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Park View 4U
Fitting the Hours back into Lytham



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So, WHO BEE THE GRANS?

At this year's shows, hosted by ICHF, the Grans are Pat Wilson and Avril Collier, both from Deal in Kent. The third member of the team, Jenny Knight, is on a gap year – a very modern Gran!! But you don't have to be a Gran (or a Grandad) to join us; our youngest contributor last year was just 6 years old!

And WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT??

Our mission this year is to create a buzz around the plight of the honeybee and other pollinators and to raise awareness of the necessity to increase bee-friendly habitats throughout the UK to ensure their survival – which, ultimately, means ours, too!

And HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THIS BUZZING??

We have joined forces with a charity organisation called Park View 4U, who developed a boggy field in Lytham St Annes into a three generational park, playing a central role to community life in the area. Last year, one of their events included starting a Bee Trail and the Grans have been inspired to extend this into a nationwide Bee Line.

So WHERE DO WE GET BUZZY??

You can start right here, where we shall have a hive of activity!

- ❖ Buy our Bee Bags! Plant the Bee Bomb or the seeds in it in places near you, where wildflowers can grow and provide food and shelter for bees.
- ❖ Knit a bee! Donate it to us to sell, or take one home and get local groups in your community to make a swarm – maybe your town is entering Britain in Bloom? Show off your swarm, for the enjoyment of everyone and the judges!
- ❖ Buy a Bee-Ring ! Flash your buzzy friend when you open your door, or your car, or attach it to your handbag! Bee-Bags are to become the latest trend!
- ❖ Make a donation – Bee generous!



Right – WHEN DO WE TAKE OFF??

Join us for some bee-making during the show. Knit a bee, or a flower for our beehive garden, or have a go at making a needle-felted bee from materials provided by The Makerss especially for us.

Throughout the year, we shall be plotting our Bee Line on our Hexagon Map, noting the postcode for every Bee Bag purchased, together with the name of the person or group that will be sowing the Bee Bombs and seeds.

The map is made up of over 400 crocheted hexagons (easier to make than knitted ones!) and contributions will only be necessary for a very short time. But you are welcome to buy the pattern and make bee-themed items from it.

HIVE NO TIME NOW...

Don't worry, you can still take part when you go home. All the patterns for the bees are on our website and FaceBook page so you can make and send them to us at your leisure. Why not get your local knit and natter groups involved too? And sow some seeds too!!

Send your bees to: Pat Wilson, 18 Griffin Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6LH

SHOW US YOUR HONEY!

All donations will go to Park View 4U to help them continue their good work at their eco-friendly community in Lytham St Annes.

Last year the Grans raised over £5500 for the Royal British Legion, the Pankhurst Centre and the Erskine Veteran Care Home. We'd love to beat that figure this year and save lots of BEES!

Finally, the Grans wish to thank all their generous collaborators, including :



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