



VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST HILL HOUSE VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER!

This month it has been wonderful to see the garden beginning to show signs of spring. The annual display of daffodils is truly spectacular. If you are normally working in the house, be sure to take a look while they are still in bloom. Our hardy volunteers have been busy tidying up after Storm Eunice and braving the cold March winds to start work on the gardens as we head into spring. Inside the house, besides the essential housework, our lovely volunteers have been mending cushions and giving the upstairs bathroom a much needed fresh coat of paint—it's looking great!



HILL HOUSE NEWS

This month saw a preparation weekend for the big summer fundraiser on June 26th—actors and musicians got together for a read through of the play—enormous fun was had by all! Look out for the Eventbrite sign up to book your tickets nearer the time.

Caroline, Bud and Martin recently met with Rita and Sarah from Gloucester's World Café, whose aim is to provide an open welcome, friendship and community to people making their way in a city that is new to them. They are starting a regular gathering for women of all faiths and backgrounds and hope to bring lots of women to enjoy Hill house and the surrounding countryside this summer. We look forward to welcoming them into the Hill House community soon.



Sadly, Borderlands had to cancel their day at the house, but they hope to re-book soon. Borderlands supports people seeking sanctuary and aims to alleviate poverty and hardship, working in the wider Bristol area. Thank you to all of you who kindly offered to help with transport; they were very grateful for all the support that was offered.



Over coffee and lunch this month, we have discussed our response to the Ukraine crisis. We all agreed it is wonderful to see the huge generosity of the public, and we are acutely aware of the difference in response to people fleeing Ukraine, and those fleeing Yemen, Myanmar, Eritrea, Sudan, Afghanistan.... the list is long. There is still much work to do to keep making links and plead for a humane response to ALL refugees, some of whom are living in miserable conditions in our nearby cities, awaiting decisions on their asylum claims that can take many years. In the meantime they are forbidden to take paid work, or often, even unable to cook for themselves.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

The next volunteer Mondays are:
4th April and 18th April



Summer Fundraiser
26th June

