MINUTES OF THE 204TH MEETING OF THE GARDEN COMMITTEE OF THE DULWICH SOCIETY HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024

Present: Jeremy Prescott (JP), Ann Rutherford (AR), Jean Cary-Elwes (JC-E) Joanna French (JF), Katharine St John Brooks (KSB)

Apologies from: Elizabeth Rankin, Carol Britton

1 **Minutes of meeting 8th November** were approved and signed by the Chair.

2 **Open Gardens brochure. AR.**

Spring talk will be advertised at the beginning of the Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity brochure.
Proof reading to be done by JP, JC-E and JF

3 **Spring Talk. CB**

By Geoff Hodge, garden writer and broadcaster.
Spring Gardens Talk 'The 12 month Garden – Colour all year round'
7.30pm, Friday 26th April at Bell House, 27 College Road, SE21 7BG
Tickets, including a glass of wine, £10 each with any surplus going to Bell House garden activities.
JC-E and CC-E to organise the bar.

4. **Coach trip 27th June, Great Comp & Chartwell – KSB**

Great Comp – Two simultaneous tours with William Dyer, curator, and with the head gardener. Highlight is the Salvia collection.
The coach will leave from the front entrance to Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, SE21 7BG – 8.45am for a 9am departure. Return will be at around 5.30pm.

5 **Local visits - JF**

Visit to **Museum of the Home** (with St Mary's Garden), **Tuesday 21st May**
Garden divided into themed areas eg a Tudor garden and a Georgian garden. A tour for 20 people. Nearest Station is Hoxton (Overground). The Museum will also be open.

Other suggestions

- Fulham Palace Garden in September. Two separate tours if more than 25 people. JF to check out transport arrangements

- Royal Hospital, Chelsea (no response)
- Grange Lane allotments (July) in July
- Horniman Museum
- The Charterhouse
- Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses

6. AOB/next meeting

Fencing along the South Circular is in disrepair. Brought to the attention of Adrian Brace, Dulwich Estate, who is taking steps to improve the position.

Next meeting
11th March at 10.30am with AR at 105, Dulwich Village.

Signed by .....**Chair**

Date.....11-3-2024