



**12 Wyndcliff Road** SE7 7JX

**24 June R**

*Richard Lovegrove & Christopher Witt*

There are three seating areas, decking, a small lawn and a relaxing pond. Borders feature myrtle, abelia, tree fuschia, hydrangeas and crab apple while stained glass panels and pots abound. We feed the birds and foxes. Homemade cakes and refreshments for sale.

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**84 Heathwood Gardens**

SE7 8ER

**24 June R**

*Jim & Sheila Kinsella*

The garden is packed with plants and curiosities of all sorts. An arbour shades a central fish pond while another small pond surrounded by ferns and Irish yew is home to frogs. At the back is a retreat with views down the garden. Favourite plants include hydrangeas, fuchsias and astilbes. Tea and cakes for sale.

**GREENWICH**

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**23 Westgrove Lane** SE10 8QP

**10/11 June**

*Ian & Susan Pawlby*

A secret garden off the hidden recesses of a rural lane where a bamboo curtain conceals a double lawn giving views across the river to the stark towers of Canary Wharf. Quiet and tranquil the garden offers a smattering of roses, a couple of ponds and glimpses of next door.

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**30 Hyde Vale** SE10 8QH

**10 June W R**

*Penny Matheson*

The gardens of an 1830s tea caddy house have a lawn in front and, behind, two shallow flower-filled terraced beds. Rose-covered arches lead to a round lawn surrounded by a stone path and banks of shrubs, ivy and large trees. Wine and Pimms for sale.

**The Manor House,**

**Crooms Hill** SE10 8HG

**10/11 June W R**

*Jonathan and Teresa Sumption*

An almost-rural garden atop Crooms Hill beautifully framed by the church spire and a huge sycamore. It includes a box parterre in the sunken garden, an open lawn with a fine old mulberry and a constantly evolving variety of shrubs, perennials, and climbers with plenty of quiet spots to sit and relax. Level access to most of the garden (1 step). Dogs on leads are very welcome.

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**Hamilton House, 14 West**

**Grove** SE10 8QT

**10/11 & 24/25 June P W R**

*Jane Sullivan*

This garden with its own strong atmosphere is enclosed by a high wall built in 1734. The garden slopes up from the house, has two large trees and poor dry soil. Planting has always been a worthwhile challenge. Refreshments and plants for sale. Wheelchair accessible – please ask for assistance at the front door.

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**Westcombe Woodlands**

SE3 7RR

**11 June R**

*Friends of Westcombe*

*Woodlands*

Unique and magical 3.5 acres of wild woodland are accessed from Seren Park at Maze Hill Station. Paths lead through the trees to the glade and pond at the centre. There are beehives and woodland crafts and activities for children. Cold drinks and cake for sale.

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**41 Gloucester Circus** SE10 8RY

**11 June**

*Mark & Clare Hatcher*

A walled garden in a late Georgian terrace comprises a formal area with lawn, herbaceous borders and a beech hedge with a woodland area behind.

**Christchurch School**

**Community Garden,**

**45 Commerell St** SE10 0DZ

(entrance to garden on Blackwall Lane)

**11 June P W R**

*Volunteers of Christchurch School Community Garden*

A green space featuring raised beds for food crops, a community orchard, ornamental borders, a wildlife pond, Forest School and a covered outdoor hub. Beehives on site. After heavy losses of tender shrubs and currant bushes in the winter snows they are replanting with hardier varieties. Compost lavatory available. Donations accepted for plants, cakes and other refreshments.

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**Plot 9, Maze Hill allotments,**

**Restell Close** SE7 7RD

**24 June R**

*Andy Millns*

This previously derelict allotment has been transformed by Andy into a space for community gatherings, arts and crafts. featuring a walk-in 12-sided sculpture known as the Dodeca Den designed to be a therapeutic space for connecting to nature and community. Many unusual features across the allotment

made using salvaged and foraged materials. Some other plots will also open. Entrance towards east end of Restell Close on short path to platform 1 of Maze Hill station.

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**34 Hyde Vale** SE10 8QH

**24/25 June**

*Bob & Sue Yates*

This is a traditional south-facing walled garden, recently partly replanted to simplify maintenance with climbing roses, perennials, and new raised flower planters.. There is a patio, lawn and steps to a raised area at the rear. Dogs on leads only.

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**Gloucester Circus Central**

**Garden** SE10 8RY

**24/25 June W R**

*Richard Cocksedge*

*(chair of garden committee),*

*Richard Honeywill and*

*Charles Alisigwe (gardeners)*

The oval garden in the centre of Gloucester Circus belongs to residents and is managed by an elected committee. The main features of the garden are over 30 trees, some very old and some quite unusual, and perimeter beds around containing flowering shrubs and ground cover plants. Cold drinks and homemade cake for sale. There is

a 6-inch step into the garden.

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**15 Ballast Quay** SE10 9PD

**24/25 June P W R**

*Diane Greenwood and neighbours*

The combination of the river and verdant planting make this a place for quiet relaxation and meditation, with an art exhibition in the studio. It is run by and for the neighbours of Ballast Quay. Tea, cakes and plants for sale. The garden is right by the river so children need to be supervised. Dogs welcome. Wheelchair access but uneven pavements.

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**Flat A, 30 Crooms Hill**

SE10 8ER

**24/25 June R**

*Cherry and Michael Almond*

A south-facing town garden on several levels with interesting plants, a pond, vegetable bed, wildlife areas, seating and a contemporary summer house. A wildflower area has been reseeded this year. Tea and cakes for sale. Not suitable for young children.

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**Prior Street Allotments**

SE10 8SF

**25 June W R**

*Prior Street Gardens*

*Association*

Hidden behind a brick wall on Prior Street are 19 urban allotments with vegetables, flowers and fruit. Allotment holders will be on hand to answer questions, with home-made cakes and drinks available in the sunny picnic area. Wheelchair access is limited to the main path as most of our paths are narrow and grassy.

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**The White House,**

**Crooms Hill** SE10 8HH

**25 June W R**

*Tim & Trish Barnes*

A family garden around the home of a former Astronomer Royal with flower beds and a good-

sized lawn creating a cottage garden feel and many climbers up old brick walls. A refreshment tent with cream teas for sale.

**ELTHAM**

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**19 Eltham Park Gardens**

SE9 1AP

**10/11 June W R**

*Peter Sowden*

A relaxing garden, ideal for sinking into for a restful afternoon. Refreshments available for a donation. The upper part of the garden is accessible; steep steps to the lower part. Some new planting in response to the winter's snow and frosts.

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**The Gatehouse, Court Yard**

SE9 5QE

**24/25 June W R**

*Ruth & Matthew Barnes*

This large walled garden adjacent to Eltham Palace is planted for midsummer colour and scent. With wonderful mature trees and shrubs, there are shady areas for peaceful enjoyment as well as a rose garden with two new rose beds laid out this year. Teas, coffees, cakes and soft drinks for sale. No dogs allowed.

**LEE**

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**41 Southbrook Road** SE12 8LJ

**10/11 June W R**

*Barbara & Marek Polanski*

This large established garden has a formal layout with wide mixed herbaceous borders, sunny lawns, a box parterre and Indian gazebo, surrounded by mature trees and climbing roses. Shrubs and plants which suffered in the drought have been replaced and planting in pots refreshed. Many spots to sit and relax include a small classical garden building with interior wall paintings. Tea and cakes for sale. Side access suitable for standard wheelchairs.



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## 🌿 BLACKHEATH

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**Morden College,**  
**19 St Germans Place** SE3 OPW  
**10 June W R**

*Richard McAllister*

The substantial gardens of this Alms House with a supporting care-home give plenty of interest - from the understated elegance of the Quadrangle to the tranquility of the Club Garden with its Box hedges and herbaceous borders. There are mature trees, water features and a rose garden.

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**5 The Meadway** SE3 OUP  
**10/11 June W R**

*Steven & Mary-Clare Parker*

Surrounded by trees, with a “hidden away” feel, this gently sloping south-facing garden is set

on three levels. Two patio areas provide seating in sun or shade. Broad herbaceous borders, a stepped lawn, a small pond and some fruit trees create a peaceful haven. Pimms, tea and cake for sale. Wheelchair access to upper level only.

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**Barton Cottage, Heath Lane**  
SE3 OUT

**10/11 June W R**

*Deirdre & Michael Ellis*

The house is named after the Barton Cottage in Jane Austen’s novel ‘Sense and Sensibility’ and is at the foot of a leafy lane. Unstructured and fairly wild, the garden features a wildflower meadow, a fish pond, a spectacular tree fern and a variety of trees, including a banana tree, along with

summer annuals and border perennials. You might even spot some sculptures! The front garden is accessible for wheelchairs.

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**43 St John’s Park** SE3 7JW  
**10/11 June R**

*Lore Wolfson*

Tucked away behind the Old Dover Road, this long, narrow North-South facing garden has been revived by the gardener Lucy Davis of Lucy Theodora Gardens who has added ornamental planting to existing older shrubs. Wisteria cover a wooden gate at the back that leads to a private seating area.

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**84-101 Vanbrugh Park** SE3 7AL  
**11 June R**

*Jean Ryan & neighbours*

This block of 20 maisonettes was designed by the well-known brutalist architect Arthur Rubinstein in the late 1960s. Each garden measures around 2.5 by 6 metres. Come and see how home owners have planted and developed their gardens in individual ways. Prosecco, Pimms, tea and cakes for sale.

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**5 Angerstein Lane** SE3 7TT  
**11 June W R**

*Stephen Whitefield*

The garden at Angerstein Lane has been reclaimed from what was once an abandoned mews. It has been planted informally with cottage garden favourites, old-fashioned roses and espaliered fruit trees. Self-seeding helps to create a naturalistic look. The garden was featured in The Guardian some years ago. Tea, coffee and cake for sale. Access is via a level gravel path.

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**10 St Germans Place** SE3 ONN  
**11 June W R**

*Denise & David Mabey*

The front garden is wonderfully flowery, the back a compromise between footballers, dog and

toddler, croquet and tennis. The fig and Catalpa are family friends and can be climbed. There is shelter in case of rain. Rory hopes there are canine visitors. There are three steps up to the back garden. Refreshments will include Alice’s cakes.

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**28 Granville Park** SE13 7EA  
**11 June**

*Joanna Herald*

A 90 ft garden divided into four different areas, each with a distinct character but all dominated by plants. As I’m a garden designer I am always looking for new interesting plants and trial these in my garden before using them professionally. Hence lots of potting and a slight air of plants running wild. Nevertheless the garden is normally given careful curation and balance is maintained. This year, however, a broken ankle has meant I have not been able to work in the garden as much as usual and self seeders are having their head. Expect exuberant growth!

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**Lydia House,**  
**1 Dartmouth Grove** SE10 8AR  
**24 June W R**

*Amanda & Rob Ford*

This tranquil walled garden of a Georgian heathside property was recently replanted with mixed herbaceous borders of roses, geums and many different varieties of salvias. There is a pretty traditional greenhouse. A native wildflower area is in development on surrounding verges for the pleasure of both local wildlife and passers-by. The front lawn, ravaged by last summer’s drought, is in restoration. Refreshments and home-made cake for sale.

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**61 Hervey Road** SE3 8BX  
**25 June R**

*Meg & Richard Dinkeldein*

This garden has gradually

evolved since the gardeners moved here in 1985, creating the garden virtually from scratch with an open lawn for the family surrounded by reasonably low maintenance flower beds and shrubberies. Cold drinks and wine for sale along with floral water colours. No dogs please.

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**54 Blackheath Park** SE3 9SJ  
**25 June**

*Kathy & Blake Morrison*

This extensive, rambling, south-facing garden is created and tended by its owners. Divided into a series of rooms there is a formal garden with pond and original sculptures, a pagoda with old roses and a wild area with orchard, another pond and vegetable patch.

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**101 Blackheath Park** SE3 OEU  
**25 June W R**

*Hilary Morgan*

Designed by Joanna Herald and planted in 2022, this garden has now had a year to grow and bed in. It’s still a work in progress but it is starting to show off some beautiful shapes and colours. The mature trees and park-like feel remain. Despite a temporary wooden bridge, there are not yet frogs in the pond - maybe by June!

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**28 Morden Road** SE3 OAA  
**25 June W R**

*Susan & Roger Taylor*

A formal garden frontage with box, olives, yew and hydrangeas leads to a rear garden surrounded by mature trees. There are colourfully-planted containers on the terrace, two small deep ponds with waterlilies, acers, ferns, hostas and lavender, a number of sculptures and shady seating areas. Wheelchair access to the terrace with a good view of the garden. Wine and soft drinks for a suggested donation.

**30 Morden Road** SE3 OAA

**25 June W R**

*Svetlana Ilna (and helpers)*

A coniferous border contrasts with roses, an arbour and a bench covered with fragrant climbers, mixed flower beds, trained fruit trees, a herb garden and a vine pergola. Children are welcome to play in the tree house and outdoor fitness area. Refreshments available for a donation of your choice for the hospice. Dogs on leads welcome.

## 🌿 CHARLTON

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**1 Hasted Road** SE7 8AG

**10 June P R**

*Leo Salvia & Jack Lineham*

Previously a neglected side plot of brambles, now transformed over the lockdowns into informal ornamental planting, wildflowers and vegetable beds. The design, landscaping, planting and most plant propagation was carried out by both Leo and husband Jack and now serves as a space to relax and experiment with further. Cold refreshments and plants for sale. Dogs on leads very welcome.

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**39 Woodland Terrace** SE7 8EL

**10 June R**

*Helen Causeley*

A relaxed family garden with lawn,



mature trees and herbaceous borders, a highlight is a magnificent magnolia tree which provides a lovely spot to sit under.

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**122 Heathwood Gardens**  
SE7 8ER

**11 June**

*Justin & Natalie Zarb*

A family garden created for the kids to play in and learn. An astroturf lawn surrounded by borders with a variety of fruits including pears, peaches, grapes, gooseberries, blueberries, plums, figs and more.

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**88 Kinveachy Gardens** SE7 8EJ  
**11 June R**

*Margaret & Robert Marchant*

Our garden is inspired by Arts & Crafts design with a yew hedge creating two ‘rooms’ and different seating areas. Self-seeding plants, peonies, lilies and dahlias mingle among David Austin roses, small fruit trees, tomatoes and herbs. Tea, cake and cold drinks available, payment by card or cash.

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**113 Heathwood Gardens**  
SE7 8ET

**11 June R**

*Martha & Christophe Gowans*

A country-style garden with a jumble of roses, lilies and summer annuals, Mediterranean

shrubs, bay, myrtles and choisya, herbs and pelargoniums on the terrace and new raised beds at the bottom, a work in progress. We’ve also included some hopefully drought-proof planting of Phlomis russeliana, Stachys byzantina and Melianthus major. Cold drinks and cakes for sale.

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**39 Kinveachy Gardens** SE7 8EE  
**11 June R**

*Alex Riley*

A Japanese-style tea garden designed by Simon Riley has a curving stone path past ornamental and culinary cherry trees, magnolia, hydrangeas, bamboos and summer annuals including pink and red poppies, leading to a border of acid-loving shrubs pieris, camellia, rhododendron and azaleas and small conifers. Simon died of cancer in 2016 after being cared for by the Hospice and the garden is a place of contemplation and meditation. Prosecco, wine and soft drinks for sale. No wheelchair access. Alex will also be selling Personal Training sessions in her home garden gym for half price (£20) with all proceeds going to the Hospice.

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**Poplar Cottage,**  
**80 Charlton Road** SE7 7EY  
**24 June W R**

John Philpott-Howard The garden comprises mostly shrubs and trees, so don’t expect Kew or Chelsea. Visitors are also welcome to see the inside of the Cottage (1695), although please note that there are steep steps to the first floor. Refreshments for sale. Access is through the rear double gate in Couthurst Road; wheelchair access is possible, with care, along a gravel path and onto the lawn. The drought affected a few plants, and there has been some new planting of various RHS bulbs, as long as the squirrels haven’t eaten them.