Would you consider becoming a volunteer?

"getting outside at The Walled Garden really boosts my energy"

garden volunteer days are

Wednesday and Saturday

contact enquiries@thewalledgardenshop.co.uk



Saturday 3rd February

Guided walks around the garden with expert Richard Hobbs to learn about our snowdrop collection.

11am, 12noon or 2pm £3pp or add homemade takeaway soup for £6.50

Snowdrops for sale on the day!

we will also have a lovely display packed full of snowdrop information

Visit our website to find out more about The Walled Garden and all the great events that are happening every week.

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



Garden News

Winter Edition 2023/24

Plants that flower in the winter are particularly valuable for colour and scent.

Here we showcase a couple in our garden that help brighten a dull day.

Our Daphne bholua 'Jacqueline Postill' from northern India is now coming into flower. Planted on the back wall in the shade of the oak tree.

Highly fragrant purplish-pink flowers in late winter, followed by black berries.



The Mahonia Japonica is scented with large bunches of small yellow flowers and beautiful evergreen leaves.

Flowers from autumn to early spring, followed by blue-black berries.

Birds & Butterflies

Many of our volunteers are keen on spotting the wildlife in our garden .. here's just a few of the birds & butterflies we've seen

Birds

Robin, Pied wagtail, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Wren, Pheasant, French partridge & babies, Kestrel, Buzzard, Goldcrest, Blackbird, Swallow, House martin, Magpie, Carrion crow, Rook, Jackdaw, Jay, Green woodpecker, Great spotted woodpecker, Lesser spotted woodpecker, Long tailed tit, Blue tit, Great tit, Nuthatch, Siskin, Tree creeper, Dunnock, Greenfinch, Thrush, Wood pigeon



Butterflies

Large white, Small white, Gatekeeper, Peacock, Holly blue, Brimstone, Painted lady, Red admiral, Meadow brown, Hummingbird hawk moth











we have a selection of our very own collected seeds from the garden for sale in the shop

Just £1 per packet

Compost!

Last edition we focused on the compost we produce ourselves from all the plants we cut back. This is great for putting back on the garden, but we also have to buy some compost to grow strong healthy plants.



In line with keeping our garden as environmentally friendly as possible we use from the Sylva Grow Peat free range.

Going peat-free helps to conserve precious peat bog habitats and combat climate change.

In the past peat free compost hasn't been the best, but this peat free is working well for us since we started using it.



We also reported in the last leaflet we would be experimenting with putting our takeaway cups into our compost beds instead of the bin.

I'm please to report we successfully shredded and composted approx 250 takeaway cups that we used at our Christmas fayre.



We shall continue to monitor them as they decompose further mixed in with other garden waste.

