

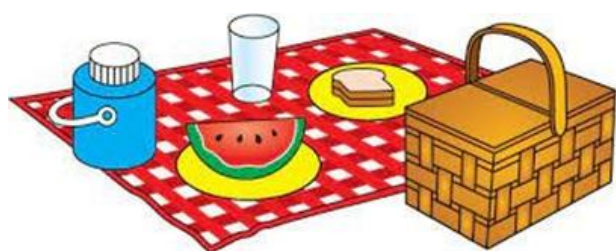


Newsletter July 2026

The 1st June saw fifteen gardeners deadheading and weeding in Rodmoor Gardens which were a blur of colour. The roses are ‘blooming amazing’ this year! It’s a busy time and we would welcome as much support as possible at the work parties, especially prior to judging!



All work parties are 9.30-11.30 am.	Please bring your own gloves, tools and green bags
Thursday 9th July	SW in Bloom judging day
Tuesday 14th July	Town Garden, Old Mill
Saturday 18th July	Big Picnic
Wednesday 22nd July	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Tuesday 28th July	Britain in Bloom judging day
Thursday 30th July	Jubilee Park
Monday 3rd August	Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery
Tuesday 11th August	Town Garden, Old Mill
Wednesday 19th August	Rodmoor Gardens
Thursday 27th August	Station Road



Join us on Saturday 18th July from 12 noon to 3pm for The Big Picnic in Jubilee Park. Bring a rug and a picnic, free entertainment. (Weather permitting!)

22 Gordano students and alumni attended a prestigious Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award ceremony at Buckingham Palace. One of them was Daisy who completed the volunteering element with PiB – so we are very proud of her achievement!

From marking the award’s 70th anniversary to recognising their incredible dedication and achievements it was a great day out!



Join our Committee! Whether or not you are a keen gardener, if you appreciate the work that PiB does, you could contribute by joining our committee. We need more people to help with organising behind the scenes. If you are interested in talking about what's involved please email portishead_in_bloom@outlook.com or talk to us at our work parties.



A huge thank you to everyone involved with Open Gardens weekend, to those who opened their gardens, made cakes, brought programmes and contributed in many other ways, we hope you enjoyed the weekend too! Despite the terrible weather on Saturday, we were saved by the dryer, brighter conditions on Sunday – all the money collected will fund further planting and maintenance of our green spaces.

There's no let up for the volunteer gardeners as our judging days are not far off so they were all out in the Town Garden and around the town centre on Tuesday 9th – the damp



weather has caused rapid weed growth – but equally the planted beds are all looking their best!



Later that day 19 Brownies visited Rodmoor Garden and Nuttery. They picked



rose petals to dry and planting up the entrance with petunias, lobelia and argeratum. The girls

were super helpful and a pleasure to host!

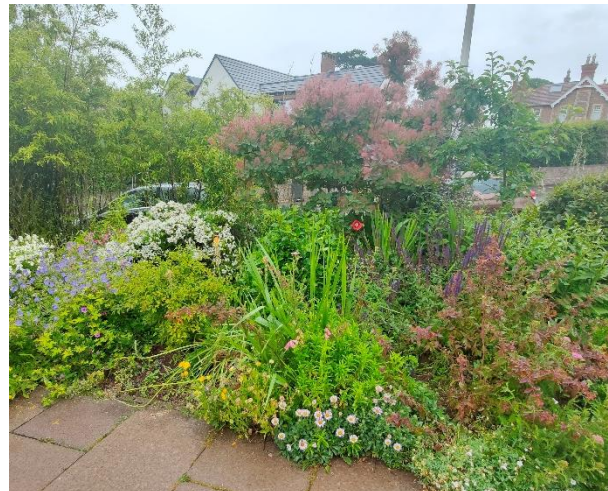


It was a first-time win for the PiB entry into the Portishead Carnival as our flower packed trailer and gaily dressed team won a cup as the Best Walking Group. Congratulations to all concerned, and especially to Di who had the idea and saw it through to completion. Fittingly Di also won a splendid raffle prize on the day!

Following on from the fun of both Open Gardens and the Portishead Carnival our focus is on preparing for Southwest in Bloom judging on Thursday 9th July, to be followed a couple of weeks later by Britain in Bloom judging on Tuesday 28th July. As always, we would appreciate your help in ensuring that the route is clean and free of litter. There are a few changes from recent years – see below:

From the Ship Inn, via Down Road and Nore Road to Rodmoor Gardens and Nuttery. Along Esplanade Road to the Lido beds, then walk up Battery Point and down steps to Esplanade Meadow. From Pier Road – down the steps to the Lifeboat Station, past the Marina and across the lock gates, in front of shops and bars etc.

By car along Phoenix Way – The Finches – Robin Place, walking down to Swan Pool across the Ecology Park to Sheepway. By car to the Orchard, Scouts beds, Boat Roundabout, then along Wyndham Way – past the Aldi Bed, Hot Bed, and The Bell. Next stop, Harbour Road to visit the Youth and Community Centre, then walking via Waitrose Piazza to Town Garden and Jubilee Bed, past Old Mill bed to The Precinct, along the High Street to the Memorial Bed (previously known as Albert Road bed)



Even on a damp day Rodmoor Gardens look amazing – so many different vistas and attractive corners. Ten gardeners weeded, edged the lawn, tidied the roadside hedge and dead headed the roses on Wednesday 17th June. The damp weather makes weeding easier but equally has made the weeds grow rampantly. If the garden is to look its best for the Southwest in Bloom judges it will need a lot more attention before July 9th!



There were gardeners along the High Street tidying both the Victoria Court Herb Bed and the Memorial Beds in Albert Road as well as a team on the West Hill Triangle working on the Heather beds on Sunday 21st June.



Proving how flexible and determined the gardeners were, our work parties were brought forward to 8am to avoid the heatwave

– some were in Rodmoor before 7.30am on Tuesday 23rd. And 8 gardeners also



tackled the Station Road beds early on Thursday 25th. Well done everyone!



Fingers crossed for a positive reaction from the RHS judges and please help us to make sure the town looks its best on both judging days!