

MONTHLY MEMBERS NEWS UPDATE

OCTOBER 2018

Dear all

Good day to all hoping you are all well, had your flu jabs and this cold weather is not bothering you too much. Compared to previous months October seems to have been remarkably quiet in the Borough or maybe I've just been asleep and not paying attention. It does happen, well so my wife says.

The cold weather is a bit of a pain but probably only because we've not yet got the appropriate attire out of the wardrobe or cupboard. I did have to put the log fire on last weekend despite the family abuse I took for doing it. The UK Met Office are forecasting that November is looking like a mixed bag of weather this year and there are signs that amidst stormy weather will be the first proper snowfall, temperatures for the month are expected to possibly be below average. So, get the snow gear out, make sure you've got snow shovels and salt for the paths handy. I've already started covering the windscreen of the car at night.

Still looks like Brexit will stagger and stumble onwards to the bitter end. I think that is pretty much what we all expected. What's the odds on an extension prior to final implementation.

Now back to business and the Pride of the Borough performance for September.

Membership Numbers

Once again, we experience a steady rise in our membership numbers. This month membership numbers increased to **1193** at time of writing. An increase of 20 from last month.

Regarding membership cards for calendar year 2018 these are still available but remember they are now only valid for two more months. The 2019 card will be available from Saturday 1st December and the cost remains at £5. Members will receive a newsletter before the end of November together with an invitation to apply for the 2019 card which they can request by post or get from one of three places:

- Council service desk in Oadby Library (not open until 3rd December)
- Brocks Hill Country Park Café
- OWBC Customer Service Centre in Bell Street

Following on from last month we still have requests for Business Liaison Volunteers to come forward and assist the Membership Secretary in dealing with existing and potential new businesses.

Anyone interested in helping or would like more information, please call us on 0784 228491 or email potb.oadbywigston@gmail.com

Participating Businesses – October 2018

Total number of Participating Businesses **remains at 47** this period as follows:

Wistow	1 business
Oadby:	22 businesses
Wigston:	19 businesses
South Wigston:	5 businesses

For complete listing see attached pdf file



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3rd Saturday Monthly Working Parties:

On 20th October 2018, we had 15 volunteers attend a bulb planting and litter picking at William Gunning Park area. Over a 2-hour period they collected and removed 4 bags of litter from the site and planted an astounding 2,500 bulbs. A tremendous effort which because the weather was kind it made the tasks a bit easier although still back breaking. Everyone needs to visit this site in spring where you will be able to view last years planting and what was planted this year. Well Done to all involved.

Next months working party task is still to be decided so look out for my email early November. The event will be on **17th November 2018, with a start time of 0930hrs**

Garden Tips

It's time to prepare for the winter months and coming year – and here is your list of essential jobs for November. From planting tulip bulbs for spring colour to mulching beds and borders, there's lots to be done! Here is just a sample:

- Cut back perennials like hardy geraniums that have died down
- Pop tulip bulbs in pots and borders for spring colour.
- Mow your lawn on a dry day before frosts arrive.
- Fill containers with winter bedding like cyclamens, violas and primroses.
- Weed borders and mulch with compost or woodchips.
- Plant trees, shrubs and hedging if soil is not waterlogged or frozen

For further reading click on link below (Ctrl+click)

<https://www.thompson-morgan.com/what-to-do-in-the-garden-in-november>

Little bird tells me that effective November 2018 the Wyevale garden Centre at Woodlands, Hinkley is being taken over by Dobbies Garden Centres.

Next Month

Previous to my request last month, I would still like to include a section from the members/readers of this newsletter. So, if you have anything you might want to share or any good ideas for the garden or specifically what to do about litter then please send them in for **my consideration**. Send articles to PotB.oadbywigston@gmail.com

Notice of Monthly Meeting:

The next meeting will be on **Monday 12th November at 5.00pm at Brocks Hill Visitor Centre, Washbrook Lane Oadby**

All members - meaning those who have purchased a 2018 membership card - are welcome to attend the meeting and are entitled to submit motions for discussion.

Kind regards to all

Mike Connelly, secretary