

ARUNDEL & ELGIN GARDENS NEWSLETTER



Message from The Garden Committee

Dear Residents

Spring is here, bringing us longer days and vibrant blooms in our garden. We are looking forward to the summer season and have listed the garden's upcoming events in this edition.

You may recall that in our Autumn Newsletter, we mentioned an initiative to register title to the garden freehold. A trust would take ownership of the title on behalf of all residents. This would protect the garden from adverse developments, and secure access and enjoyment for everyone. We are happy to report that a decision to proceed with this plan was taken at the AGM in November. We will keep everyone informed of the initiative's progress.

We also wish to highlight a growing issue. Our communal garden is a private one, for the peaceful enjoyment of the residents who pay for its upkeep through the council tax precept. This privilege does not extend to Airbnb or other short term rental tenants. Under our byelaws, and under The Kensington Improvement Act 1851 and Town Gardens Protection Act 1863, residents cannot pass on that right to their Airbnb or short term tenants, as these renters do not pay the council tax. For the security of the garden, and for the safety of its residents, properties and pets, owners should not state that the communal garden is also part of the rental use. We thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

The Garden Committee

Upcoming Events

June 21 - Shakespeare in the Squares - All's Well That Ends Well. Sparkling wine & strawberries will be on offer. All sales go to charity. You must purchase a ticket to attend the play. For tickets: <https://shakespeareinthesquares.co.uk/venue/arundel-elgin-gardens/>

June 29 - Summer Party
2:30-3:00 pm Bake-off/ Cake Sale
3:00-3:30 pm Dog Parade
3:30-5:30 pm Mr Lolly- Kids' Entertainer
5:30 pm Annual Tug of War
Arundel v Elgin
7:00-11:00pm - DJ and Dancing

November 3 - Bonfire Night
Paella stand opens at 5:30pm.
Fireworks start at 6:30pm. Bonfire to follow.

New Residents Corner

Welcome! Tips to settle you in:

Keys- Please email keys@arundelandelgingardens.org to plan a time to collect your key. Provide your council bill as proof of residency. Key deposits are £25.

Pet Owners- Pets will enjoy the company of other well-loved four-legged friends. Register your pet at pets@arundelandelgingardens.org

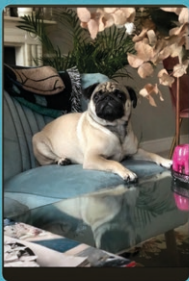
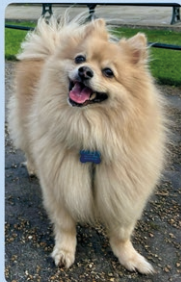
For more information on our garden, please visit
www.arundelandelgingardens.org

To join the Resident's WhatsApp group, email info@arundelandelgingardens.org

Follow us on Instagram @arundelgelgin

The Secret Life of Pets

We share our communal garden with furry four legged ones. They have their own friends and relationships, good times and dramas with one another while playing in the garden. We've asked their humans to submit photos and fun facts about their pets, so we can learn more about our furry little neighbours. Enjoy!

 <i>Albert</i> EVERYONE THINKS HE'S A PUPPY BUT HE'S ACTUALLY NEARLY 4 YEARS OLD	 <i>Tiki</i> HATES RAIN. THINKS ANYTIME HE LEAVES THE HOUSE HE REQUIRES A WHIP CREAM PUP CUP	 <i>Tastous</i> SHE'S 10 YEARS OLD YOUNG	 <i>Quentin</i> RESCUED FROM CYPRIOT POUND & CAN SMELL A SANDWICH A MILE AWAY	 <i>Bullet</i> PAPA CALLS ME 'PRINCE OF DARKNESS.' I LIKE TO POOP ON VERTICAL SURFACES ONLY
 <i>Elgi</i> HOLDS RECORD FOR FASTEST FLOOFBALL IN THE GARDEN	 <i>Lily</i> LOVES ROLLING IN SAND, SNOW & FOX POO	 <i>Wolfie</i> LOVES TO PRETEND HE OWNS THE GARDEN	 <i>Otto</i> IS A POET & PHILOSOPHER. LIKES TO SIT & WATCH THE WORLD GO BY.	 <i>Max</i> LOVES BOGS, RIVERS, SWAMPS & SEAS BUT WON'T STEP IN A PUDDLE & WON'T GO OUT IN THE RAIN
 <i>Norman & Charlie</i> OUR RESIDENT GARDEN INSPECTORS & FOODIES	 <i>Ace</i> LOVES TO MOTIVATE JOGGERS WITH HIS ENTHUSIASTIC BARKS	 <i>Olive</i> ALL THE GARDEN BOY DOGS HAVE CRUSHES ON HER	 <i>Izzy</i> CAN WALK FORWARDS AND BACKWARDS ON HER HIND LEGS	 <i>Maude</i> WITH US FOR 13 YEARS, SHARING HER WARM DOGGY SMILES. RIP DEAR MAUDE

Dogs: Dogs belonging to residents and using the communal garden must be registered in case they are injured or if there is an emergency and the owner needs to be contacted. Please register at pets@arundelandelgingardens.org

Only registered resident dogs may walk off-lead. For residents walking two registered dogs, one must always be on a lead. All dogs need to be within owner's close proximity. Non-resident/guest dogs are prohibited from using the garden.

Do not walk dogs after dark.

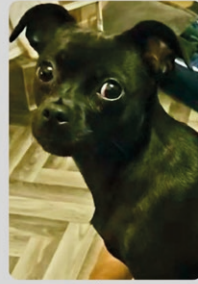
Doggie bags and bins for dog waste are located on both ends of the communal garden. A big **Thank You** to all the dog owners for consistently tidying up after your pets. It is noticed and appreciated!



Charlie Parker
LOVES SCENT WORK & PLAYING
BALL



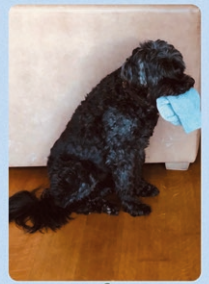
Max
ENTHUSIASTIC EXPLORER AND
GARDEN GREETER



Luna
LOVES CUDDLES & PRETENDS TO
LOOK AWAY WHILST SNEAKING IN
SOME KISSES



Brink
CAN CATCH A FRISBEE MIDAIR



Lily
AND HER BOUCHON (FOR THOSE WHO
KNEW HER)
RIP DEAR LILY



Teddy
EATS EVERYTHING &
ANNOYINGLY FOR HIS MUM
LOVES SWIMMING



Sonny
LOVES PEOPLE, & PLAYING FETCH, BUT
IS SCARED OF RUBBISH TRUCKS &
SKATEBOARDS



Kleopatra
SHE'S A MODEL!



Lilly
LOVES TO FLIRT!



Sunny
COSMOPOLITAN CAT - SPLETS HIS
9 LIVES BETWEEN LONDON AND
GREECE



Dorothy
GORGEOUS MATRON OF CATS
AND FEARED BY DOGS



Thea
OUR RESIDENT FISHERCAT



Daisy
SHE'S 21 YEARS OLD



Bruno
WAS ONCE DOROTHY'S BEAU AND
LIKELY FATHER OF ROMEO



Iggy
HATES HUGS, LOVES TO LOSE HIS
COLLAR



Romeo
IS UNKNOWNLY SAVING BIRDS
BY WEARING A SPECIAL COLLAR
THAT WARNS THEM HE IS NEAR.

Cats: The garden felines may feign hunger and desperate times, but they are clever fraudsters. They live in homes bordering the communal garden, and all are well fed and loved. Overfed cats can become chronically ill, so please refrain from feeding the cats treats. We ask owners of cats using the communal garden to be register their pets, in case the cat is injured, or lost, and the owners need contacting. Please send an email with your name and your pet's name to pets@arundelandelgingardens.org .

If you have a pet that has not been included in this issue, please send your pet's name, photo and favourite fact to pets@arundelandelgingardens.org and we will include your little friend in the next issue.

Gardener's Corner

Useful Garden Rules

Our communal garden is a private one, for the peaceful enjoyment of the residents who pay for its upkeep through council tax. To keep harmony and mutual respect for all residents, please be mindful of the garden rules. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Building Works - A damage deposit of £1000 is required before scaffold and/or building material can be brought in via the communal garden. Owners are responsible for ensuring gates are monitored when builders are bringing in/taking out material. **Gates must not be left propped open.** This protects children and pets from wandering out, and prevents intruders from entering.

Garden Gates - Do not prop open the gates, or attempt to leave it on its latch-open gates invite intruders and cause mechanical issues with the gate, which can cause broken locks and limited access for the residents.

Dogs - Our garden is unusual because residents' dogs have more freedom than dogs in other London squares. To preserve the happy environment for dogs and the many dog lovers, please read <https://www.arundelandelgingardens.org/info-rules/dogs/> for do's and don'ts for dogs in the garden.

Children in the Garden - Please supervise your children at all times. Tree climbing is prohibited. For guidelines regarding children, please see the byelaws.

The Greenery - is for the pleasure and enjoyment of all residents. Do not pick or destroy plants/flowers/foliage or enter into the plant beds and borders. These are wildlife areas for our mini beasts.

Private parties/Children's parties/Gatherings of more than six of all ages, Music are prohibited. There are two exceptions- *Bonfire Night*, and the *Summer Party*, are great opportunities for residents to have private parties and picnics within the communal garden. **Barbecues are not permitted at any time.**



Rhododendron Bushes

One of the dominant features in the garden is the flowerbed of rhododendron shrubs by the swings. Did you know they are approximately 80 - 100 years old? They are very slow growing and too fragile to bear ANY weight. Please do not hang off or climb these fragile beauties. There will be a deadheading evening or two when the flowers die back. Please get in touch if you would like to help out. It is a very relaxing process!



Wildlife Area

Designated Wildlife Areas now have signs, (all flower beds and brown earthy areas are also wildlife areas, but are not necessarily signposted). As robins nest so close to the ground and fledge on the ground, these protected areas are especially good for them.

Spiky ground cover helps wildlife both hide and forage as undisturbed as possible. It's home to all kinds of moths, bats, spiders, beetles and other lovely helpful mini beasts.



One to Watch

The beginnings of a wild meadow, sown with 40+ shade tolerant meadow species, is by the Ladbrooke Grove gate. See the website for the plant list.



Household, Builder and Private Garden Waste

The gardener's compound and the compost enclosure were cleared again. The compost enclosure is no longer viable and will be dismantled, due to the large amount of fly-tipping. Sadly, we all end up paying for these expensive clear-ups. Most offenders have been absentee landlords/agents making private improvements, or new tenants who have been misinformed of its use, which was solely for the communal gardener's use. Please advise any fly-tippers to dispose of waste via a private company or RBKC council services.