

“What’s Behind The Wall?”

Bute Park Spring Open Day

Saturday 30th March 2019

It is 70 years since the park was opened to the public in Spring 1949 (after being donated to the city in 1947). Join us as we celebrate “What’s Behind The Wall?”

A range of events will be held in and around Bute Park Education Centre, including talks, tours and classes by staff from Bute Park, The Salad Garden and the Secret Garden Café amongst others.

Find out more and book free tickets for talks and tours

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/bute-park-15541788264>

Open Day Talks

Time	Speaker	Title	Information
10.30 – 11.15	Rosie James	Andrew Pettigrew – the story of a Victorian Gardener	<p>Rosie James, Principle Landscape Officer, tells the story of Andrew Pettigrew from his origins in Ayrshire in Scotland to becoming Head Gardener at Cardiff Castle.</p> <p>Find out about his horticultural achievements – running the nursery at the castle, plant propagation, wine growing, hardy fruit cultivation and more.</p>
11.15 – 12.00	Sophie Durnan	Cardiff Salad Garden	<p>The Walled Garden was originally used to grow fruit and vegetables for the Bute family in the early 1900's.</p> <p>In 2017 Cardiff Salad Garden brought vegetable growing back to one of the walled garden greenhouse's. this is a truly local business working with volunteers for positive mental health and selling salad to local restaurants delivered by bicycle.</p> <p>Grower and founder Sophie will talk about the social enterprise, how she grows over 500 kg salad and where it goes.</p> <p>www.cardiffsaladgarden.co.uk</p>

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12.00 – 12.45		Official Ribbon Cutting	<p>At midday we'll be joined by the Mayor and Leader of the Council who will plant a commemorative tree and officially unveil a new sculpture to mark the seventieth anniversary of Bute Park.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor will be cutting a ribbon to celebrate the first anniversary of the Bute Park Plant Shop and the Secret Garden Café also celebrates their first birthday.</p> <p>Our friends at Pettigrew Tea Room will be commissioning a special birthday cake as they too celebrate their seventh anniversary on 30th March.</p>
13.00 – 13.45	Kevin Thomas	Spring in the Garden	<p>An experienced and knowledgeable member of the Bute Park Nurseries team, gardener Kevin talks about his love of the Spring Garden.</p> <p>From woodlands to formal courtyard gardens Kevin talks about the diversity of plants, trees and shrubs which look at their best during the months of Spring.</p>
14.00 – 14.45	Melissa Boothman	Cooking with the Seasons	<p>Recipes from the Garden. A look through the seasons, what grows in your garden and recipe ideas to take away with you.</p> <p>Melissa from the Secret Garden Cafe & Penylan Pantry will talk through 4 recipes, 1 from each season, with produce from your garden. There will also be a demo and print outs to take home.</p> <p>Penylan Pantry, Cheese Pantry & Secret Garden Cafe. www.penylanpantry.com @secretgardencf</p>

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15.00	Meriel Jones	Bute Park Honey Bees	<p>Bee hives in Bute Park once supplied honey to the wealthy Bute family and their guests in Cardiff Castle.</p> <p>Over 60 years ago, on the orchard lawn there were many hive underneath the apple trees to help with pollination.</p> <p>In 2016 Meriel Jones became a bee keeper and started keeping bees once again in Bute Park.</p> <p>Meriel will explain how honey bees have returned to Bute Park and the story so far.</p> <p>www.bute-park.com</p>
15.30 – 16:00	Stephen Peckham	Eartha	<p>Eartha is a pop-up plant shop that specializes in indoor plants and ceramics and has been trading successfully for nearly a year now.</p> <p>The pop-up is currently situated in vegetarian restaurant Milgi on City Road, where the space is looking more and more like a tropical jungle every day.</p> <p>Stephen will be discussing his journey with the unorthodox business, his future objectives and how he has been able to engage with local creatives and Bute Park nurseries in order to stock the shop.</p> <p>Stephen will also be bringing some of his favourite exotic plants that can be bought at Eartha.</p> <p>@earthastore</p>

Walks and Talks

Time	Organiser	Title	Information
10.00 – 10.30	Chay Sanders	Nursery Tour	<p>A behind the scenes tour of the Bute Park Nurseries with Nursery Supervisor Chay.</p> <p>This is a unique opportunity to see our impressive glasshouses and learn about the plants grown for the city-wide planters, hanging baskets and borders.</p> <p>We'll also visit the inspiring Cardiff Salad Garden, meet the brains behind the Trailblazer Wagon that is generating solar powered energy for park operations and events.</p> <p>The tour will start and finish at the Bute Park Plant Shop.</p>
11.15 – 11.45	Alex Sibley	Education Centre Border	<p>Meet expert Bute Park Gardener Alex and learn more about the planting scheme of the Education Centre flower border. Visit the Stuttgart Garden and find out about its origins.</p>
12.30 – 13.00	Chris Wood	Meet the Sculptor	<p>Bute Park has commissioned a new sculpture to celebrate 70 years of Bute Park. This special new addition to the park will be in place for our celebratory event and you will have an opportunity to "Meet the Sculptor" and talk to him about his new work in Bute Park and his other sculptures in Cardiff Parks.</p> <p>You may have seen The Bee outside Roath Park Conservatory or the Green Man at Forest Farm. www.woodartworks.co.uk/</p>
13.30 – 15.00	Malcolm Fraser	Tree Walk	<p>A tree walk led by Malcolm Frazer, retired Tree Officer from Cardiff Council</p> <p>On this interesting walk we will be looking at the many rare and unusual trees as well as the collection of Champion Trees that Bute Park is renowned for. The walk will be around 1.5 hours and will be along the main driveways and across the lawn areas of the park.</p>

Plant Shop Workshops

Time	Organiser	Title	Information
All day	Bute Park Nurseries	Mother's Day Planters	<p>Plant your own Mother's Day Gift – a tray of colourful primula, choose your own colours to give it a personal touch!</p> <p>Pay for your saucer at the till and fill it with flowers with the help of the Bute Park Nurseries Staff.</p> <p>Just £6 each or 2 for £10</p>
14.30 – 15.30	Kevin Thomas	Propagation Demo	<p>With over 30 years of nursery experience, Bute Park Nursery's Kevin Thomas shows off a range of propagation techniques for indoor and outdoor plants.</p> <p>Learn more about sowing seeds for vegetable and summer bedding plants, the different ways of taking cuttings and some of the more unusual ways houseplants are propagated.</p>

Please note

- There will be a limited number of places at each session.
- Advance tickets will be available via Eventbrite (for individual events).
- Some walk-ups will be available for each session on the day.
- If you are no longer able to attend events you have booked onto please contact us so your tickets can be released for others to use.