

Olden Community Garden Newsletter - February 2015



Dear Friends,

A very belated Happy New Year to you all. We can look forward to some new ideas put into practise at the Olden Garden in the forthcoming year. We have not had a bad winter so far, and can now anticipate the Spring when the garden will be looking at its glorious best.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Next Work Day: Saturday 21st February**, from 10 - 4. Lunch is provided. Friends, family and visitors are welcome.
- **Spring Garden Party: Sunday 26th April**. This is open to all Members and friends, and hopefully some of the general public. More details to follow.
- **Chelsea Fringe: Sunday 31st May** - details to follow
- **National Garden Scheme: Sunday 10th May** - details to follow

The Work Days are held every third Saturday of the month. A full Calendar of Work Days and Events will be sent out.

Next Workday:

At our first workday for 2015 is on Saturday 21st February when the garden will be emerging from winter. Already bulbs are showing their heads and there is much clearing for us to do.

We plan to continue the development of the Children's Garden. Parents who have started this work with their children will be able to liaise with James and Jeremy on the day.

Lots of work is needed in the greenhouse sowing seeds for summer planting. We need volunteers to help the gardeners with the new development along the Roundhouse wall.

We are hoping to prepare the ground for some wild flower meadow planting.

We trust this rallying call to all of you will bear fruit.

We also hope you have survived the ravages of winter viruses.

In December, we successfully managed to have a completely new lawn laid, with a new raised bed at the patio end.

Funding:

Luckily we did manage to secure funding to continue to employ Andrew and Laura our part-time gardeners. As a registered charity we hope it might become easier for us to secure more funding as there is much to do.

The step-ways are becoming more perilous and need urgent attention. If anybody knows of any good funding outlets please let the Committee know.

The use of the garden house as a social venue has been very successful and brings us much needed money.
The Senior Citizens Gardening Group was quite successful last year and Andrew the gardener liaised with Age UK. We will let you know when the next sessions begin.

We look forward to a good gardening year with you all.
Hope to see you on Saturday 21st February.

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