

# Sunday Snippets

## It's been a good week

What a great week we've enjoyed weather-wise. You can tell the children have returned to school, although the weather they had for the Easter holidays was not at all bad. These past few days have been ideal for many of those gardening jobs – tidying up, sowing seeds, even planting out some of the hardier plants. Those of us who have been raising bee loving plants

## Elections



for the churchyard have had some success and just a few more days of careful tending should see them ready for transplanting next Saturday – see following item. The sun also brought out one of the Parliamentary candidates and a couple of our Councillors who were canvassing door to door. In fairness, the former had made it publicly known that he would be endeavouring to knock on every door in the Moor View Constituency prior to the General Election on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Before that, as well, he is to hold a public meeting in the church hall on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm which will provide the rare opportunity for face to face questions; penetrating and awkward ones if that is what you want. There was a time when every village hall or school throughout the land would have political meetings leading up to elections and it made for much more interest, if not excitement being generated rather than having to sit in front of the telly as a passive viewer.

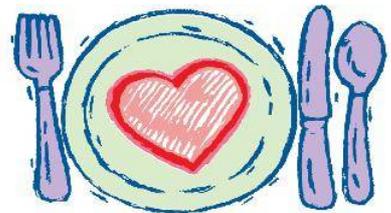
## 'Green Fingers' to meet and work



Arrangements have been made for the Green Fingers Gardening Club members (membership open to anyone who turns up) to meet in the churchyard next **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am**. On the evening before, Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>, **Jon Lake** would like all those who are able to attend an inaugural meeting at his house – **254 Fort Austin Avenue** – when he will explain the proposed long term plan of action for the churchyard and the tasks that can be undertaken immediately, especially the planting up of a border specifically to attract insects.

## Community Lunch

There have been some very encouraging reports received about the success of last Wednesday's Community lunch in the church hall. Not only were the meals enjoyed and appreciated by the 30 or so diners, but an inspection by the Environmental Health Officer resulted in a 5 star rating for hygiene. Another visitor was a lady called **Pauline Luxton** from Age UK who provided very useful information and advice as to what is available from her organisation in the way of support and activities for the over 50's some of which may well be introduced in the coming months. The catering team of **Justine Elder, Yvonne, Jenny, Sue, Peter, Maureen, Glenda, Frances and Grace** deserve very many thanks for the results of what has been described as their "great teamwork".



**COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**

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## Only Joking!

A powerfully built young man was boasting about his strength to his work colleagues on a building site. He claimed that he could beat any of them in a trial of strength and in particular took pleasure in teasing the eldest and most experienced member of the gang. Eventually, this man became fed up with the arrogance and decided to take the younger one down a peg or two. He said, "I'll bet you a week's pay that I can push something in a wheelbarrow across this site to that fence that you won't be able to push back." "You're bluffing," said the young worker. "This will be the easiest week's pay I'll ever earn. It's almost too easy but if that's what you want, let's get started." With that, the older man picked up the wheelbarrow handles, nodded to the young upstart and said, "OK, get in."



A man due to undergo surgery was found running down a hospital corridor. When asked by the Ward Sister why he appeared to be in such state, he replies: "I heard the nurse saying it was just a simple operation and really nothing to be worried about." "Well then," said the Sister, "That shows there really is nothing to be concerned about. The nurse was clearly trying to reassure you so why are you so worried?" The man said, "Because she wasn't talking to me, she was addressing the surgeon."



## Wanted – Jewellery Boxes

**Vicki Hocking** has gathered together an impressive amount of jewellery for her stall at the Spring Fair on 16<sup>th</sup> May and has now issued a plea for boxes into which the pieces can be displayed. If you have any suitable boxes that you can spare, please pass them to Vicki.



## Coming Soon! New Afternoon House Group

**Steve Colcombe & Vicki Hocking** are to organise afternoon Fellowship meetings beginning on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May** from **3.00pm-4.30pm** at **6 Orchard Avenue**. There is an open invitation for anyone who would like to attend.



## Cider & Ale Festival

From **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**, at **The Prince Maurice Public House** there will be a Cider & Ale Festival when a large selection of local tipples will be available. Live entertainment is being organised on the Friday and Saturday nights as well as Sunday afternoon and a BBQ is planned throughout the weekend.

