

Report for Annual Parish Meeting regarding “Creaton in Bloom”.

2015 was a very successful year for Creaton in Bloom, thanks to the hard work of so many people. We had 12 lovely gardens open, including 4 at Highfield Park.

Alison Cave organizes the BBQ very efficiently, and has a band of regular helpers and cooks. Many villagers generously give delicious salads, as well as baking cakes for the teas, which are organized by Jane Kimberlin. Maggie Jones also provided delicious teas in her garden at Highfield Park.

Geoff White organized all the drinks and supplies for the very popular Real Ale and Pimms tent, and we all rope in family members and villagers to serve in the bar.

We are so grateful to Julian Hunt, Chris Parker and their band for adding so much to the atmosphere of the day. It really would not be the same without them.

St Michael’s Church looked wonderful, full of the most beautiful flower arrangements on the theme of an “English Garden”.

We had a record 350 visitors to the gardens, and the Green was full of adults and children having fun in the warm sunshine. There was a lovely happy buzz to the village, with everyone working hard together.

Thanks to the beautiful weather and good publicity we made a profit of £5,100 for the fabric fund of St Michael and All Angels Church. Out of this we made donations of £500 to the Playing Field Committee, £500 to the United Reformed Church, £250 to Creaton Village Hall, and £50 to Hollowell Village Hall in recognition of the help these organizations give to Creaton in Bloom.

Planning is now well underway for this year’s Creaton in Bloom on Sunday 5th June, and we just hope that this year will be as successful and fun as last year.