



Friends of

Pearson Park

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NEWS FROM THE CHAIR



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE AND CAROLS

Looking back to the holiday season, may I thank all those who helped with the Community Christmas Tree celebration.



Steve Bullock, our member, co-treasurer and owner of Pearson Park Hotel, not only let us place the

tree on the hotel porch where it received lots of favourable notice from his clients, but also provided the group with a warm room to use for our carol singing and refreshments; he also contributed to the latter. I baked brownies and Kath Beal made biscuits for the children; Sonja and Susan also brought edibles to the table. We provided some extra ornaments for those who forgot theirs.

I counted 31 people present, not including a baby in arms and a dog. All sang well, led by Susan and Steve. The refreshments were enjoyed by all. Councillor John Robinson provided a lovely live tree.

All in all, everything went so well, I would like to make this an annual celebration. (Photos of those who brought ornaments to hang on the tree are published here.)

DECORATIONS GO TO HULL ROYAL CHILDREN'S WARD

Part of the celebration is our giving the decorations to Hull Royal for their own tree the following year. This year the ceremony took place on 1 February, at 2pm in the hotel (notices inviting everyone were on the Community Notice Boards) attended by the Matron and staff of the **Children's Ward** which is where the ornaments are going. Photo on page 2.

OUR AGM

Our AGM is coming up on 5 March, at 7 pm in the Pearson Park Hotel.

I hope many of you can attend not only the AGM, but also any of our meetings which are always announced on the Community Notice Boards (in Pearson Park,



DECORATING OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE.

PHOTOS Mal Dawes

Newland Avenue and Chanterlands Avenue).

Part of the AGM will be Elections. If members would like to run for any of the officers' positions, could they talk to the existing officer in question to see what the job entails?

We have one vacant position, that of **Events Secretary** or, in other words, the Social Secretary. I hope this position can be quickly filled.

FIRST AID COURSE

As members have already been informed, we have funding from the NHS for 3 people to attend a First Aid course. We have two signed up, but need a third. The person has to be willing to be present at our annual events like the Christmas Tree Celebration and ECO Day, but the knowledge of first aid will also be useful in a family situation or a street incident.

Please contact me if you are interested. The course will take place on February 13, 14 and 15 from 9am to 4pm at St John Ambulance HQ, Priory House, Citadel Way.

FUNDING UPDATE

On the subject of funding, we are continuing our efforts. We now have the help of the HEYCF group who will try to find us some funding from business. The Wyke Area Team wants us to have the full £60,000 for the Sensory Garden before any work commences so we need a funder like a business to be our sponsor. We have a National Lottery bid but in spite of our already turning in 10 pages of petitions they want to know how those signing the petitions will be involved in the creating and running of the garden. This is a difficult one, as, for example, the occupants of the three Residential Homes who signed petitions could not be expected to be out there digging!

In addition to this big sum, there are smaller grants we can access through Community First, a pot of money from central government. Unlike the Community Initiative Budget there is now a pot of money from central government called Community First which is administered by the community itself and there is an interim panel in place which I sit on. We will all step down in April and there will be elections for this panel which will decide on all applications.

Only community groups can apply. But since we have been told many times that we, The Friends, cannot do anything in Pearson Park without the permission of the trustees (the ward councillors) I thought we should get together with the trustees, decide what we can agree on and we can put in the funding application. So far I haven't had a response.

YOUNG FRIENDS GROUP

A **Young Friends of Pearson Park** group has been formed. This was Louise Muston's idea and she has organized it. She, I and Kath attended their first meeting on 28 January and Kath supplied the refreshments. We do not intend to run this group; they will run themselves and are already committed to PR and fund-raising. We will publish more news as it develops.

Haris

our next NIGHT WALK

Wednesday 25 April

7.30 Meet in Pearson Park Hotel; information display

8.30 Guided Walk led by East Yorkshire Bat Group

9.30 Astronomers + telescopes in the Park (see Venus, Mars...)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2012

We enclose a renewal form in case you haven't yet renewed your membership. We hope you will think it worthwhile to continue being a Friend, and if you can help us deliver newsletters, do please contact Haris.

GIVING OUR TREE DECORATIONS TO HULL ROYAL CHILDREN'S WARD



l-r: Pam Green, Haris Livas-Dawes, Deborah Bristow, Matron Lesley Harrison, Maggie Higson PHOTO: MAL DAWES

At the handing-over ceremony were: Lesley Harrison, Matron for Children & Young People, Deborah Bristow, Specialist Nurse Pre-Assessment and Maggie Higson, Play Specialist. Also present was the Communications Officer for the hospital, Myles Howell. The ceremony was covered by the Hull Daily Mail. The nurses were very appreciative of the decorations which will be used on the children's ward next Christmas. Refreshments were offered by the management of the Pearson Park Hotel.

MEETINGS AND CONTACTS

MEETINGS ARE USUALLY HELD ON THE 1ST MONDAY EVERY TWO MONTHS

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS OUR AGM, ON
MONDAY 5 MARCH 2012**

MEETINGS START AT 7 PM IN THE PEARSON PARK HOTEL AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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