

Garden News

Summer edition 2022

Welcome to the summer edition of our garden newsletter

As you can see the greenhouse build is in full swing. Thanks to A&D builders for doing a fantastic job on the foundations and walls. But did you know that the pammment flooring will be done by our volunteers. We always aim to do as much ourselves to save costs.

*stop the press...
The Greenhouse Pro
have started installing
the frames and glass*



If you have donated to our 'buy a pane of glass' initiative, attended our fayres and events, or just brought a second hand book, then you have all contributed our greenhouse fund

so we just wanted to say a

HUGE THANK YOU

to each and everyone of you

BUT...you still have the opportunity to donate just chat with someone in the shop or café

Events

We have some great events coming up including our Jubilee Event, Friday Fizz nights and our selection of workshops including wooly Wednesdays, card making and art classes

Check out our social media, posters in the shop or just ask

volunteer?

would you like to volunteer in the garden?
come along and join our friendly team

garden volunteer days are
Wednesday and Saturday

comment from one of our volunteers

"I love working in the garden. Peaceful being with nature, I have learnt a lot too, it has also given me confidence within my own garden"



visit our website to find out more about the project
www.thewalledgardenshop.co.uk

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

History Fact

Little Plumstead Hall Estate, and later Little Plumstead Hospital, was a large area covering most of the now new estate.

A Heritage Desk Based Assessment (dated 2013) identified three known non designated heritage assets; The Old Hall, the Walled Garden and the hospital cemetery. All three assets are considered to be of a local heritage significance. Unfortunately The Old Hall was lost to fire in 2016.



You can see some of the items around the garden that we rescued from The Old Hall including the original 'down pipe hoppers', and stonework

The hospital cemetery is beyond the end wall and one day its hoped the team can take this area under its wing too.



This is one of the reasons that motivated the volunteer management committee to renovate The Walled Garden.

Plant Of The Season

Each season we would like to highlight an area or plant in our garden. Here we talk about the meadow /orchard area.

“I wonder why this grass has not been cut?” you may thinking to yourself. Well, its because we are in the early stages of creating a meadow, among the orchard trees. In Britain over the last 50 years, we have lost over 90% of our meadows so we are doing a small bit to redress this balance.



Common Spotted Orchid

Last autumn we sowed meadow grass seed and we have planted cowslips, camassias, narcissus, scabious, orchids grown from seed and dog daisies. Lady’s smock, greater knapweed, meadow cranesbill etc. will soon follow. The sharp eyed amongst you may notice a dwarf birch which is an extremely rare British native. Next year the grass will be shorter as we have also introduced yellow rattle which gets much of its nutrients from the grass making it weaker and shorter. Later this year the meadow will be given a late haytime cut.”