

**MINUTES OF 198TH MEETING OF
THE GARDEN COMMITTEE OF THE DULWICH SOCIETY
HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2022 AT 10.00AM
VIA ZOOM**

Present: Jeremy Prescott, Ann Rutherford, Carol Britton, Jean Cary-Elwes

1. Minutes of our last meeting sent out in advance

Apologies from Elizabeth Rankin

2. Dulwich Gardens open for Charity brochure 2022 - AR

The distribution list was discussed and revised. JP to circulate revised list to Committee 4,000 copies approximately

3. Spring talk - Fergus Garrett online talk 7.30pm Monday 4 April

30 tickets sold. JP sent out email advertising the talk to approximately 300 people. JCE circulated COLAR and will circulate other RAs. AR to supply fence poster to JCE. JP to supply small, laminated fliers to JCE to take to garden centres and Bartleys flower shop.

The second talk, possibly by Arundel Castle's head gardener, has been postponed until next year.

4. 51 The Chase visit – Friday 22 April – JF/JP

20 out of 30 tickets sold. JP to publicise the event via email and circulate details of how to buy tickets.

5. Coach trip to Wisley / Polesden Lacey - Wednesday 15 June –

Back to Dulwich at c 5.30pm. 25 out of 53 tickets sold. JP to email reminder to last year's attendees.

6. Local projects

- (i) SoM/Dulwich Estate planting. JP discussing with Dulwich Estate planting & tidying the area.
- (ii) Dulwich & Sydenham Hill Woods / London Wildlife Trust path improvements. £50,000 grant from LWT. Dulwich Society to support this initiative with PR and financially.
- (iii) Village Roundabout. Cleaner Greener Safer fund application to be made in late 2022 for funding to renovate the planting.
- (iv) Court Lane raised beds. JCE to arrange meeting with Nick Shattock, JP & COLAR rep (JCE)
- (v) Disease free elms (Elms4London) JP has obtained several of these elms. They are now planted in the Village Orchard.
- (vi) Tessa Jowell Health Centre volunteers. The Health Centre has asked for help to maintain its planters. JCE to circular COLAR and other RAs for volunteers.

7. AOB

- A Gardeners' World producer, living locally, is looking for a female gardener specialising in house plants.
- Dulwich Park – the head gardener is leaving. No indication of replacement.
- Bel-Air Park. Rubbish bins need emptying. It is one of 10 Southwark parks which is only cleaned once a week.

Date of next meeting - TBA