

BOHEMIA WALLED GARDEN



AUTUMN

EVENTS + HARVEST + FUNDRAISING

BWGA 2013

Keep up to date on the summer roundup,
open days, weeding, water and the wall!

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HOT OFF THE PRESS...

We were thrilled when Hastings Observer reporter Hannah

Collison paid us a visit in early August; the story, complete with photo, appeared in the paper on 16 August 2013. Describing the garden as a "transformed space" with a "burgeoning programme of events", Hannah detailed the garden's Victorian history as well as its future events, particularly the launch of our Wall Restoration Fund at Heritage Open Day that takes place 15 September. To read the fantastic article, click [here](#).

AND SPEAKING OF WALLS AND OPEN DAYS...

Our Heritage Open Day takes place Sunday, 15 September 2013, and not only includes the launch of our Wall Restoration Fund but will feature talks, walks, children's activities and a craft stall full of wonderful things to buy and marvel at.

Our very own Walled Garden beekeepers, a local moth expert and a Sussex Wildlife Trust officer will all join us to discuss how to improve habitat for wildlife in a garden. There will be an art activity for children, refreshments on sale and the fabled Victorian Ice House, just adjacent to the garden, will be open 10-1pm.

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Reminders...



The weeds are taking over...

Please be aware that flowering and seeding weeds in your plot can be a concern to your neighbour in the walled garden as they don't stay confined to that space. Please keep your plot free of weeds and diseased plants – we're a community project, so think of your other plot-holders.

Tetanus

Vaccinated? Contact your doctor if you're unsure. Ensure you are protected if in contact with soil.

Don't Forget...

The garden is open Wednesdays and Sundays 10-12 weekly. Come on down... there are always jobs to do to prepare for winter!



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SUMMER ROUND-UP

We kicked off our summer events in style with Roz Cran's lovely workshop on making mini-gardens. Then the weather decided to be uncooperative and we had to cancel our 22 June Open Day... Thankfully, things had improved by 4 August, when Laura Heales performed her one-woman musical *The Path of Life*. And lucky us, on 7 August, Ben Fairlight took us on an idyllic, sunlit walk-and-talk around the garden where he explained the medicinal qualities of many of our plants.

In early August, Charlotte Snook and Malcolm Glover came to visit, and Malcolm photographed the garden and some of our members. These photos will be shown as part of September's Coastal Currents Festival, so be sure to pick up a festival programme for the exact dates. Visit the [Coastal Currents website](#) for more information.

WATER, WATER ANYWHERE?

This summer's long spell of dry and hot weather almost exhausted our water supply. But thanks to the end of July's heavy rains and BWGA members Mat and Darren – who pumped water from the flowing stream outside the garden – all the containers were filled up again. Rangers plan

to de-silt the pond near to the garden door – which could allow for a supply of water even in the driest periods. We will let you know if we need help moving aforementioned silt!

GARDEN TOILET

We are ever closer to securing a waterless toilet on site, with planning permission firmly in place for the installation of a Kazubaloo KL2 waterless toilet. We are now applying for funding from 'Awards for All' and hope to have this excitingly named toilet functioning early next year.

BWGA COMMITTEE

Want to join? We currently have five members and can have up to eight. Just ask someone at the garden for more information, or email Sue or Bob to enquire further.

Of course, we welcome help of all kinds, and you don't have to be a committee member – there are plenty of other members who develop and assist with events, perform essential maintenance, make sure the garden is safe, create artwork, maintain records and assist in many other ways, for which we are very thankful.

WALLED GARDEN MAINTENANCE

As a condition of the BWGA using the garden without any charge made by Hastings Council, we are expected to maintain areas in and around the garden – we might start a few tasks such as removing weeds from walls and pruning trees after the growing season. Check online or on the garden notice board for dates.

Upcoming Events



Heritage Open Day

Come and join us for the annual Heritage Open Day on Sunday 15th September! Lots of activities including arts & crafts, talks with bee keepers and moth experts, Sussex Wildlife Trust, a raffle, refreshments, cakes & bakes, seeds & produce for sale, and the launch of The Wall Restoration Fund! Make sure to stop by The Ice House which will be open from 10-1. Free entry, but your donations are very welcome!

October Harvest

As part of Hastings Week, on Sunday, 13 October we will have a pumpkin-art carving event with food and activities for children. Check online closer to the time, or on the garden notice board for further details and exact times.

Friends of Summerfields Wood

The periodic conservation work this group undertakes in the woods can be of direct benefit to us. Come on by... task days start at 10am, outside the Summerfields Leisure Centre. Fancy turning up? The dates are:
Sat, 16 Nov
Sun, 1 Dec
Sat, 25 Jan
Sun, 2 Feb

