

## NEWS & Views

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### IT'S BEEN A BUSY TIME

I had to prepare long follow-up reports for both the Lottery and DEFRA about the progress of the things they paid for. This involved thick forms and a collection of before and after photos for both.

The DEFRA money was for the Big Tree Plant and the trees we planted are all now in leaf. I'm pleased that park visitors are taking care of them. A few broken branches but no major damage.

### WE PLANTED BLUEBELLS

We had another planting session in mid-May, in the Wet Woodland with Friends, Trust for Conservation Volunteers and the tree officer, our good friend Tim Beckley (*4<sup>th</sup> from the left in the photo below*). We planted bluebells—fresh bluebells, not bulbs, as they will grow better. Next spring it should be a wonderful sight. The paths in the Wet Woodland were also repaired and new bark laid.

### ECO DAY PLANNING

And now preparations for ECO Day are in full swing. As you can appreciate, it's a huge organizational challenge, not only to find funding but also to gather volunteers, purchase supplies, etc. One hundred kids are a large crowd.

Again we are supplying a healthy lunch for the participants and asking the parents to bring a packed lunch for themselves.

We will also supply a bottle of water for each of the participants. I had hoped to have the Victorian fountain working again but the information I asked for quite some time ago about its functioning has not been forthcoming.

ECO Day this year as you can see from the programme herein contains all new activities. We don't want to repeat activities from the past every year. I have held my usual planning party with tea for the volunteers and will hold the same kind of party as follow-up after the event.

### DISPOSABLE BARBECUES BLIGHT

I hope park visitors will stop using disposable barbecues for their picnics as they burn the grass and leave unsightly brown marks. I was pleased to see several groups of little ducklings on our early morning walks.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We have a new membership incentive which you will read about elsewhere in our newsletter.

*From Haris*



PHOTOS: Mal Dawes

# eco Day

MONDAY, 22 JULY 2013 10-3

## PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY



### 10-10.30 Registration for both groups

Please arrive on time, as if you arrive after 10.30 am you can't be registered and take part in the activities.

As you will be making things to take home, do bring a bag or rucksack.

#### Group One (5-9 years)

10.30-11	Trees Ribbons Run
11-11.45	Treasure Hunt
11.45-12.30	Big Trees at Wet Woodland
12.30-1	Tour of Wildlife Garden

#### Group Two (10-15 years)

10.30-11	Trees Ribbons Run
11-11.30	Tour of Wildlife Garden
11.30-12	Big Trees at Wet Woodland
12-1	Treasure Hunt

1-1.45 **Lunch for both groups.** Please note: the lunch provided is **only for the children.**

Parents accompanying children should bring their own packed lunch.

1.45-2.20	Making Juggling Balls
2.20-3	Making Flower Pots & Bug Hotels

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After 3 pm we are offering badminton practice for those interested in more ECO Day fun.

## OUR NINTH NIGHT WALK IS A HOOT

The ninth biannual\* Night Walk in Pearson Park took place on 1 May, preceded by a display in the Pearson Park Hotel.

Helen's latest rescue bat, Albie, was very lively and crawled about in his box for groups of admirers. Hull & East Riding Astronomical Society also put on a display, while Friends of Pearson Park attracted some new members and several renewals.

Forty people of all ages came on the walk, and several bats entertained us.

Despite partial cloud we were able to see Jupiter and, later, a beautiful view of Saturn looking creamy and surrounded by a classic oval ring system.



The tawny owls hooted throughout. **Are there any owl experts out there** who would like to get involved?

Thanks to Helen Holford of East Yorkshire Bat Group, and to the Astronomical Society and Blackburn Leisure Astronomy.

Louise Muston

\* "Biannual" = twice a year; "Biennial" = every two years

### Make Friends of your friends

If you recruit 2 new members, you will be given **FREE** membership for the following year.

You can download FPP membership forms from our website.

Sign your friends up!

## MEETINGS & CONTACTS

MEETINGS ARE USUALLY HELD ON THE 1ST MONDAY EVERY TWO MONTHS  
THE NEXT MEETING IS AT **THE PEARSON PARK HOTEL**  
ON **MONDAY 1 JULY 2013**  
MEETINGS START AT 7 PM AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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