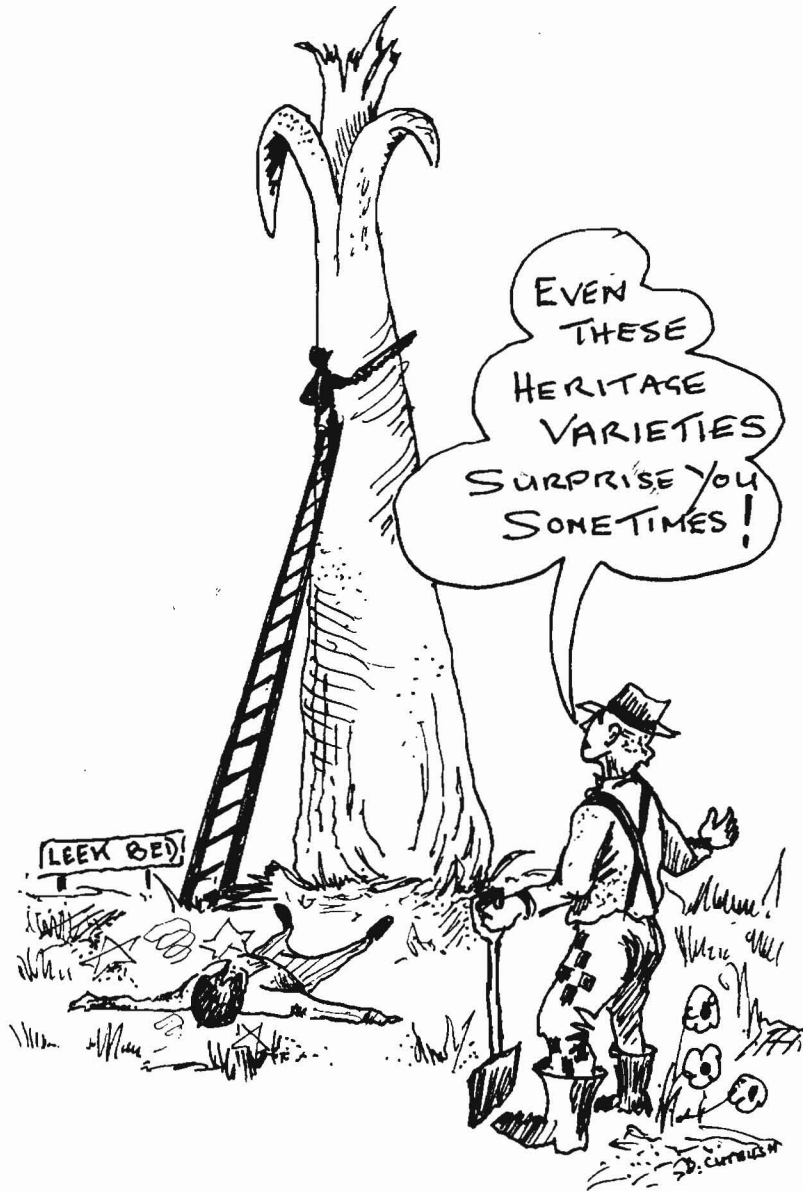


# LAMBETH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

OPEN GARDENS  
ON 10/01/20



REAL GARDENS FOR REAL PEOPLE

Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> April  
2-5 pm

NEW!

xx College Road, Dulwich, SE21

Admission £2

This is the 0.3 acre rear garden of a house dating from 1760. The side entry leads to a large terrace with seating, pots and fishpond, overhung by a *Magnolia grandiflora*. The path, between two lawns, leads off into the distance, the borders backed by magnolia, purple plum, old pears, maples, climbing and other roses and planted with bulbs and perennials including camellia, pieris, azaleas and irises. Double hornbeam hedges break the garden and enclose more seating. Beyond is a wide lawn flanked by mature trees. In the centre is a 400-year old oak – one of the surviving Court Farm field boundary trees. Around the lawn are beds with shrub roses, mulberry, rhododendrons, fritillaries, auricula, crocus, bluebells, botanical tulips and camassia; mature almond, pear and apple trees; a pergola with roses and clematis; finally, the vegetable garden, compost heaps and greenhouse. Expect to see various flowering shrubs and trees, narcissii, ipheons, erythronia, fritillaries, violets, auriculas and other primulae, *Clematis alpina* and *armandii* – perhaps also climbing and shrub roses, irises, tulips, *Anemone blanda*, and *Veronica gentianoides*. Snowdrops will be finished but bulbs should be for sale (in the green) along with a few other plants.

Teas, cakes and other light refreshments will be available.

Side entrance and path suitable for wheelchairs – one very shallow step.

**Parking:** Locally in College Road, Gallery Road, Dulwich Park. Disabled parking by prior arrangement with owner.

**Buses:** P4 Brixton-Lewisham goes past door (Dulwich Picture Gallery stop); P13 on South Circular (Dulwich Common stop).

**Trains:** West Dulwich; North Dulwich

Sunday  
6<sup>th</sup> June

2-5 pm

NEW!

xx Alleyn Park and  
xx Alleyn Park West Dulwich SE21

Joint admission £3

We are very lucky to be offered the chance to visit these two adjoining but very different medium-sized back gardens. Both houses, which date from the 1920's and face Dulwich College's playing fields, have front gardens with a variety of trees and shrubs, including a mulberry (No xx).

At No xx a wide side access leads to a broad terrace overlooking the lawn, with borders of perennials and shrubs, including *Garrya elliptica*, acer, berberis, hebe and conifers.

A lovely seating/dining area with table and chairs sits under a pergola covered by a grapevine. Mature trees on the railway embankment, including Siberian poplar, form a green backdrop. (continues)

Illustration by Dot Cutbush

# GARDENS OPEN FOR THE LAMBETH HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

You are invited to visit the gardens listed in our programme during the times shown. No appointment is necessary.

**At least one person in each visiting group must be an LHS member and show their membership card.**

Gardens Co-ordinator: Val Hunn 020 8402 0433 Admission fees will be donated as follows: LHS 75%; charity of owner's choice 25%

Next door at **No xx** there are shallow steps up to the terrace, leading onto a lawn surrounded by flower and shrub beds, including a weeping pear, and a large flowering cherry is part of the borrowed landscape. The railway is shielded by *Cupressocyparis leylandii* and yew. There is a barbecue and sitting area, raised vegetable beds and cold frames, with a composting area and *Iris foetidissima* at the shady end of the garden.

There are some narrow, uneven paths.

**Parking:** local streets

**Buses:** 3 (S Croxted Road), any along S Circular eg P13, 201

**Trains:** West Dulwich

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2-5pm** **xx Carson Road, West Dulwich SE21**  
Admission £2

The front garden of this handsome late Victorian (1895) house is remarkable for a huge wisteria, shared with the house next door, across the whole frontage.

*NEW!*

The back garden is surprisingly big, due to the curve of the road. The terrace, partly shaded by a vine-covered pergola, leads to a large lawn, surrounded by flower beds and wilder areas which nurture wildlife, especially birds and butterflies. There is a pond; a row of mature horse chestnuts; a Kiftsgate rose which forms a large doughnut shape around a hidden bower; a grove of silver birches; a sunken garden; a vegetable patch, composting area and greenhouse. Hidden in the shrubbery is a Camberwell Parish boundary post dated 1870!

Nigel Thorpe helps Jane maintain this garden.

Side entrance, lawn and terrace suitable for wheelchairs.

**Parking:** local streets

**Buses:** 3 (S Croxted Rd/Park Hall junction); P13, 201 (S Circular-Thurlow Park Road); 2, 68 (Norwood Road)

**Trains:** West Dulwich (7 mins), West Norwood or Tulse Hill (both 15 mins)

*NEW!*

strawberries and carrots!

Herbal refreshments will be on offer, including cakes and biscuits.

**Access:** the flat is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, accessible by lift (small, with heavy sliding door) and stairs. Turn right out of lift for xxx.

Travelling north up Brixton Hill, turn left into New Park Road, then first right into Felsberg Road. The blue gates of Dumbarton Court are immediately on the right. There is keypad access for cars and pedestrians – key in “xxx, call” and Linda will answer and open the relevant gate. Go into the courtyard, left hand side, and find the door marked “176-205” on the lintel. Again key in “1xxx call” and Linda will open the door. The lift is ahead, stairs to the side. On leaving, the automatic exit is on the far side of the courtyard into Dumbarton Road.

**Parking:** there is limited parking inside the courtyard; otherwise, local roads

**Buses:** any bus from Streatham Hill-Brixton Hill, eg 417, 118, 45, 59, 109, 133

**Trains:** Streatham Hill (15 mins walk, or bus); Brixton, then bus south

**Underground:** Brixton, then bus south

**Sunday 1st August 2-5pm** **xx Croxted Road, West Dulwich, London SE21**  
Admission £1.50

In this small back (and front) garden are many unexpected plants, including Spanish broom, quince, a blue bean tree, a mimosa tree 15 feet tall, and corkscrew willow, and Geoff is trying to grow mistletoe; but the big draw here is Geoff's collection of bonsai, with which he regularly wins awards. They all live outside all year, and some are over 30 years old. Come and marvel at them, and talk to Geoff about growing them – he may convert you!

There will be a sale of bonsai.

Some narrow, uneven paths.

**Parking:** local streets

**Buses:** 3, or any along S Circular.

**Trains:** West Dulwich

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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2-5 pm** **xxx Dumbarton Court, Brixton Hill, SW2**  
Admission £1

Linda is an expert on herbs and has kindly offered to open her tiny herb balcony for us. Into this small space are squeezed herbs of all types, including lavenders, thymes, bay, marjoram, rue, mints, fennels, myrtle, basil, flowers, such as roses and pelargoniums. She also grows pak choi, spring onions, tomatoes, lettuce,

“With flowers, as with all other departments of the garden, you first decide what kind you *want* to grow and then whittle it down to what kind you *can* grow in the space. When you have further gone through the list and reduced it to what you can *afford* to grow and then eliminated the ones which you know from bitter experience will *refuse* to grow you have saved yourself a very great deal of labour indeed”.  
*Ethelind Fearon, The Reluctant Gardener, 1952*