



Member Newsletter #12: Summer 2021

All the latest news as our summer activities get underway

WELCOME TO YOUR SUMMER MEMBER NEWSLETTER

As always there's lots to share with you as we embrace the warmer weather and our summer activities get underway, including garden tours, farmers markets, courses, films and of course the much anticipated return of our [Summer School & Festival](#), starting this week!

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE TRUST

We've held a number of member sessions online over the past year sharing the latest trust news. We know many of you weren't able to make these sessions, so we hope this newsletter gives you a snapshot of what's currently happening on the estate...

Spring saw the opening of a new Gallery on the estate, located in the old bakery opposite The Green Table, showcasing various artists including [our first exhibition by Tom Hammick](#). If you haven't managed to visit yet, there's still plenty of time to see Tom's work, which will be on display until the end of August.

Our focus on learning is taking shape with successful introduction and uptake of new MSCs and a new BSC to start in September, and our student admissions continue to grow. Read on for more news from the latest courses being introduced and short courses which you can book online. Our bursary campaign as part of Schumacher College's 30th anniversary celebrations also continues to go from strength to strength. If you want to support the learners of tomorrow in making the world a better place, [click here](#).

In some other news our **Research In Practice team**, who deliver vital social and healthcare services to the social care sector, recently won a major contract, and we are very proud to announce that they are now serving over 80% of all local authorities in the country!

HEADLINES

MEMBER EVENT REVIEW: GARDENS TEA PARTY

At long last we were able to hold our first outdoor members event since last year. Thank you to all of the members who came along to what was a lovely Tea Party, held in the Private Garden on the estate.

By all accounts the day was thoroughly enjoyed with tea, cake and a Japanese harpist to entertain. The event included a plant sale and helped raise funds for our Grade II* Listed Gardens; specifically towards some much needed plant replacements plus various bulbs, seeds and planting equipment.

Dartington Member, Lorette Logie, thanked the dedicated team of gardeners for their hard work in keeping the formal grounds looking wonderful year-round, and for the enormous pleasure the gardens have given during lockdown.

WANT TO DONATE?

If you missed the event but wish to contribute, donations are still being welcomed via an independent fund which has been set up by Totnes Trust, which can be made by BACS to CAFBank Account: Totnes Trust; sort code 40-52-40; Account: 00025901. Or by cheque, payable to Totnes Trust, sent to 15 Heath Way, Totnes, TQ9 5GP.

To donate generally towards the gardens upkeep you can text **GARDENS**, followed by the amount you wish to donate (so for example, GARDENS 10) to 70450. Donations can be made in this way up to the value of £20 and will go directly towards the Gardens.





GARDEN TOURS RETURN

We are so pleased to be offering our volunteer-led garden tours again throughout the summer. Even if you know the gardens like the back of your hand, you may find out something you didn't know before on one of these very informative tours, and we would really appreciate you trying one out and telling your friends about them.

Rosemary Griggs, one of our tour guide volunteers says, "It's an opportunity to delve a little deeper, to uncover the story of these magnificent Grade II* listed gardens, and learn about the people who, over the generations, have helped develop what you see today. This is a garden for all seasons. Whenever you visit there will be plants to delight you, sculptures to inspire you, and views to take your breath away. But Dartington's gardens also hide many secrets, myths and mysteries – we can't wait to reveal them."

Tickets are now bookable online or at the Welcome Centre for just £2 per person (children are free). Places are limited to 12 people per tour, simply book a free members garden entry for the same day to be able to book a place.

[BOOK A TOUR >](#)



NEW WELCOME CENTRE SHOP COMING SOON!



We can't wait to begin selling a small range of products at the welcome centre this summer, which will include a newly designed range of exclusive products reflecting the rich history of Dartington and the vibrant Learning programme on the estate.

The shop, which will open mid-August, will also showcase carefully sourced craft, prints, artist commissions, toys, books and more. We hope you'll love the new collection as much as we do!

SWIFTS IN THE TOWER



An exciting project is underway with our conservation team to encourage Swifts to return to St Mary's Church Tower, which stands in the Churchyard behind the Great Hall at Dartington. Dating from the 13th Century, the tower was thought to be the original inspiration for David Lack's book 'Swifts in the Tower', published in 1956.

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WALLED GARDEN UPDATE

Following [our successful campaign to restore our Walled Garden](#), some of you might have been wondering how things have been going. The amazing volunteers who keep the Garden running have this to say...

“The garden focuses on high value salad and herb crops to supply the White Hart and The Green Table. The space is also shared with the Dartington Estate gardeners who are using some parts of the garden and glass houses to raise plants for the ornamental gardens. In recent weeks you may have seen their plants for sale outside the Welcome Centre.

“It is intended that the garden can provide an integrated learning experience for all students studying at Dartington and more specifically for Horticulture students training at Schumacher College.”

[FULL UPDATE HERE >](#)



COURSES AND EVENTS

We've picked out some of the key highlights coming up below, but make sure you check out our [full events listings](#) too. And don't forget that your members discount applies automatically during checkout on applicable events. Look for the 'members discount' message on event pages, and refer to the [member benefits](#) page to see what's available.

DARTINGTON MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL & FESTIVAL

We're sure you are all as delighted as we are to hear that the [Summer School & Festival](#) is back again this year, where we will be hosting workshops, concerts and events (all based on the estate), and where musicians from all over the world come and learn from the best professionals working in the industry today.

New for this year is a programme of family friendly and free events which will open up our world famous Summer School to an even wider audience. This includes special relaxed concerts, family workshops and much besides - [find out more here](#).

Hopefully you've had the opportunity to book your concert tickets, but there are still some spaces if you haven't yet done so.

[BROWSE CONCERTS >](#)



HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES



We're well into the recruitment cycle for postgraduate programmes at Schumacher College and Dartington Arts School, starting this September, with just a couple of places left on most courses. We'll be introducing a number of new programmes at the start of next year, including our Reimagining Performance Practice Masters and an MSc in Regenerative Food, Farming and Enterprise, which will complement the undergraduate farming programme starting this September.

Our courses are open to people at any stage in their career, so we encourage all to browse the programme and see if there's a specific course or module that might interest you.

[BROWSE COURSES >](#)

SHORT COURSES



Our short course programme continues to expand, with an array of fantastic transformative experiences starting later this summer, including..

- [An Introduction to Sustainable Viticulture – 22 August](#)
- [Sculpting from Life – 4 September](#)
- [Personal Resilience for me, you and us – 6 September](#)
- [Organic Gardening for Soil Health – 17 September](#)

[BROWSE ALL SHORT COURSES >](#)

BARN CINEMA



Our Barn programme continues to pick up speed. A range of brilliant films are available to book, including kids' film throughout the summer holidays, and a fresh run for Nomadland, with a Best Actress Oscar-winning Frances McDormand.

[ALL FILMS >](#)

FARMERS MARKET EVERY SATURDAY



Thank you for continuing to support our Farmers Market selling local produce and wares, which currently runs every Saturday until 3pm, located next to the new Gallery. We hope you manage to visit it over the summer months.

[MORE INFO >](#)

AND FINALLY...

REFER A FRIEND

A final thank you for supporting us throughout this past year. Your membership has been key to helping Dartington continue to operate and thrive, and we really appreciate our members spreading the word and inviting your friends to join us too.

We look forward to seeing you on the estate this summer, and don't forget the wonderful additional Family Membership benefits on offer too - [see the list of benefits here](#).

The Dartington Membership Team

GIFT MEMBERSHIP

In a time when we all need to look after our health and mental wellbeing, Dartington offers the space, community and creativity to really lift people's spirits. Membership starts from £25, and includes Gardens access, a huge range of benefits, exclusive events and more - a real gift with a difference.

[BUY GIFT MEMBERSHIP HERE >](#)