



# THE GATES

SPRING 2016

## NEWSLETTER

*'The Gates' is a non-profit making horticultural project for vulnerable adults. It is part of the Frontline Partnership; a Brentwood based charity supported by Brentwood Council.*



Our calendar of events:

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'Pop Up Restaurant'  
26<sup>th</sup> February

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Open Outing  
23<sup>rd</sup> March

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Professional Open  
Day 18<sup>th</sup> May

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Spring Cream Tea  
& Plant Sale 29<sup>th</sup>  
May

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## Our news 2015:

### SUMMER BBQ

Despite the weather we had another successful fundraising BBQ. New for 2015 were our collection of hand built fete style stalls. These included: the Coconut Shy, Splat Rat, Lucky Numbers and Egg Shells. In addition, we built a new kiosk for smoothies and homemade ice cream – perfect with a burger!



Gary, our bee expert, gave an extremely interesting talk on 'The life of Bees' and very kindly brought a clear sided demonstration hive for us to look at

### POP UP RESTAURANT

We are always looking to introduce new fund raising ideas. New for 2015 was our 'Pop up Restaurant'

With the help and support of Hutton and Shenfield Union Church, we were able to offer a three course meal to 30 guests for a minimum donation of £15 per head.

After several weeks of training, our great team worked really hard to make the evening a complete success and with the generous funds raised and with meaningful employment in mind, we were able to pay our team a competitive wage.

All of the additional funds raised help towards the maintenance of our site at London Road Cemetery.



## FESTIVE FUN

This year, like last, we contributed to the Frontline Partnership Quiz Night and the information stall at the Lighting up Brentwood Christmas event. Our honey, jam and Christmas decorations prove popular at these events.



Of course, Christmas would not be the same without our obligatory Christmas lunch at The Eagle Pub!



# The New Year

## POP UP RESTAURANT

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We start the New Year with the

### **'Pop-up Restaurant'**

**Greek night 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

Our regular attendees will be working hard to make your evening enjoyable.

## COUNCIL FLORAL DISPLAY

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We will again be planting and caring for the floral displays in Brentwood and Shenfield High Street

With the addition of our new irrigation system, we hope to provide a superior display!

## The New Year

### OUR SPRING OPEN DAY FOR PROFESSIONALS

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This will be an event open to industry professionals and service users. It is our intention to show case our project to careers, social workers, schools and colleges.



### OUR SPRING PLANT SALE & CREAM TEA DAY

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**26<sup>th</sup> February, 12pm – 2pm.**

Family and friends are all welcome to join us for our plant sale. There will be an opportunity to buy a cream tea and cucumber sandwich.



## **Donators & Contributors**

As we are self-sufficient and not government supported, we were thrilled and extremely grateful for all of the donations received this year and last. We would very much like to thank the following contributors:

### **Shenfield & Hutton Union Church:**

We would like to thank the staff and attendees of the church Tuesday Coffee Morning who have been fund raising on our behalf. We would also like to thank them for the use of their wonderful facilities, which we hire for our 'Pop-up Restaurant'.

Our team look forward to working with and supporting them in the future.

### **Brentwood Borough Council:**

We have again been asked to plant the floral displays for Shenfield and Brentwood High Streets. It really is great for our attendees and supporters to see their hard-work on display for all to enjoy.

We were also fortunate to be awarded £2415 from the Brentwood Community Fund. We will be renewing our irrigation systems ready for spring.

### **Family and Friends:**

Thank you to all who support our fund raising events throughout the year. Your kind and generous donations enable us to maintain our site, but more importantly, allow us to try new initiatives.

### **Volunteers:**

A special thank you to our volunteers. They are incredibly committed and generous with their gift of time –

**THANK YOU!**

### Volunteering Opportunities:

If you are interested in voluntary work, please call to discuss your suitability and flexibility.

### Conservation:

Each year we focus on maintaining and preserving the health and habitat of the natural biodiversity that surrounds us. Last year we created numerous natural spaces around our site, including a romanesque garden and bee bed. This year we intend to build a new hydroponic system, update our irrigation and make significant improvements to our Dell walk.

### Further information:

The Gates horticultural project is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am until 3pm. Please feel free to visit us, or alternatively contact:

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