

Friday Evening Message – 8 May 2020

Shabbat Shalom everybody!

Come into the garden....

Aren't we lucky to have such wonderful weather and such a wonderful Spring in which to be locked down? I have been enjoying the pleasures of my garden, which is shared with my next-door neighbours. I'm equally happy gardening or just sitting taking in the sights and scents, especially in the evenings when a pair of blackbirds hop around after worms and the newly returned swifts swoop and glide overhead again.



Early on our flowering blackcurrant, grape hyacinths and daffodils were a joy, and lovely in the house.



Then some tulips in a pot emerged and turned out to be purple, near black, glowing in the early morning sunshine.

I searched for some garden quotes and found these famous ones:

"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden." Ruth Stout

"If you would be happy all your life plant a garden." Nan Fairbrother

Ruth Stout was an American writer on gardens. Nan Fairbrother was an English writer and lecturer on landscape and land use.

"But we don't have a garden", I hear some declare. I'm pleased to say, for them and for myself too, that in Norwich parks and gardens have remained open. Wensum, Waterloo, Chapelfield and Recreation Road Parks are all blooming at present,



as in the Plantation Garden, above, and all are open.

If you are not in Norwich I cannot advise on what is and is not open in other areas. However, for all of us, there is [National Gardens Scheme website](#).

Usually one can visit the gardens, which are open for charity, but this year, on the website, you can go on a personal virtual tour of their garden with the likes of Alan

Titchmarsh and many other lesser known gardeners; it's really worth a look and a wander....

I started with half a quote from Tennyson and am ending with a proverb, a good one for lockdown days:

"Take time to smell the roses".

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend. Go outdoors, it's allowed! Stay safe and well.

Love to all,
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