



The Friends of Sydney Gardens Protecting and Conserving Sydney Gardens Bath

Hello and welcome to the Friends of Sydney Gardens (FoSG) Spring 2023 Newsletter

It is so good to see the Spring flowers and blossom returning to the park. Even the bright colours of the paddleboarders jackets and boards, seen here traveling through the park, brighten a spring morning.



Sydney Gardens and Admiral Arthur Phillip Have you ever wondered why your park was called Sydney Gardens? The park was originally called Bath Vauxhall Gardens. It was built on land owned by the Pulteney family and it is believed the name Sydney was given to the gardens to curry political favour with Thomas Townsend the first Viscount Sydney - Home Secretary in the Pitt government. In 1786 Admiral Arthur Phillip was appointed by the then Lord Sydney, as the commander of the First Fleet whose crew were tasked with setting up a penal colony at Botany Bay, in Australia. Phillip looked for a more suitable habitat and found it in Port Jackson, Sydney today. Phillip was buried in Bathampton graveyard because he was disgraced and couldn't be buried in Bath Abbey; however, a memorial plaque for Admiral Phillip is placed in the Abbey. We are delighted that the Phillips memorial will soon be relocated from the Bath Assembly Rooms to Sydney Gardens, giving the link to the name of Sydney and offering a feature sundial to this Grade 2 listed Georgian Garden.



The Roman Sarcophagus found in Sydney Gardens during the Heritage Lottery project refurbishment, and now positioned in the Sydney Garden Community Pavilion, will soon be moving to be displayed in the Roman Baths. A previous sarcophagus found when the gardens were originally developed, in 1793 (gardens opened in 1795) was of Galus Calpurnius Receptus, a priest at the Temple of Sulis, and is already on display in the Roman Baths.





Roasted Lemon in Sydney Gardens

The catering concession, Roasted Lemon, who are sited in the kiosk at the main entrance into the gardens, have open a second out let in the park. They have brought their mobile catering van to provide drinks and snacks in the play area of the park. They offer a good selection of food and drinks available for both children and adults.

FoSG offer Historic Walks

Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2.30pm we offer an historical 'talk and walk' around Sydney Gardens. Find out more historical facts about this amazing garden. Book your place on Eventbrite or just come along and join us. Meet at the FoSG notice board beside the entrance gate into the Holburne Museum, from Sydney Gardens. Note: The walk is wheelchair and pushchair friendly.

FoSG run Volunteer Gardening Sessions

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month, from 10am -12noon; come and join us. We provide the tools just bring your own gloves and help to keep this special park looking good, contact Gill at: info@friendsofsydneygardens.org.

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Sydney Gardens Parks Team

are still running weekly gardening sessions every Wednesday mornings from 10-11.30am. If you would like to join Mali & Matt and get involved with your local park, they would love to see you. Contact Mali Kedward, the Projects Horticultural Participation officer at: mali_kedward@bathnes.gov.uk

Please support us and donate to our next project

All future improvements in the park need to be funded by donations. We are currently raising funds to replace wooden railings around the entrance to the reservoir with metal railings, and to provide an information board.



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Membership of the Friends of Sydney Gardens (FoSG)

Become a member of the Friends of Sydney Gardens and support us in our plans to conserve and maintain our park. Please use the QR code to register or set up a standing order, details are given below.



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Useful information

If you wish to report a problem in Sydney Gardens, please phone, Council Connect: 01225 394041.

If out of hours or weekend, please phone: 01225 477477.

If you wish to report someone sleeping overnight in Sydney Garden's contact 'Street Link' for the homeless at;

contact@streetlink.org.uk



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Friends of Sydney Gardens (FoSG) Membership

To join the FoSG, either use the QR code above or take the information below to your bank and they will set-up a standing order. Membership is £5.00 a year per household. Then email us at info@friendsofsydneygardens.org to confirm. We will then email you updates about what is happening in the park.

Standing Order information for your bank to join the Friends of Sydney Gardens

Please pay, until further notice, this standing order instruction, on 1st April each year the sum of £5.00.

Account of: Friends of Sydney Gardens at, NatWest Bank. Address: 15 High Street, Bath, BA1 5AH.

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