

## Dates For Your Diary

Each year we will hold two large plant sales.

The dates for 2022 are:

Sunday 29th May & Sunday 2nd October

We have some great events coming up so please check out our website, social media pages and posters in the café for more information.

Our AGM is on Sunday 20th March in Great Plumstead Village Hall. Find out about all the great things that have been happening and our vision for the next year.

## Volunteer?

Would you like to volunteer in the garden?

Then pop along and join our friendly team

garden volunteer days are

**Wednesday and Saturday**

comment from one of our volunteers

"being able to work in the garden is fun and it's good to do something collectively, with a common goal which benefits my local community"



visit our website to find out more  
[www.thewalledgardenshop.co.uk](http://www.thewalledgardenshop.co.uk)

with thanks to the gardening team for their contributions to this newsletter



# Garden News

## Spring Edition 2022

**Welcome to the first edition of our garden newsletter**

Since the start of the garden renovation we've received so many lovely comments & enquiries that we decided to produce a quarterly garden newsletter that will hopefully keep you up to date with what's happening in the garden, and how you can get involved.



**We have some exciting news to share**

We have been fundraising over the past year as we would love a Victorian greenhouse just like this one below, and you can help us.



Donate £25 today for a pane of glass. You can donate £25 via card, cash or cheque in the shop or cafe and receive a free drink. Or visit [crowdfunder.co.uk](http://crowdfunder.co.uk) and search The Walled Garden....thank you



## Brief History

The Walled Garden was part of Plumstead Hall which was built in 1889 for the Revd Charles Johnston as a large Elizabethan style mansion, on the site of an earlier hall. The extensive grounds went through a number of changes until the hall became a hospital in 1929,

Following closure of the hospital in the 1990s, the Hall became derelict and large areas of the old estate are now new homes.



Unfortunately the Hall was lost to fire in 2016 so only a few buildings from Plumstead Hall estate remain.

Plumstead Hall circa 1926

The Walled Garden served the Hall and the Hospital in different ways, and now in this new era it serves the community with a wonderful shop, café and beautiful gardens for you to enjoy



← the site was cleared in 2020

look what we achieved in the first year!  
August 2021 →



## Spring Bulbs

Before the leaves appear on the trees and the herbaceous plants fill out, these little treasures really make themselves known. Colours seem particularly vivid such as the golden winter aconites (*Eranthis hyemalis*). Cerise pink Cyclamen coum set off by beautifully marked leaves and tiny bright blue irises all of which contrast with the pure white of snowdrops.

Here, in the Walled Garden it is no different. Last year was our first full gardening year and we took the opportunity to plant lots of bulbs – some in the flower beds and borders, but also in the meadow area under the fruit trees. We are all looking forward to seeing some fabulous spring colour.

## Plants Of The Season

Each season we would like to highlight a couple of plants you can look forward to seeing in the garden

### wild daffodil *Narcissus obvallaris*

also known as the Tenby Daffodil, is the original native-ish Daffodil of Britain which was referred to by William Wordsworth in 'I wandered lonely as a cloud'.



### snakes head *Fritillaria Meleagris*

These come in various shades of purple and occasionally white, always with a pronounced checked pattern all over.

## Plants For Sale

On our plant sales bench we try to have a mix of interesting plants for your own garden. Take away a little inspiration from your visit today.