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The UK's LARGEST Begonia Flower Carpet

The Lions Club of Stowmarket & District with support from Thompson & Morgan will be laying the **LARGEST** Begonia Flower Carpet in the UK. **Bury St Edmunds** will again host this amazing colourful masterpiece in the beautiful **Abbey Gardens**, which will be open for viewing from 9 am until dusk on **Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August 2007**.

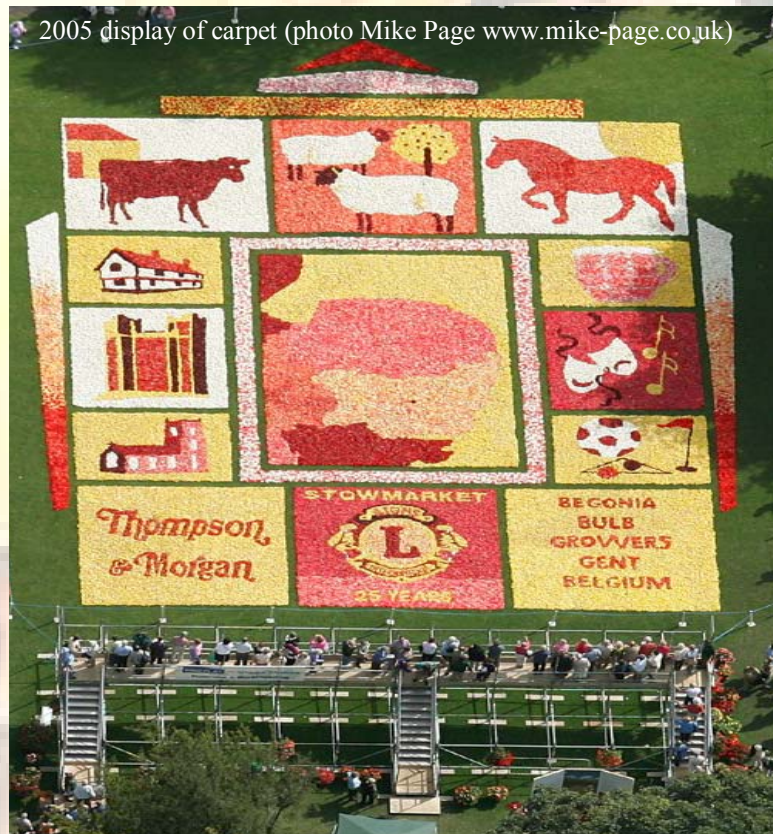
This years carpet will exceed 750 square metres and will depict that famous children's character of **Old MacDonald and his farm**. The floral tapestry will take over **350,000 begonia flower heads** including the world's first scented begonia. The carpet will be laid by over **100 people** including members, wives and friends of the Club.

A full colour programme will include information on the Begonia Flower Carpet display as well as wealth of interesting information on begonias. The cost of £2.50 will allow entry into the viewing area and raised platform. The programme will also feature articles from this year's chosen charities and the National Begonia Society whose members will be on hand to offer growing advice.

Following on from the stunning success of the first Begonia Flower Carpet in 2005 which raised

over £21,000 for St Elizabeth Hospice, St Nicholas Hospice

For further information on the Begonia Flower Carpet 2007 please call David Cleary on 07931 556990 or 01449 771149 www.begoniaflowercarpet.org.uk



2005 display of carpet (photo Mike Page www.mike-page.co.uk)

and Greenfingers Appeal, it is anticipated that this amount will be exceeded to benefit this years charities which are **Macmillan Cancer Care, Diabetes** and other selected **Lions charities**.

