



**NEXT MONTHLY VOLUNTEER WORK DAY**

**Saturday 17th October 2015**

**between 10 am and 4 pm**

**Lunch is provided for everyone, including children and visitors**

**JOBS TO BE DONE:**

- Tulip bulb planting
- Apple harvesting
- Construction of raised beds for (new) Children's Garden
- Seed sowing in greenhouse
- Weeding and mulching - the Roundhouse wall bed and the vines
- Clearing saplings from meadow strip
- Pruning - under instruction by gardeners
- Clearing away pine needles etc from behind the tool shed

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**Gillespie Park Apple Event, Sunday 18th October, from 12 to 4 pm**

This is to celebrate apple harvesting, and there will be various stalls selling a variety of apples, juices and other produce. The Olden Garden will be selling its jams and chutneys, made using our damsons, plums, greengages and apples. We have to thank Sharon and Eamonn for the wonderful jam making. We hope you can come to support this event. Please contact Anna (020 7226 6821) or Jill (020 7226 0222) if you can help (sit) on the Olden Garden stall for an hour or two on Sunday afternoon at Gillespie Park.

**Islington in Bloom Garden Awards:** We are proud to announce that we won the Pattenden Award for the best Garden for Wildlife. This prestigious award has given us £150 of garden centre vouchers. We were also voted the 2nd best Community Garden in Islington, and won a further £75 to spend on plants - wonderful! Abundant thanks go to our volunteers whose hard work,

alongside our gardeners Laura and Andrew, made this happen.

**Little Waitrose Highbury Corner:** During October, Olden Community Garden is one of three charities featured at Little Waitrose, Highbury Corner branch. Please drop lots of those green tokens into the Olden Community Garden box throughout October and help to raise much-needed funding for the maintenance and development of our diverse garden site.

**Improved Accessibility:** The main steps beside the meadow leading down to the green house have been rebuilt; and new handrails and a small gate have been installed. The main steps are now much easier and safer to use. Thanks to Jennifer, our Treasurer, for overseeing the project.

**Tree Maintenance:** The list of tree maintenance works, approved by the Islington Council Tree Officer, has been completed. Last week, a tree surgeon and his team spent two days at Olden Garden, and the tree maintenance works carried out should allow more light and water in the garden. They mulched the branches that were cut off, and we now have a pile of mulch to spread on the paths etc.

**Annual General Meeting:** The day of the AGM, on Sunday 27th September, dawned bright and extremely clement for the time of year. We held the meeting on the lawn, and approximately 45 people attended. Afterwards, we all enjoyed wine, food and good conversation with members and volunteers whom we may not have met before. Gardens bring people together from all walks of life. So we hope to see as many people as possible at the October Work Day, as we begin to settle the garden and make it ready for winter. Saturday November 21st will be the final monthly volunteer work day for 2015. There are no monthly work days in December or January.

The Minutes of the AGM will be left in the garden house. The Treasurer's Report and Financial Accounts 2014-15 have been pinned on the notice board.

***KEEP GARDENING!***