



# Newsletter

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Signs of Spring are appearing! As I write this, the sky is blue, the sun is shining and the crocus flowers are opening, alongside the maturing snowdrops. Spring is an exciting time of year in a garden. There are always new signs of life, green tips, buds, flowers etc. and the Biblical Garden is no exception. Promise of things to come.



## Easter Service

We are delighted that the Rev Jenny Adams of Spynie, Duffus and Hopeman Church has agreed to take our Easter Service this year. It will take place on Easter Sunday, 27 March, at 6.30a.m. in the Biblical Garden. After the short service, there will be light refreshments in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you there. NB the clocks change that weekend!



## National Gardening Week

The week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> April is National Gardening Week. A programme of guest speakers, giving presentations at the Biblical Garden, is being organised for 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Biblical Garden will be held on Tuesday 31 May 2016 at 7p.m. It will take place in Room CO14 in Moray College, Moray Street, Elgin. After the business there will be tea, coffee, cake and the chance to chat. Do come along if you can.



## Web site

This project has taken rather longer than expected but our new website is now ready to be launched.



## Christmas Wreath Making

The Friends of the Biblical Garden had a very successful day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015. A large turnout of the Friends, family and newcomers came to make their own holly wreaths. The mild weather helped on the day. Homemade mincemeat pies, tea and coffee were served. Everyone left the garden happy, with their own hand made wreaths for family and friends. All the wreaths looked lovely. Donations for wreaths go to the Biblical Garden. Long may this yearly event continue. We hope to welcome even more people next year.

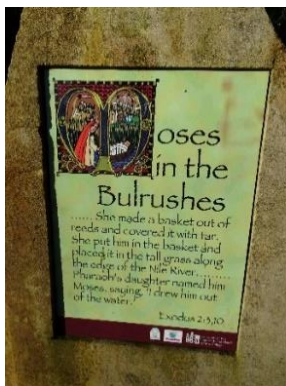
## Gate



The new gate for the garden was fitted this week and is looking good! The paths at the entrance are being redressed too in preparation for opening to the public in May.

## Signage

All the stones are in place and all the panels have been made (though not all attached to the stones as yet!)



## Davie's Column

### **Daffodil**

Narkissos was a hunter who was renowned for his beauty. He was exceptionally proud, in that he disdained those who loved him. Nemesis, the goddess of retribution, noticed this behavior and attracted Narkissos to a pool, where he saw his own reflection in the water and fell in

love with it, not realising it was merely an image.

Unable to leave the beauty of his reflection, Narkissos died and, where he had lain, a white flower grew and was named Narcissus. Narcissus is the origin of the term narcissism, a fixation with oneself. In one telling of this story, he drowned in the pool, reaching out for his reflection, and reappeared as a flower.



*Narcissus tazetta*

'Flowers of the field' (Isaiah 25:1) It is said that it includes both *Narcissus tazetta* and *N. serotinus*. Both can be found growing in the early spring or along with autumn flowering colchicum and crocus which are found in abundance in the Mediterranean countries and the Holy Lands.



*Narcissus serotinus*

## **Myosotis – Forget-me-not.**

God had made the garden of Eden and was marvelling at his creation. As the story goes, on leaving the garden after naming the flora, he heard a small voice ask,

"What is my name?"



*Myosotis alpestris*

God stopped and turned to the wee plant.

"Ha! As I have forgotten you, I shall not forget you again. You shall be called "Forget-me-not".

## **Tulip**

Tulip is the national flower of Turkey; it's found growing throughout Asia Minor. It apparently derives its name from the headdress of the Turkish moguls.



Our thanks go to Val for her contribution to this newsletter.