

## "Off the wall"

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### Welcome

Welcome to the final 2016 edition of "Off the Wall" which is a newsletter from the Bohemia Walled Garden for members and supporters to keep updated.



### Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Update

We had a busy second half of 2016 with workshops in July & August, the Heritage Open Day in September and a festival in October funded by our HLF application. More details and pictures are on the web site under "Event Details". Below is a brief summary.

#### Natural Heritage for Schools — October & December 2016

We held two successful days for Christchurch School which involved story telling with percussion instruments and making woodland animals with clay.



#### Natural Heritage Workshops—July & August 2016

The two sessions were on flowers & woodland animals and birds & moths. Learning was through talks, stories and practical activities. This included making clay animals and releasing some moths. The events were well supported.

#### Heritage Open Day—September 2016

Hahahopscotch organised traditional games which were very popular with the children and adults. In the afternoon we had a singer and a talk on Kitchen gardens. There was the usual good selection of home made cakes and refreshments.



#### Apple and Pumpkin Festival—October 2016

We had one of the largest number of visitors to the garden. The community Chef was on hand demonstrating and supplying some tasty samples! The homemade pumpkin soup sold out fast. We borrowed an apple press and made our own apple juice. We also had a speaker talking about local Sussex apples. Greenway Fruit Farm sold apples and provide us with apples for juice making.

#### History Booklet: Past, Present and Future

At the Heritage Open day in September we launched the first edition of our new History Booklet. The booklet can be downloaded from our web site. When the HLF project is completed a final edition will be produced. Please contact us if you would like a printed copy.



#### Horticulture workshops 2017

Next year we plan to run a number of workshops in March and April. Thank you for the good response from those plot holders who have completed the survey.



## Replacement Shed

We lost our wooden shed in July to a fire and in 2017 we will look to replace it with a metal shed. It is likely to be more than a wooden one (likely to be around £1000), but we do not want the same thing to happen again to a wooden replacement. The concrete shed is getting a little crowded. We hope to write to local charities to help with funding the shed and other items lost which have not yet been replaced.



## Rebuilding the fallen wall

Preparation for the wall build has had wonderful turnout of volunteers to clear the area in front of the south wall and sift & sort out the earth pile inside the garden. Thank you to everyone who has taken part and sometimes at very short notice.

HBC instructed a tree surgeon to carry out maintenance of the trees around the garden. This was completed at the end of November and we are most grateful for this.



## Plots

Plots continue to be in demand and we have a waiting list of 5 people. We are pleased to welcome a new Plot Secretary called Dot who is herself a plot holder. The committee are grateful for all that Chris did in 2016 as Plot Secretary. The plot fees for 2017 will be sent out of the 6th Jan and can be paid by electronic banking and cheque.

## Summer Garden Party

In July we held a very successful Summer Garden Party which was organised by Chris. Our friends at the Pocket Park brought a smoothy bike. There was the usual selection of home made cakes. In the afternoon we had some singers and drumming. The children and adult raffles were very popular as too were the plant and produce stalls.



## Trustees

The Bohemia Walled Garden is a registered charity and currently has three trustees. Each trustee can only serve a term of three years before having to stand down. No prior experience is required. Please speak to Mary if you are interested or would like more information. All you need is to be interested in supporting the future of garden.

Remember: No trustees = No Walled Garden.

## Seasons Greetings and Thank You

The committee of the Bohemia Walled Garden wish all our members and supporters a very happy Christmas and a prosperous 2017. Thank you for supporting our events in 2016.

**During 2017 there will be the construction of the wall and there will be times when the garden will be closed, but at other times it will remain open. We will try and notify Members of garden closures in advance.**

We would also like to acknowledge the work done in 2016 by many members of the BWGA and especially to the trustees & committee for their work during the year. Current Trustees and committee in Dec 2016 (Mary, Susan, Christine, Darren and Dot)

