

NEWSLETTER

Issue 17

Friends of the Hampden Park

Spring 2011

Decoy Pond – I hope everyone has caught up with the great news that we achieved £50,000 from the Grant Lottery towards the work on the pond. Eastbourne Borough Council have appointed the contractors and the main work is due to commence on 4th April.

Please join us for the official opening which will take place at the café on Sunday 26th June 10am. For tea and cake R.S.V.P. please!

Enclosed with this newsletter please find a leaflet that Eastbourne Borough Council have prepared for you which gives full details of the work being undertaken and how the relevant parts impact on each other. If you wish for more copies please don't hesitate to contact us. There will also be an interpretation board erected on the lawn opposite the café with full details.

Playground – In addition to the great news that the Decoy Pond in about have work commenced, we are delighted to be able to give those of you unable to attend the AGM a sample of how the new playground will look. See the picture below, provided by EBC, which gives a pictorial view. Ours will be the first playground area in Eastbourne to have a sand pit. Check our website.

Hundreds of local school children were consulted and we are delighted to confirm the playground will also include a zip wire and doughnut swing. The playground has been extended to include the trees and the small stream, with bridge over, to make it a more exciting and challenging playground.

It is such a popular area for parents and children alike. What a great new addition!



AGM – Thanks to so many who came out on a cold winter night. It was wonderful that we had had confirmation that day of the success of our lottery bid and could share it with the members able to be present.

Gareth Williams, Head of Parks and Gardens Dept. attended the AGM and was able to answer direct the variety of questions asked on the work to be undertaken.



Wonderful news re lottery bid received just in time for the AGM

I'm delighted to confirm your committee for 2011 voted in at the AGM was:

Chairman – Sandy Boyce-Sharpe
Hon Secretary – Lindsey Gwynne
Hon Treasurer – Hugh Ball
Membership Secretary – Carol Hunter
Committee : Bryan Renn
James Elliott
Peter Birchall
Rosey Smith
William Pratt

Thanks were given to Christopher Hookham, who stood down from the committee this year. He had been Chairman for the first two years and served on the committee until now.

Devolved Ward Grants from Councillors - Thanks to Hampden Park Councillors who have donated two benches and a picnic table for the park from their grant availability and these have been placed adjacent to the sports pitches behind the Outdoor Bowls Club



One of 2 new benches which, together with a picnic table is sited near the sports pitches

Ratton Councillors have given a cheque for £2,200 to the Friends to spend on what they consider essential works. We were delighted to accept.



Ratton Councillors officially handing over cheque for the Friends

Nominate a project. Let us know what you would like the committee to consider in coming months. Please use the form or email us.

Social Diary

The wine tasting evening for 29 April is cancelled. We hope to reschedule.

11 June – Friends' Awareness Day at Sainsbury's 10-4pm. Volunteers needed, please, to man the lobby for an hour.

26 June – Official opening of the newly renovated Decoy Pond. 2.00pm at the Café in the park: R.S.V.P. please.

30 July – Ecology walk by Pete the Pond meeting at 10am outside café. R.S.V.P. to reserve a place please

6 August Eastbourne Dog Show.

30 September – Talk on bats 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall. An escorted walk is planned to find bats and habitats. Date and time to be advised.

4 November – Friends' Quiz in Church Hall starting 7pm.

11 November – Remembrance Service at the War Memorial. Assemble at 10.45 please

For up to date information on social events please check the Friends' website and use it to send an email.

Green Credentials

If any one of you are happy to access your newsletters via our website would you please advise the Friends via email friendsofhampdenpark@hotmail.co.uk

We'd like to reduce our carbon footprint. And, on the web you will see it in colour of course!

Calling for volunteers: The Friends have had meetings with Southern and been invited to adopt Hampden Park Railway Station. Southern are prepared to pay for baskets, tubs, plants, etc. but, unfortunately, Hampden Park in Bloom committee don't have any spare capacity to arrange watering, dead heading, etc. Is there anyone out there who would be interested in helping or joining a small team to look after the station flowers? Please call or email us if there is.

Dear Member

Gosh we are asking a lot of you this time. It's either go and try out the sand pit and zip wire or volunteer man our stand at Sainsbury's, nominate a project or water the plants at the station; send us your email address to keep our records up to date; let us know if you will go green with us and access your newsletter on line in future or complete the survey on providing a new BMX area for the children on the Cross Levels Way area of Hampden Park.

It's not often I ask so much of you in one newsletter and we apologize but there is just so much happening!

Also, if you'd like to join us for a celebratory tea and cake when the renovated Decoy Pond is opened we'll need to know so that we have enough cake. Replies please by the end of May.

As if that isn't enough we now want to make you famous by reproducing your pet photograph of the park in the next calendar. Please get in touch

All best wishes

Sandy

Photos

The Friends will be printing a calendar for 2012 following the success of this year's sales. If anyone would like to submit a photograph for inclusion (full credit given) please contact us in the usual way via email or the form below.

Update to our records of Volunteers

We're planning a few volunteer projects for 2012 but feel our volunteer gang records are perhaps not current; email addresses may have changed, etc. If you would like to join us would you be good enough to complete the form below again so that we can update our records and we'll be in touch.

Are you free 11th June sometime between 10am – 4pm? Would you like to help handing out some leaflets about the Friends at Sainsbury's in Hampden Park? We are looking for help from members to serve an hour or two during the day. Please contact us as usual on the form below.

BMX track Cross Levels Way

The BMX track on the periphery of the park was badly damaged by fire a few years ago and hasn't been useable. A steering committee formed by the Friends is trying to raise funds to reinstate it. It is necessary to assess the feelings of the public and we'd appreciate it if you could complete the survey on our website or let us know if you would like a hard copy.

Nursery road

I'm sure, when you've been visiting the crocus beds or viewing the daffodils, you will have seen the beginning of the removal of the bollards at the periphery of the old nursery road. Watch this space and enjoy this area being readdressed.

Old Newsletters

When you've read this newsletter please don't bin it – pass it on to a neighbour who isn't a member or leave it at the Doctor/Dentist waiting room. Thank you.

To The Friends of the Hampden Park

Please apply for membership, make a donation, pass on your comments or indicate if you would be available for our *volunteer gang* using this form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____

Email address: _____

Membership No _____

[R.S.V.P. - Yes / No to attend
celebration of pond completion](#)

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