Below: 'Frog in Garden'
by Darcie Skellett (aged 8)
Rosliston C of E Primary School,
Rosliston, Derbyshire



2015 East Midlands in Bloom SEMINAR [RESERVATION FORM](#)

To be held at the Council Chamber, Melton Borough Council, Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE13 1GH on Thursday 19th February. Registration from 10.00 am for 10.30 am start. There is a free car park next to the venue.

To reserve your place/s please complete and return this form **NO LATER THAN Thursday 5th February**

Send to: [Irene Bates, EMIB Secretary, 64 Chaddesden Park Road, Derby DE21 6HD](#)

or by e-mail to: info@eastmidlandsinbloom.co.uk

I wish to reserve: places @ £10 per person (*to include refreshments and a buffet lunch*)

Name/s of delegate/s: (*please include any work roles*)

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Please continue on reverse of slip if more places are required

Representing.....(*name of entry, LA or community group*)

Contact Address

e-mail address:Telephone:

I enclose a cheque (made payable to East Midlands in Bloom) for £

Signed.....Date.....

You are welcome to send in all Bloom/IYN/Special Award nominations/Children's Art & Digital competition forms as early as you like - please don't leave it until the closing date!
We look forward to seeing you (feel free to bring other people who might be interested) to the Seminar in February!

*With Best Seasonal Wishes to you All
and here's to a
Blooming Good 2015!*