



Honey Bee – Maxim Griffin

Louth In Bloom

In September 2012 Louth was awarded a Silver Gilt in the RHS In Bloom competition. For 2013 we are, of course, going for Gold. The Louth Festival of the Bees is one of the projects organised by Louth In Bloom and Transition Town Louth, raising awareness of the significance of biodiversity and wildlife in and around Louth. We are always looking for more help and welcome new faces so if you would like to get involved please get in touch. Phone 01507 358413 or visit

www.bit.ly/LouthBees



Buff-tailed Bumblebee, *Bombus terrestris*,
Cornflower, *Centaurea cyanus*: - Photo-Polly Bell

Conference Day

Thursday 23rd May 2013

British Legion Hall,

10am to 5pm and 7pm to 10pm

Displays, stalls, workshops & talks

Jane Bayley, Mike Barwise, Lorraine Bellis, Sam Gandy,
Elizabeth Gowling, Peter Brinch, Val Littlewood,
Mark Schofield & Brigit Strawbridge,

Concert for the Bees

A concert performance of

Silence of the Bees: a Science Opera,

Composer: Kelvin Thomson, Librettist: Benet Catty

Kate Witney

Songs of Bees and Flowers

Sunday 26th May 4pm Playgoers Theatre

Art Exhibition

Wildflowers & Pollinators

18th to 23rd May 2013 10am – 4pm

Pat Hickson, Christine Farmer, Cath Hodsmen, Val
Littlewood, Janet Robinson, Maxim Griffin, Mary
Findell, Chris Hibbins, May Jones, Rown McOnegal
Simon Croson, Jonathan Stead & Gary Woods
Painting, Drawing, Stained Glass & Photography

Mike Barwise - Wild Soundscape

At McKinnells Studio Upstairs,

Vickers Lane

The Louth

Festival of the Bees

May 2013

A month of activities

**Celebrating Wildflowers, Bees
and other Pollinators.**

With Art and Science

We may not, single handed, be able to stop war, cure disease, end hunger, or save the planet, but we can, each of us, plant some flowers that give the bees and other small creatures a better chance and make our world a little more beautiful.



The wild Red Mason Bee, *Osmia rufa*

Visit the website for more information at

www.bit.ly/LouthBees

Please pass this leaflet on telling others about the Festival.

A month of activities, celebrating Wildflowers and Bees with Art and Science, raising public awareness and understanding of the ecology of wildflowers and pollinators.

Saturday 18th May 11 am to 3 pm Spout Yard
Bee Fun Day Bring the children.

18th-23rd May. Art exhibition featuring works by specialists in botanical painting and artists for whom bees and wildflowers provide inspiration through drawing, painting, photography and sound. The exhibitions will be curated through scientific eyes, revealing the significance of biodiversity throughout the Lincolnshire Marsh and Wolds.

23rd May. Conference Day - Exhibitions, demonstrations, & workshops. Talks on Wild Bees, Wildflowers, Beekeeping in Africa and Kosovo,, world-wide honey tastes, the Mexican Honey Wasp, the nutritional value of Propolis, Open Pollinates Seeds, Gardening for Pollinators and Painting Insects,.

26th May. 4pm Concert for the Bees - Concert performance of Silence of the Bees: a Science Opera with Kate Witney at the Riverhead Theatre.



Val Littlewood: Tawny Mining Bee (*Andrena fulva*)

Let's make Louth a Bee Friendly Zone

Visit www.BeeFriendlyZone.org



A Bee-Friendly Zone is a safe place where bees and other insects can nest, forage for pollen and nectar and go about their business without coming into contact with toxic chemicals., particularly systemic insecticides such as the neonicotinoids.

Bees of all species (as well as the honey bee, there are two dozen species of bumble bee and over 200 species of solitary bees in Britain) are declining in numbers because of the increased use of agricultural chemicals and the destruction of their natural habitat.



We're planning a River of Flowers right across Louth, from Hubbards Hills to the Louth Navigation.

How can I make my own Bee-Friendly Zone?

To make place Bee-Friendly, there are two things you must do:

1. Keep it free from all pesticides, especially the systemic neonicotinoid insecticides.
2. Plant some Bee-Friendly flowers



Christine Farmer - Leafcutter Bee in flight *Megachile* sp.

You could also:- Plant Bee-Friendly trees. Turn a patch of wasteland into a BFZ by sowing wild flower seeds. Make a bumblebee nest box. Discover how to garden without using insecticides or weed-killers. Leave undisturbed, wild areas in your garden. Enjoy the weeds. Get together with friends and neighbours to make your BFZ bigger!

The Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marsh Project are running several bee-related events. Check their website.

For the best set of links to information about bees and wildflowers on the net visit www.bit.ly/LouthBees



The Louth Festival of the Bees is sponsored by the Co-operative Community Fund and East Lindsey District Council.