

Volunteer?

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

garden volunteer days are
Wednesday and Saturday

comment from one of our volunteers
"a sense of community spirit, learning new skills and
generally enjoying myself"



Visit our website to find out more about the
project and 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 Spring Edition 2023

**There is no time like Spring,
When life's alive in everything**



the opening lines to the poem
'Spring' by Christina Rossetti sums
up how the natural world comes
alive at this time of the year.

From the first flowers to open; the
snowdrops and aconites, to the
crocus, primroses, daffodils and
tulips, we are suddenly surrounded
by an abundance of colour!

The Snowdrop



**You are beautiful, delicate and peaceful.
Yet resilient and strong!
You embrace the others around you,
with a quiet nod and a sway.
As winter starts to fade you are
the hope of new beginnings ,
the wonderful snowdrop!**

This poem was written by Fiona when she recently attended a
creative writing workshop. Look out for the variety of different
workshops we support that you may like to join.

Visit us on
**Bank Holiday
Monday 29th May
for our garden event**

we will have a
**HUGE Plant Sale, Children's Games
plus much more**

11am-3pm

No Dig project

Our No Dig experiment is now entering its third year. No dig means we have never dug the earth in preparation of planting.

'Soil organisms, when fed by surface mulches of organic matter, create a crumb structure within a firm soil. Firm is not the same as compacted' (extract from RHS website)

For the initial ground preparation we put layers of cardboard on the ground and a few inches of compost. Each year we've add another layer of compostwe don't dig it!

We do a light surface weeding from time to time but have never had all the big perennial weeds. We will feedback later in the year on how this years flower crops do!

Beautiful Blossom

There is something very special about the first fruit blossom of the year. After the white ephemeral blooms of blackthorn and the soft pink of cherry plums in the hedgerows comes six weeks of blossom in the garden.



The large pure white flowers of pears will be first, attracting bumble bees, honey bees and many other insects. The plums will be followed quickly by the fabulous pink and white flowers of apple trees.

We have a wide range of fruiting trees in the Walled Garden – many of them historical and local to East Anglia with apples and pears being trained on the south facing walls. Keep a lookout for quince flowers which look like apples but on steroids! An apple on an east facing wall will get less sun than the same variety facing west and therefore flower two weeks later.

This means we have blossom for a long time keeping the bees happy and ensuring a good set of fruit.



Snowdrop Walks

Thank you to everyone who attended our first ever Snowdrop Walks in February. We look forward to seeing you next year as we add even more wonderful varieties to our snowdrop collection.