



MONTHLY VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

Saturday, 21st November, 2015 between 10 am and 4 pm

Lunch is provided for everyone

November is the final monthly volunteer work day for 2015. There are no monthly work days in December or January. **Possible jobs for the November Work Day:**

- Planting tulip bulbs in the herbaceous borders
- Weeding the wild garlic - in the View Garden, the raised bed above the City & Islington plot, and other areas
- Weeding the Vegetable patch
- Mulching the borders
- Mulching the white currants
- Compost preparation/sieving
- Cleaning the greenhouse
- Assembling general waste in the loading bay/car park ready for Islington Council collection
- Routine tasks: sweeping the patio, paths and steps; picking up litter etc

Special Activities in the Kids' Garden this Saturday:

It would be great to see some children, together with their mums and dads, at the November Work Day. This Saturday we will be: doing some digging; helping Jack to grow some beanstalks in the raised beds; and planting sweet-peas in pots ready for spring time. If the parents with children can try to be there by 11 am, we will try to have a break around 12-12.30 for an early Kids' Lunch. Please let Jez know if you are planning to attend with kids, so we can make sure we have enough seeds and food. Email: jeremy.urquhart@gmail.com

Announcements:

Gillespie Park Apple Event, Sunday 18th October.

Visitors sampled a wide variety of apples, and sipped freshly pressed apple juice. The Olden Garden donated to the event several baskets of apples that were harvested the day before at the October Work Day. Thanks to Sharon and Eamonn for their wonderful jam making, and to Anna, Jill and Beth for volunteering on the Olden Garden stall. All together we raised £123 from the sale of jams, chutneys, and fresh apples.

Little Waitrose, Highbury Corner:

Thanks to everyone who dropped those green tokens into the Olden Community Garden box throughout October. You helped to raise £170 for the maintenance of the garden.

Have you renewed your Membership Subscription for 2015-16?

The annual membership year began on 1st September, except for those "new" members who joined us between 1st June and 31st August 2015 as their membership subscription is valid until the end of August 2016. More than 110 households have already renewed their annual membership for 2015-16, and around one-third of these have completed a Gift Aid Form that will provide additional income for the charity. One-quarter of households have chosen to set up payments by Standing Order.

To request a Membership Renewal Form, or a Membership Application Form (if your membership has lapsed or you wish to join for the first time) email:

theoldengarden@yahoo.co.uk

Please return your completed Forms and payments (cash, cheques, standing order, gift aid) to the Membership Secretary, Jill McKeown, 49 Whistler Street, Highbury N5 1NH

Your continued support of Olden Garden is much appreciated.

Hope to see you on Saturday

from the Management Committee