



Friends of

Pearson Park

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Summer Newsletter ~ June 2011



Our big news is our second annual ECO Fun Day for kids aged 5-15, which will be held on 25 July, in the Park

Thanks to Zeinab and Louise who have helped Susan and Haris in the planning of this event.

A flyer is enclosed in the newsletter. If you do not have children, please give this to a friend who does.

certainly are not keen on water polluted by large chunks of bread.

Sensory garden

We are still trying to obtain funding for the Sensory Garden. We need the grand sum of £70,000. We have seed money, but the Wyke Team believes we should not start until all the funding is in place. Any ideas welcome.

The Hull Daily Mail ran a full-page article about our plans, which I'm sure many of you saw. They will continue to publish news of the Sensory Garden as it advances.

The Friends sponsor student award at Bishop Burton

We are sponsoring an award for Best Student at Bishop Burton College as we did last year. We will have news of the winner in our next newsletter.

We are 100% pleased with the professional standard work Michele Thompson's Project Management students completed for the Sensory Garden.

FREE! Health Walks!



As part of the **HEARTY LIVES** Hull Programme, Hull City Council Sports Development is running **free** health walks in and around Pearson Park.

The walks last up to an hour, starting and finishing at Beverley Road Baths.

The walks are every Monday, 11:30 am start and Wednesday, 11 am start. Refreshments are provided afterwards at no cost to the walker.

For more information please contact Chris Johnson—Community Sports Development Officer on 07740 408307

24-hour public gym to open in Pearson Park

On 23 July the Adidas gym area for all ages, occupying the space of the old toilets, will be opened. Friends of Pearson Park will have a membership table so please encourage all your friends to come and sign up for the small sum of £2 a year.

And if you can help at the table it would be appreciated.

The right food for ducks

The duck feeding sign is finally up on the fence by the conservatory. I would have liked it to be larger, but the Trustees wanted it A4 size. I hope people follow the advice because the pond now contains some large fish as well as the ducks and they



PHOTO: MAL DAWES

Spring bat watch: walking in the Park, gazing at the stars

Fifty people (adults and children) turned out for our latest night walk in the Park, on 19 April. It started with a fascinating illustrated talk by Tony Lane, Secretary of the East Yorkshire Bat Group. He told us about bats of all shapes, sizes and, indeed, some beautiful colours; the slides were gorgeous.

We set off for the walk eager to catch sight of these creatures. Some people had brought their own bat detectors. These devices soon began to do their job—picking up the ultrasound produced by the bats and re-emitting it in a lower frequency suitable for the human ear.



At the same time, Blackburn Leisure Astronomy and East Riding Astronomical Society had brought their telescopes to Pearson Park, and with their help and

guidance we were able to view Saturn and its rings, and Titan, its moon.

(I used an excellent free app for mobile phones which shows a star map of the night sky, focused on your location, and identifying the constellations.)

We plan a further night walk in the autumn, and another visit to the Brough Observatory. These events will be advertised in our newsletters and on our website. Our thanks to Tony Lane, the astronomers, and to Louise Muston, our organiser.

Chrys Bavey

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New Trustees?

We will soon have news about the new Trustees as the political scene has changed. We certainly hope we can work in better partnership with the new group than we have done with the last. I stress again that we have leaned over backwards to work in partnership and have lots of documentation of our efforts. Searching for funding is always easier with a flourishing partnership.

More tree planting in the Park

We are applying to DEFRA and the Forestry Commission for new trees in Pearson Park. The former government's Green Paper says that large areas of grass are not as good for the environment as trees, which have well-known health-giving functions.

We are working in partnership with the Council's Tree Officer and BTCV (*British Trust for Conservation Volunteers*).

Speaking of grass, some thoughtless picnickers use disposable barbecues which have left large burned areas of grass. Not good-looking!

Hull Now and Then

Until 11 September the Hull Maritime Museum in Queen Victoria Square is holding an exhibition of Victorian drawings of places of interest in Hull along with modern photographs of same. Included in the show is Pearson Park, so we encourage everyone to visit the museum and take a look.

Membership renewal

Our current paid-up membership is 47; we still have time to outstrip last year's total of 73, so if you don't have a Friends card for 2011, do please renew your membership (a form is enclosed with this newsletter), and get your friends and neighbours to join. The more members we have, the more we can legitimately say we are the voice of those who use and love our Park.

Chrys Bavey

Helping to raise funds for the Friends

Postcards of Park trees £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 usually held on the 1st Monday every two months

**Our next MEETING will be on
Monday, 11 July 2011**

All meetings start at 7 pm in the Pearson Park Hotel

All are welcome!

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