

# GARDEN COMMITTEE OF THE DULWICH SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF 196TH MEETING OF THE GARDEN COMMITTEE OF THE DULWICH SOCIETY HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT 11.00AM

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**Present:** Jeremy Prescott, Ann Rutherford, Carol Britton, Elizabeth Rankin,  
Jean Cary-Elwes, Joanna French

The Committee warmly welcomed Joanna French as a new member.

1. **Apologies & Minutes** of last meeting  
There were no apologies and the minutes of the 195th Meeting were signed by the Chair.
2. Dulwich gardens **Open for Charity booklet for 2022** –  
AR is reminding owners to send their copy and photographs to her. 25th January 2022 is deadline for the printers
3. **Spring talk** - CB/JP
  - We have Fergus Garrett booked for 7.30pm Monday 4th April 2022, as an online talk with Bell House
  - JP suggested another talk later in 2022 – Martin Duncan head gardener at Arundel?
  - Talks to be publicised through the DS magazine and Dulwich Society Gardens booklet, through RAs, garden centres and SE21 magazine.
  - Talks to be held online through Bell House with any surplus proceeds being donated to Bell House wildlife pond.
4. **Coach trip** - Wednesday 15th June 2022
  - JS has booked RHS Wisley and Polesden Lacey, cost c£27 per head plus £13 extra per head for Polesden Lacey for non-members of the NT.
  - Full coach would yield a surplus.
5. **Local visits** - TBA  
Possible runners for May-July 2022 visits are:
  - The new head gardener at Dulwich Park – Robert May (JF to contact him)
  - The Chase, Clapham – Mr Rutherford (JF to contact)
6. **Scheme of Management/DE maintenance and planting update** - JP
  - The SoM are taking steps to improve the planting on the Dulwich Estate with bulbs planted near Love Walk on Gallery Road and with improvements to the verges and pruning overgrown trees.
  - Oliver Stutter, Southwark Council's Urban Forrester, wants to improve the planting on the Village Roundabout
7. **Dulwich Society grant ideas**

- Waste ground at West Dulwich station needs tending. For example, Gypsy Hill station now looks neat and cared for.
- Court Lane raised beds need attention.
- JCE to contact potential local organiser of volunteer group and the Council's CGS fund organiser to apply again for a grant.

8. **AOB**

- ER suggested Sunflower and avocado growing competition through schools to encourage gardening/greening/horticulture in the area.
- Next meeting TBA for early January 2022

Signed by the Chair.....

Date .....