BOHEMIA WALLED GARDEN



Perfect weather, plenty of visitors, art, garden philosophy, cakes & tea!

SUSAN THOMPSON

ince "The Madhatter's Tea Party" in June, it has been a steady schedule of events and improvements. As part of the efforts to ensure the safety of our members and visitors to the garden, we have resurfaced our paths with woodchippings and gravel. Outside, the paths are looked after by the Council and their Park Rangers. Stuart Alexander, whose special interest is Summerfields Wood, worked with a party of volunteers in June to improve the drainage just outside our front door. When the wet weather comes, we should find the junction of paths going up from the garden much less slippery.

A "first" for the BWGA was an evening event, with candle-light and refreshments. In August, Beccy



McCray and Mark Thomas organised a magical evening, showing the film "Fantastic Mr. Fox". The film and the event got rave reviews! Beccy and Mark generously donated £70 from this private event.

The next weekend Laura Heales prepared an afternoon of song. BWGA members will have heard Laura singing in the garden on previous open days, but this time Laura and her musical friends



Movie Night

Beccy and Mark organised an evening showing of "The Fantastic Mr Fox" at the garden. A great night out! £70 was raised! Thanks!

Afternoon of Song

Laura Heales presented an afternoon of song. She donated £20 from her event for the garden. Thanks!

Heritage Open Day

An great day with perfect weather! £157 was raised!

Puppet Show

This event with Rose Balp had to be cancelled due to rain. Hopefully we can reschedule for next year.

HOT Article

Zelly Restorick has written and article about the BWG for the Hastings Online Times.

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scheduled a private event. It is wonderful to know that the garden that we have rescued and restored is now filled with the "sound of music". Laura kindly donated £20 from her event.

And then we had our annual "open day" for Heritage Open Days, which is a nation-wide programme of events in September. We smartened up the garden by tidying and weeding and mowing. The call went out for cakes and helpers, with Mary and Lesley preparing for our entertainment and refreshment. Darren and Mat helped with the safety issues, and Michel and Adrian were on hand to set-up the tables and welcome our visitors.

For HOD, we also had a display of art work, entitled "Art Interventions for the Walled Garden". Sineid Codd installed "Eight Winds of the World", which added grace and movement to the garden. Roz Cran's work, "Beware the Walls Have Ears" was a visual interpretation in clay, with an assortment of terra cotta ears mounted on the south-facing brick wall. It was lovely to see art and nature working in harmony.

The weather was sunny and mild, and the garden was full of people enjoying good companionship and refreshment in our beautiful woodland setting. This resulted in Adrian counting-in 107 visitors, and Christine depositing £157 in the BWGA bank account ... most of the money being earned by our bakers and tea-makers.

The BWGA funds were also increased by a donation of £150 from Heather Grief. Members will recall that Heather wrote "Bohemia Farm to Summerfields Estate: a History", with £1 from every sale being donated to BWGA. Another generous donation was given by St. Paul's Primary School, who have a plot in the garden for growing vegetables and also for the storage of items relating to their Forest School activities.

An additional, last event was planned for 23rd September. Rose Balp has offered to present a puppet show for the young and young-at-heart. Unfortunately the show had to be cancelled due to rain. Hopefully we can reschedule for next year.

