

## **LEAMINGTON IN BLOOM update – April 2022**

Progress since 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022:

- **Trees in Jephson Gardens leaflet**

Agreed to update and reprint the visitor info leaflet on interesting and significant trees in Jephson Gardens to be made available through the TIC, Town Hall and Glasshouse.

Sidney Syson has done a comprehensive review of the leaflet in terms of the trees included and the group has made some text updates. WDC Green Spaces will have sight of a draft version for comments before print. WDC Design has agreed to design a new version in conjunction with LiB. Aiming to have leaflet back in circulation by the end of May.

- **Platinum Jubilee Tree**

The Mayor and a couple of members of LiB met on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11am on Newbold Comyn to take photos for the Plant a Tree for the Jubilee Day. Many good photos were taken, including action shots, and some will be used in a press release and on the LiB social media and website.

However, in the light of recent events, we will be holding off issuing any of the photos until such time as the Mayor agrees to it.

- **Heart of England in Bloom Judges' visit 2022**

Date for the judges' visit is set for **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. Three hour visit starting at the Town Hall with a presentation – this followed by a set route around town in the Mayoral car. Members of LiB to meet the judges at various points on the tour and go in the car. Tour to end in Jephson Gardens with a lunch provided free of charge by The Glasshouse restaurant.

The tour route has been driven to check for any issues which will need addressing and passed to WDC Green Spaces.

- **HEiB judges' training session – Leamington Spa**

HEiB judges training session to be held at the Town Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 2pm. There will be 15 attendees - some experienced judges doing refreshers and finding out about new items and some new judges starting from scratch.

They have asked for a walking tour of local green spaces to aid their training. There will be three groups of five people going to a) Jephson Gardens, b) Pump Room Gardens and c) Christchurch Gardens. It was agreed that KG would facilitate the day while LiB group members would meet the judges' groups at each green space to walk round and point out the main facilities and features.

Jon Holmes to be asked to join the Jephson Gardens group and Simon Richardson to join the Pump Room Gardens group. Reps from Friends of Christchurch Gardens to join the judges' group there to show them around that space.