



Friends of

# Pearson Park

Summer Newsletter ~ June 2010

## Notes from the Chair

Dear Friends

**This is my chance to let you know all the latest news from our park.**

Those of you who attend our meetings will have heard all this, and we certainly invite the rest of you to come to meetings whenever you can, so that your voice can be heard. We discuss plans for the park, and vote on them, so your vote could be crucial. For example, at the last meeting we looked at the plans for the new toilet block and rangers' office sent to us by the Planning Department at Hull City Council. Although our meeting occurred after the consultation period had ended, the planners told us they would keep the consultation open just for us, as they considered our views important.

We approved the plans with the proviso that no trees in the park were damaged or destroyed due to the building. The toilet block will be off to the side of the ice cream kiosk. I sent in our response and added a note about an opportunity lost to incorporate environmental features into the building; for example, a green roof or solar panels, etc.

## Wet Woodland progress

The Wet Woodland is complete with its information board and tree identification plaques. The board was a four-way partnership between ourselves, Bishop Burton College, the Council's Tree Officer Tim Beckley and our funder, Kingston Communications. We held an inauguration ceremony at the site for all those involved and you can see some of the photos on this page. After the ceremony I gave a party for everyone to toast our success.

The board is a marvel of beautiful planning and execution and it was all done by a



Photo: Kingston Communications

Haris with students from Bishop Burton College. Lynette Sherrard (*extreme right*) illustrated the Information Board

project management class at Bishop Burton led by Michelle Thompson. We hope to be having more partnership work with Bishop Burton in the autumn.



Photo: Chrys Bayley

Hull City Council's David Jones, with one of the tree identification plaques. Specially designed by the students for this project

## ECO Fun Day in the Park

The plans for our Eco Day in the park on 27 July have come to fruition. Our partners are Hull DOC and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. We're inviting kids 5 to 16 and will be dividing them into two groups for scheduled activities from 11:00 to 4:00.

At the end of the day we will be mounting a display of their work accomplished using microscopes, so anyone who is free around 4:00 do come along and help us get the display up. A programme for the day is enclosed. Please give it to someone who can benefit from a day learning about nature and all its wonders. Our funders are the CVS Grassroots Grants.



Photo: Chrys Bayley

David Jones (Hull City Council) and Anna Miller (Kingston Communications)



## Gift of rowan trees

We've been given a gift by the National Lottery of 75 rowan trees. Most of these have been planted in the



Photo: Haris Livas-Dawes

Tim Beckley, Hull City Council, planting one of our rowan trees

park among the shrubbery as they are too slender to stand alone. We've put aside five of our gift for Councillor John Fareham who had indicated to the council's Tree Officer that he wanted some rowan trees for his ward. Since Councillor Fareham is also the Chair of the Trustees of the park we thought giving him some would be a nice gesture. He has not sent an acknowledgement.

## We're online!

Our website is up and running and we thank our web officer, Barbara Dodd, for all the work she put into it, and Craig, our web designer for making it look so attractive and up to date. Do take a look, and contribute to the Photo Gallery if you have any good shots of the park. Visit us at:

[www.friendsofpearsonpark.co.uk](http://www.friendsofpearsonpark.co.uk)

**The Community Notice Board** at the playground entrance to the park has details of our events and meetings, so please take a regular look at it.

**Partnership Working** with the Trustees is as elusive as ever, but keep watching this space as we hope some day to have something positive to report.

**STOP PRESS** Our £400 given to the Council's Horticultural Officer a year ago in May, has finally produced results! Two planters have appeared in the lake. They are not quite what we expected, but go and judge for yourselves... (Our funds paid for only one of them, it seems.)

**Anyone with any concerns about the park please feel free to contact me on 491785.** At the risk of sounding like an automated company telephone service, "Your views are important to us."

*In friendship, Haris*

## Membership renewals

This newsletter is being sent to everyone who has joined the Friends within the last three years.

Our grateful thanks to the Friends who have joined and/or renewed their membership this year. Paying by standing order has been a successful innovation, and we are very pleased to say that a number of members contributed more than the minimum.

Inevitably, some Friends have not renewed their subscriptions for 2010.

### We urge members to renew their subscriptions.

The Friends organisation is the lead body in partnership with the park's Trustees. It is therefore essential that we convey accurately the community's views on the park. To do that, we need a wide and representative membership.

So, if you have allowed your membership to lapse, do please renew it for 2010—it's a **very reasonable £2** (although you can contribute more if you wish!) You can pay by standing order, if you find that more convenient.

We are including a membership form and standing order mandate with this newsletter.

Please post or drop off the forms and membership fee to:

The Membership Secretary  
Friends of Pearson Park, 50 Marlborough Avenue,  
Hull HU5 3JS

**We cannot continue to send newsletters to those who are not members.**

### Helping to raise funds for the Friends

Postcards .....£2 for a set of 5  
Perpetual Calendars.....£6 each  
Notelets.....£4 for a set of 8

**On sale at the Pearson Park Hotel**

### Meetings & Contacts

Meetings are held on the 1st Monday every two months

**Our next MEETING will be on  
Monday, 19 July 2010**

All meetings start at 7 pm in the Pearson Park Hotel  
*All are welcome!*

#### Contacts

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