

friends of  
**Jubilee  
Gardens**  
Ely

**SPRING 2017**



## Thank you

A few Friends gathered at the final tree planting on December 14<sup>th</sup> with the gardeners and Councilor Richard Hobbs . Richard took the opportunity to say a few words of thanks to all the

Friends of Jubilee Garden for their interest, work in the garden and their generosity in providing the trees for the Queen's Wood. " The friends help to keep the garden looking good and with the new trees this will continue for years to come." The Queens Wood was our 'big project 'for 2016 ; the trees were purchased from Barchams and the cost was £1500 paid by the Friends. ECDC will match that amount with buying the under planting; some small shrubs, woodland plants and spring bulbs.



## The Dry Bed

*The Lavenders planted some 13 years ago are now very straggly and overgrown. These will all be removed this year and new plants introduced with others appropriate to this bed, probably grasses and low alpines. The Olive trees are doing well ,so a Mediterranean look is what we wish to keep.*



## Rotary Crocuses

During the autumn, hundreds of purple crocus corms were planted. These are part of the Rotary Clubs of the U.K. project to mark the elimination of Polio worldwide. Why purple? Because those children who have been vaccinated have a purple mark on their little fingers. Let us enjoy the flowers and say "Thank You" for the work of Rotary International.

## **Eel Weekend**

The garden is in full use during this annual celebration and the Friends are pleased to support the Octagon Dance Studios in the Dancing Display which is held on Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30 in the bandstand. We shall be there promoting the Friends and collecting money to purchase more plants.



## **Working Parties**

Our faithful group of gardeners will begin work again on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> to help Ali and Matt our resident ECDC gardeners. Any Friends who have an hour to spare will be welcome to join us. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month from 9.30 for as short or as long as suits you. This year will see new plantings as well as weeding.



## **Summer Outing**

*Mandy is our organizer again this year and we are off to Blacksmith's Nursery and Bressingham Gardens on Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*Please note the date and plan to bring your friends with you. Details will be emailed to you nearer the time.*

## **Annual Membership**

Membership begins in January each year and if you haven't renewed yours please send £5 to Ann Laird, 9, Acremont Street, Ely CB6 1AE. If you would like to pay by standing order please contact Ann and she will make the necessary arrangements.

We want to keep the membership at £5 but donations are always welcome and gratefully received.

## **Autumn Event**

The annual event in October 2016 raised £80. The speaker was Malcolm Busby who had been our Green Flag judge, and along with his tales associated with this, he told us a story from his repertoire as a story teller.

## **AGM**

Another year another Annual General Meeting! We will meet in St Peters Hall on Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm.

when the Friends will elect the new committee. We would like as many Friends as possible to attend and discuss the future projects and offer ideas.

Your Committee

Chair Pauline Sherwood

Secretary Jane Blanchard

Treasurer Matthew Cooper

Membership Sec. Ann Laird

Publicity Chris Light

Mandy Powell

Sarah Canham

Sheila Friend Smith

Patricia Simmonds