

D'EYNSFORD GARDEN FESTIVAL – 2nd to 3rd APRIL

We're really excited to be holding our first annual Garden Festival on 2-3 April, running from 11-3 both days. The two-day festival will take place across the D'Eynsford Estate and Secret Garden, and will feature a range of activity for gardeners old and small, it's very much welcome to all, both those living on the estate, and in the wider Camberwell area. As well as holding our annual seed shop, we will also be planting out in teams around the estate, a big flurry of activity with the aim of getting everything ready for summer. There will be activities for children, free coffee from local roaster Old Spike, and a definite festival spirit in the air.

No previous gardening experience is necessary (there will be experienced members on hand) – just friendly faces and a desire to make a difference! Gardening activity will be very visible across the estate both the Saturday and Sunday, at the seed shop and around the site, so if you see us, come and say hello. Feel free to roll up your sleeves and get involved!

D'EYNSFORD ESTATE GARDEN HELPERS

Are you interested in gardening or helping more in your community? We are looking for volunteers to help elderly or less able residents on the estate to maintain their gardens on either a one-off or on-going basis. Please drop into the TMO office if you are interested in lending a hand.

Look out for full opening times on the garden gate or join the Garden WhatsApp group using this QR code



SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

As we now enter a period where Covid restriction have eased and that we appear to be heading to some sense of normality, the social sub-committee are planning to have a full calendar full of events and activities for the next 12 months!

Women's Event (1 st April)
Easter Egg Hunt (14 th April)
Coffee morning (Every week)
Summer Coach Trip (July 2022)
Funday (September 2022)
Halloween (October 2022)
Festive Social (December 2022)

CCTV - UPDATE

CCTV Works have started and cables have been fitted to about 30% of the estate. We have been delayed by the adverse weather condition but now continuing with the works.

STAFFING CHANGE

The 'Repairs and Maintenance Coordinator' (Zech) has left the TMO. We wish him all the best and thank him for all the hard work. The new repairs officer will be starting in due course.

COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 12 noon in the TMO Community Room. If you would like to join the WhatsApp Group then please contact the TMO and leave your number.

22 nd March - Bingo
29 th March - Yoga
5 th April - Adult Colouring
12 th April - Hot Cross Bun
19 th April - Flower Arranging
26 th April - Bingo

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Emergency services Police, fire, ambulance - 999
Report crime (not life threatening) – 101
Council Emergency housing repairs - 020 7525 2600

Council Estate Parking - 0207 525 3587
Council Waste Management – 0207 525 2000
Council Main switch board - 020 7525 5000

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR!

This month, we asked Lauren who lives in Don Phelan Close and who also is part of the gardening sub-committee about gardening. If you want to join the gardening sub-committee or would like to feature in our next newsletter then contact us on – tmo@deynsford.org

1. What is it that interests you about gardening?

I love spending time in nature and have been interested in gardening since I was quite young. I remember helping my mum plant daffodil and hyacinth bulbs out in pots in our backyard and being excited to see them popping up in spring. I still get the same joy from seeing the flowers and plants come to life in the spring and summer now! The idea of planting something, caring for it and watching it grow is very satisfying and I am always amazed and fascinated at what beautiful things can grow from tiny little seeds!

2. What is your favourite plant/flower?

Daffodils are probably one of my favourite flowers. They signal that the weather is getting warmer and that spring is on the way! I also love that they can come back each year so you can enjoy them again and again! In my hometown of Liverpool there is a huge field of daffodils that comes up every spring called The Field of Hope, which is a beautiful sight to see.

3. What are you currently growing or planning to grow?

I've currently got some tulips and hyacinths but the tulips don't last too long unfortunately due to the pesky squirrels...! I'd like to grow some more herbs on the balcony this year, as they are easy to look after and you can use them in cooking and for herbal teas. I normally grow some tomatoes and salad leaves like spinach or mixed greens too.

4. What is the one advice you can share with others about gardening?

I'd say enjoy the process and don't worry too much about the results! Just getting outside and getting your hands in the soil and sun on your face can really make you feel energised and more in touch with nature. What you plant might not grow (or might get eaten by squirrels or slugs!) but you'll learn more as you go along and the main thing is just to get outside and have a go!



Lauren – Don Phelan Close