

# St Mary's Secret Garden

Spring 2017 Newsletter

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## IN THE GARDEN

### Come Gardening!

We have a new gardening course for people with learning disabilities funded by Hackney Learning Trust runs 21 Feb 12.30pm-3.30pm for 16 weeks - still a few places available so please contact the garden for more information.

### New Skilled Volunteering Opportunities

Thanks to Team London we are looking for older people (59+) to use their skills to volunteer at the garden. Opportunities can include gardening, fundraising, publicity and supporting others. Contact the garden and speak to Paula or Kate

We are also looking for people with learning disabilities age 40+ for some gentle & perhaps not so gentle gardening. If you know of anyone interested, please contact Paula or Cathy at the garden.



### London Assembly Visit

Members of the environment committee of the London Assembly visited the garden in January as part of their investigation into

green spaces. A round table (or square!) discussion on the current needs of the garden as a community green garden was held.

↪ <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/london-assemblys-current-investigations/green-spaces>

### New Therapy Shed

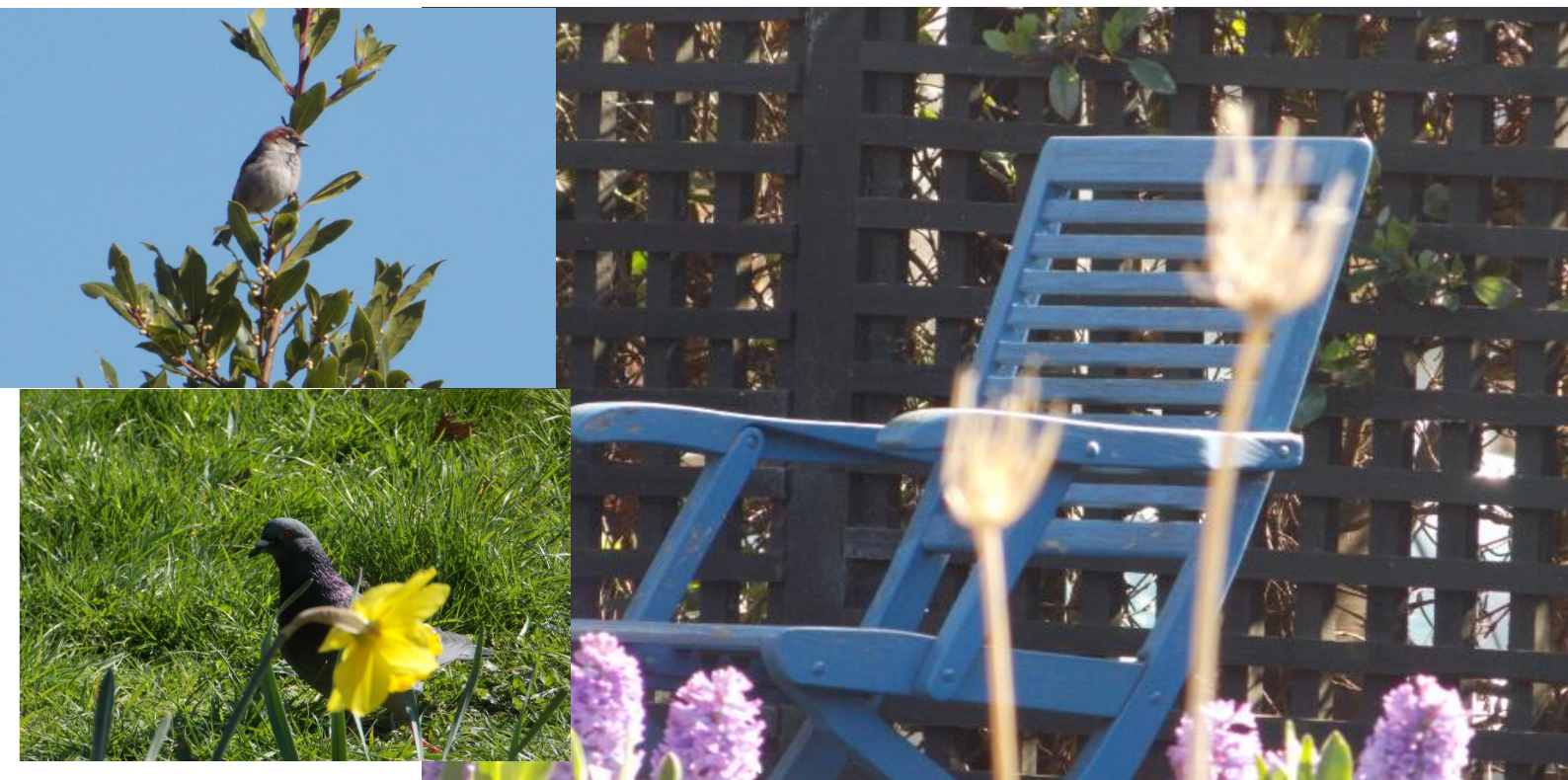
We are continuing to spend our grant from Tesco's Bags of Help scheme awarded last year and you will notice our new shed. This will be hosting combined Horticultural and Talking therapy sessions in partnership with the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, starting soon amongst other things..

↪ <https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk>

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### St Mary's Estate

Throughout this year we will be seen gardening out and about on St Mary's Estate, working on behalf of the residents and TRA we will be creating their much desired rose garden at the entrance to the estate on Queensbridge Road. Other ornamental feature beds will appear throughout the year and please join us in autumn for a mass bulb



planting session - watch out for more information at the garden or at St Mary's Community Hall.

#### Shoreditch Trust & Waterhouse Restaurant

We have just been planting up the containers at Waterhouse Restaurant - hoping the herbs will look good for the summer. We also had a bit of time for re-potting of large office plants for the Shoreditch Trust.

#### Road trip / Zigi's Von Underbelly

Our small teams will be out throughout the year maintaining our terrace gardens at Road Trip bar in Old Street and Zigi's Von Underbelly, Hoxton Square. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Daly and everyone at Paul Daly venues

↪ <http://www.pauldalyvenues.com>

## SAVE THE DATE!

17th -18<sup>th</sup> June

Open Squares and Gardens Weekend

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<http://www.opensquares.org/preview/index.html>

AGM probably Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm TBC

## TRUSTEES NEEDED

We are looking for a local voice on our management committee. We want to make sure our communities needs are heard and acted upon. Please contact Paula at the garden if you are interested in finding out more about this vital role.

## FOR SALE - PLANTS AND PRODUCE

Spring & Summer Bedding available including Viola's, Forget-me-nots, Geraniums

Edible plants ready now include kale, cauliflower, tomatoes, strawberries.

Come harvest your own chard, spinach and herbs.

Have a lovely Spring and see you in the garden soon.

Thanks to Ros, our lovely admin volunteer for helping to get the newsletter ready!