Herald the new Bourne Spring

29 January 2022

Herald of Spring, Bourne Hall, Saturday 12 March

Herald of Spring, a popular annual community event since the 1970s, returns this year as a celebration of local horticulture and spring flowers.

This year's extravaganza is all about sustainability, reusing, replanting and recycling – as well as all the little things we can do to cut down on waste and protect the environment.

Alex Coley, Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Committee, said "After what has been an incredibly difficult couple of years for everyone, we are delighted to be able to welcome everyone back to Herald of Spring and help bring a little joy and colour into people's lives again.

"We've called on some help from our recycling friends from Wimbledon and we'll be getting some tips from the Wombles, so keep an eye out for these shy creatures.

"Shake off the winter chill and come and explore the beautiful indoor and environmentally friendly floral displays from Ashtead Park Garden Centre. And maybe gather some inspiration for your own garden at home!"

Returning for 2022 is the Gift Fair, organised by What's On In My Town Group, with a range of locally-made and hand-crafted items – perfect for that upcoming Mother's Day present!

Children will be able to enjoy a wide range of free activities and entertainment.

It's competition time!

There are two competitions this year.

1. Scarecrow Competition
   Our scarecrow competition is back with a twist. Local primary schools and youth groups are invited to submit their best creative work "making good use" of pre-loved and recycled materials in a Womble-themed pageant.

2. Make Your Own Garden Tray Competition
   Could you be the next Capability Brown? Have fun making your own picturesque garden in a tray! This competition is open to all children including school gardening clubs.

Full details on the competitions can be found on the Bourne Hall website