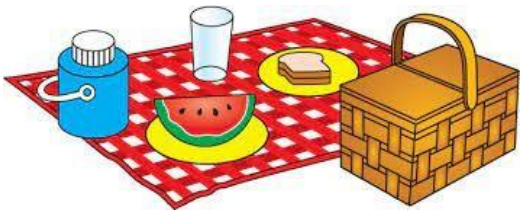
July 2025

The Boat Roundabout feels a lot bigger when you are on it! The intrepid gardeners were there early on Sunday 1st June to weed and tidy before the traffic built up. We appreciated the nice comments on our Facebook page, we really value the support and a 'thank you' makes it worthwhile!

ALL WORKING PARTIES ARE 9.30-11.30AM	PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS, GLOVES AND GREEN BAGS
Saturday 5th July	Town Garden, Old Mill and Wyndham Way
Monday 7th July	Rodmoor Gardens, Nuttery
Tuesday 15th July	Town Garden and Old Mill
Wednesday 23rd July	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Thursday 31st July	Station Road
Monday 4th August	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Sunday 10th August	Memorial Beds (Albert Road)
Tuesday 12th August	Town Garden and Old Mill
Wednesday 20th August	Rodmoor and Nuttery
Sunday 24th August	Station Road
Thursday 28th August	West Hill

*The beds at Albert Road have been renamed the Memorial Beds in recognition of the two memorial stones.



Join us on Saturday 19th July from 12 noon for The Big Picnic in Jubilee Park. Bring a rug and a picnic, free entertainment.

Vey sadly there was considerable damage to the grass and one of the trees on the memorial to Tommy Broom at the top of Roath Road caused by a road traffic accident – this area is looked after by Tommy's daughter and son-in-law, both keen members of PiB. The area is so valued by local people that before North Somerset Council could come to help clean up neighbours had washed the tree and planted grass seed. We are lucky to live in such a caring community. Thanks!

Sixteen gardeners were scattered around Rodmoor Gardens on Monday 2nd June – the roses are in full bloom, but the weeds were also prolific! Two hours later everything was looking much smarter.

On Open Gardens weekend, sadly Saturday 7th June started with very grey and rainy, and although the skies brightened later in the day, there was a reduced number of visitors – however the hosts reported that those who came were mainly keen gardeners and very appreciative.

The weather improved markedly on Sunday bringing out lots of people. Our garden hosts reported much large numbers, up to 250, compared to around 100 on Saturday.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the weekend and to everyone who came to view – this is our major fundraiser and ensures we have enough funds to keep the town floriferous next year.

The hard work to clear the area at the back of the Old Mill has really paid off and we are very pleased with the smart new bed. The volume of gravel which was moved to create this pleasant space was huge and we are very grateful to those gardeners who persisted with a heavy and at times unrewarding task to improve a very unloved corner.

We are always looking for more help at our work parties – we are a friendly bunch and make everyone welcome – no skill needed , just enthusiasm!

The Town Garden was looking very colourful when the gardeners worked there on 10th June – and the community vegetables, are coming on well.

The work party on 18th June was depleted as not only was it very hot but some regular gardeners were on holiday. As Mary-Ann commented there may only have been a few gardeners but a lot was achieved. Rose petals were collected whilst deadheading to be dried for wedding confetti. They dry well on trays in the sun or over a boiler. It's best to avoid the white ones…

PiB attended the Eco Forum at Highdown Primary School. Fran co-ordinated an activity for 15 children representing each of the local primary schools. The children all enjoyed eating and planting peas – some of the teachers did too! We were very glad that the morning of Thursday 19th was slightly cooler!

The hot spell had rendered the ground hard and unyielding, but the volunteer gardeners persevered and improved the look of the beds on the corner of Station Road on Sunday 22nd June. Some of the shrubs have really struggled with the heat – we may have some replanting to do in the Autumn if they don't recover.

PiB looks after some areas of Jubilee Park in a joint venture with North Somerset Council and their contractor Glendale. We were delighted to see how much work Pete, from Glendale had already done preparing the park for South West in Bloom judging when we were working there on 26th June. The PiB gardeners tidied and weeded as the judges will walk through this area on 8th July before walking along Dockside and over the lock - we would really appreciate any help from local residents to tidy the walkways over the coming week.

And finally – the South West in Bloom judges will be visiting the town on 8th July so we would appreciate everyone's help to remove weeds and any rubbish to ensure that the judging route is looking it's best – it is as follows:

From **The Ship Inn** the route goes along Nore Road to **Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery** on the corner of corner of Beach Road then down Rodmoor Road and along the Esplanade to the Outdoor Pool and **Lido Beds, Esplanade Meadow.** Via Pier Road to **Jubilee Park** on Lower Burlington Way, walking along Dockside to pick up the car again at Phoenix Way, along The Finches and Robin Place to the **Ecology Park and Nature Reserve.** The judges then walk across the nature reserve to Sheepway They are driven to the **Boat Roundabout and Scouts Beds** at the top of Wyndham Way, along Wyndham Way to the sail roundabout, along Quays Avenue and Harbour Road to the **Town Garden and Potager ,** then along the High Street to **Albert Road beds,** ending up at **Clarence House.**

Fingers crossed for a successful day!