

Friends of Mycenae Gardens

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Next AGM at 7pm Tuesday 24th March 2015

The Friends of Mycenae Gardens will hold its fourth Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 24th March 2015 at 7pm in Woodlands**, home to **Greenwich Steiner School, 90 Mycenae Road, SE3 7SE**.

Membership of the Friends is free and existing members do not need to renew. However, donations are very welcome and should be forwarded to **The Secretary, Friends of Mycenae Gardens, c/o GSS, 90 Mycenae Road, SE3 7SE**.

Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Committee needs to be a member of the Friends and must be proposed by two other members of the Friends. Please write with the appropriate signatures direct to **The Secretary, Friends of Mycenae Gardens, c/o GSS 90 Mycenae Road, London, SE3 7SE**.

Dear Friends

I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Hall for his outstanding work for the Friends Group. David was one of the initiators in starting the Friends Group five years ago

and has been a very proactive member as well as Chair of the committee for the past two years. David created the website, produced newsletters, flyers, programmes, liaised regularly with other interest groups and the Council, organised events and edited and finalised the

Management Plan that was submitted to Greenwich Council Parks Department last October. David has now flown the nest and moved to pastures green in beautiful Bath.

We wish him and Barbara every happiness in their new home.



SPRING PLANTING

Thanks to a considerable amount of detailed research and planning by two of our members, Ann Hill and Tim Hoe, a Spring Planting day will take place in Mycenae Gardens on **Saturday 7th March 2015 - 10am to 4pm - we need your help**. Weeding and stacking fallen logs will take place in the morning, digging and planting in the afternoon. Please bring your own gloves and tools. We would be pleased if you could confirm your attendance by email to - friendsofmycenaegardens@gmail.com

PARKSfest

Last June, in conjunction with The Friends Group, Mark Johnson-Brown, Manager of Mycenae House, organised the PARKSfest Event in Mycenae Gardens. This event was a great success and attended by more than 700 people throughout the day. Mark organised a programme of varied musical performances, and children's activities which took place in the garden together with several stalls and displays. This was a fun family day and the Friends Group are looking forward to hosting another PARKSfest this year on **Sunday 28th June 2015**. We hope to see you there.





THE DELL

In the autumn of last year a neighbour brought to the Group's attention the need for some repairs and repainting to the gates of The Dell and a section of the fence that needed repairing on the path between Beaconsfield Road and Mycenae Road. We are pleased to say that the Council acknowledged that they were aware of the need for this work and would complete it within a week. The Friends would like to acknowledge the Parks

Department and in particular Stephen Roedel, for his co-operation in actioning this work so promptly.

The Friends Group are working with local nature conservationist Joe Beale to observe wildlife in the Dell and to hang nesting boxes in the trees. Soon we will be organising a tidy and clean up day in the Dell and will be grateful for your help - so please watch out for dates which will be advertised on the Noticeboard in the Gardens and on the website.

TREES

Greenwich Council Parks Department have recently undertaken a tree survey of the Gardens which will be included in the Management Plan and updated on a regular basis. They found a number of trees that need attention due to hangers and dead wood, which could prove dangerous if left unattended. The Greenwich Steiner School has kindly offered to make a donation to the Council towards the cost of this work.



CODE OF CONDUCT

The Friends Committee have put together a gentle reminder for users of the Gardens to help sustain the gardens and protect the trees, plants and wildlife and this is posted on the Noticeboard in the gardens.

The Friends of Mycenae Gardens Group are made up of local residents, users of the Gardens and a representative of Greenwich Steiner School and Mycenae House. We work together respectfully as users and caretakers of the Gardens.

If you would like to join the Group please do not hesitate to contact us via the website or email friendsofmycenaegardens@gmail.com.

Eileen Bell
Chair

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