

## Some Diary Dates

The FGG AGM will be held on the Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.00 pm in the Youth Hall. All are welcome.

The FGG Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 am in the Youth Hall. Donations of Bric a Brac, Books, DVDs, plants, raffle prizes and home baking are needed, please leave at Youth Hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> evening 6pm to 7.30 pm

Tree pruning morning Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. All interested parties to meet outside Village Shop at 9.30 am

Competition Judging Dates now confirmed are Floral Gateway Competition Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9.30 am and the Beautiful Scotland Competition on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 9.30 am.

Dow Brae Tidy Up Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 9.00 am for a little weeding and a tidy up. All welcome, meet outside the shop.

## FGG Committee members

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FGG is always looking for new members. If interested in helping out please contact any of the group



**More hands make  
light work**

Summer-2011 NEWSLETTER

# Floral Gateway Gathering Summer Newsletter

## A Quiet Year

The year 2010/2011 has been a quiet year governed by the demands of maintenance and the fulfilment of our yearly cycle of tree planting, bulb planting, plant exchanges and summer bedding displays. This year has seen no new schemes and only one new initiative; the renovation of the Wall Roadie carried out by the Criminal Justice Team. We hope in our next year to involve ourselves and the community in some infill hedge planting in and around the village and will keep you informed of the autumn dates.

## Wildflower Banks

These are a long term project of the FGG and are proving popular with many members of the community. Some of the banks are looking better than others and some have yet again been sprayed by SBC Parks Department with weed killer. The FGG team have decided that while sowing seeds has a place within the overall plan for the banks more reliance will be placed on bringing on wild flowers in troughs then planting out in the early spring. This has been happening more and more over the years and has proved particularly successful with the planting of bluebells. FGG will also be planting out wild primroses along and around the Wall Roadie path at the suggestion of a village resident.

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## **Wauchope Memorial**

FGG have received a quote for the painting of the Wauchope Memorial railings and while the quote is reasonable the group does not have enough funds to enable the job to be carried out by this company. It has therefore been decided that the FGG and volunteers tackle the job of removing the old paint, making good the surface and painting the railings over the late summer and early autumn months. FGG will also be cleaning the memorial itself and laying down new chippings. Notices for volunteers will be put up nearer the dates which will more likely be a Saturday to enable as many villagers as possible to be involved.

## **Chipper**

This is now an established part of FGG's early spring calendar. We have decided to stop the late October chipper arrival as there seemed little point so near Bonfire Night where many villagers have traditionally left their pruning refuse until that date. Thank you to SBLocal for continuing to provide this service.

## **Plant Exchanges, Coffee Morning, Pub Quiz and Village Green Plant Sales**

A big thank you to all who supported these events and who hopefully got themselves a bargain plant or shrub in the process. FGG very much enjoy running these events; it is good to hear the stories, the tips for future projects and the views and comments on work already carried out as well as plans for the future. We also appreciate the income that these events generate and the work that they allow us all to do in and around the village. This year we have raised nearly £900 towards making Yetholm even more attractive.

## **An Anonymous Donor**

Thank you to the anonymous donor who will be providing the monies to purchase a mature tree to be planted to the left of the village notice board on Town Yetholm Green. In keeping with the FGG's policy of planting only native species the committee have decided to plant a Paul Scarlet Hawthorn in this spot in the autumn.

## **Ideas and Projects** 2011

Please use this form to list ideas and projects which you would like FGG to consider.

Please hand completed form into Greenbank [next to the village shop] or Gladstone House, High St]. If your name and address are included, you will have the chance to win a Milestone Garden Voucher in our Prize Draw

Name

Address