



Olden Community Garden Newsletter April 2015

REMINDER: Next Work Day: Saturday 18th April, between 10 am and 4 pm

There is a lot of planting to do. This is our busiest time of the year. Please join us for a couple of hours. Lunch is provided for all volunteers. Everyone is welcome: Members, Non-Members, visitors, friends, neighbours.

Spring Garden Party and Fundraising Event: Sunday, 26th April, from 3 - 6 pm

Entry: Members £2, Non-Members £3. Children free.

We are charging a small entrance fee as funds are always urgently needed for the upkeep of our secluded 2.5 acre site. Join us, meet people and enjoy our wonderful savoury and cake refreshments. There will also be a bar.

Any willing cake and biscuit bakers, or savoury makers, please contact either:

Jill McKeown 020 7226 0222 or Anna Sullivan 020 7226 6821

AgeUK Get Together and Gardening Sessions: Thursday morning, 16th April

The sessions start at 10 am with coffee and biscuits, and gardening usually ends around noon. The Get Together and Gardening Sessions are held regularly on the third Thursday of every month. Entry: Free

National Garden Scheme: Sunday 10th May, from 2 - 5 pm

We have opened the garden for the N.G.S. on several occasions. Again this year, we will raise much needed funds for NGS cancer charities and the hospice movement. Cakes, biscuits and other delicious refreshments will be available. Entry: £2 Members and £3 Non-Members. Children Free

Fundraising: Waitrose Holloway Road Branch has made us one of their featured charities for April. So get shopping and dropping those Green Tokens into the charity box to support Olden Community Garden.

Funding from Islington Council: We have received a grant of £2,000 from the Local Initiatives Fund - Highbury East Councillors. The money will be used to help improve accessibility leading down to the greenhouse and Kids' garden, and through the woodlands. Steps will be repaired and rebuilt, and more handrails will be provided.

And Finally: Spring is now in full flow. Soon the tulips will really start to show themselves. Every year we add new varieties as the old ones become less productive. We have had to wage quite a fight against the squirrels who love tulip bulbs and dig until they find them. This year, by placing netting over all the containers, we may have managed to fool the squirrels. The open ground is more difficult to protect than the containers, but we will see. The entrance to the woodland has been planted with wild flowers, and we are waiting with some anticipation for the results. The greenhouse is stocked with plants ready to go in the ground. So much work ahead.

Look forward to seeing you. Keep Gardening!
