



# St Mary's Secret Garden Spring Newsletter

## Bees!



There are still spaces available on our **Introduction to Beekeeping Weekend Course** on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 April, 10am - 5pm.

Join us for a comprehensive weekend course where you will learn the theory of beekeeping and hands-on methods of keeping bees in an urban environment.

Led by our resident multi award winning beekeeper Mark Patterson aka Api:Cultural, this course will prepare attendees to take the plunge and start beekeeping on your own next season!

Tickets just £150 for two days of intensive teaching and regular apiary sessions throughout the rest of the year.

Light refreshments provided, please bring lunch.

[Book tickets](#)



We're holding a taster afternoon on Monday 29 April, 3 - 6pm for **Buzzin'** - our new beekeeping volunteering project for young people in Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington.

We're looking for young people with learning disabilities, those not currently in education, employment or training, and young people who have not volunteered before.

Please share this exciting opportunity with your networks and let us know if you know anyone who is interested.

[Find out more](#)

# Big Dig 2019



Big Dig is coming to London on Saturday 27 April and we are excited to announce we are taking part.

Big Dig is an initiative of Capital Growth, London's food growing network and a fab opportunity to get involved in your local community garden.

This is our first weekend open day of the year and we hope that you can join us between 10am and 4pm to kick start the new growing season by helping us out with some digging, buying some plants, or just enjoying the garden!

[Check out the Big Dig map](#)

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## Save The Date: Open Garden Squares Weekend



Open Garden Squares is coming to the St Mary's once more on Saturday 8 June, 10am - 8pm.

We're looking for volunteers to provide delicious baked goods to sell at the garden during the event and to help on the day!

[Let us know how you can help](#)

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## Volunteering Opportunities

We are hoping to hold a volunteer day later in the season and would like to hear from you about what you would like from this event. What would you like to learn as a volunteer? Do you want to meet other garden volunteers? Is there any support you need from us?

[Tell us what you want from our next Volunteer Day](#)

We are also looking for a variety of volunteers to help out in the garden, so if you know anyone who can help please ask them to get in touch!

- Leafleters to deliver posters and leaflets to local businesses and community organisations about our current projects
- Handy people to help maintain the garden
- Volunteers with beekeeping experience to support young people on our new Buzzin' project

[Request application form](#)

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**\*\*\* Easter Closing Times \*\*\***  
**The Garden will be closed from Friday 19 April**  
**and will reopen on Tuesday 23 April**

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