

# Friends of Pearson Park

Summer Newsletter ~ August 2009

Letter from the Chair, Dr Haris Livas-Dawes

## Wet woodland area

For those worried that the wet woodland looks very overgrown here's a message from the HCC Tree Officer Tim Beckley:

"We are going to let nature take its course in the wet woodland area and work on a non-intervention basis so that it can be used as an educational resource to demonstrate a habitat developing naturally.

On a personal note, I think it looks very good and some interesting species are establishing themselves. I think it would be a mistake to go in and cut down the herb vegetation as these are very valuable, particularly to many insect species. The trees and shrubs are also growing very rapidly and will soon start to suppress the taller herb species."



Nature takes its course in the wet woodland (August 2009)

## Information board

We are looking for funding to place an educational board at the entrance to the site depicting through words and pictures what is planted therein. We hope that school children will visit the wet woodland to learn more about nature.

## New planting

We are finally getting some marginal plants in the pond. We have contributed £400 for these so they should be very beautiful.

## Verge protection

We are still trying to obtain funding to protect the verges by the kind of fence we saw doing such a good job at the People's Park in Grimsby. The verges are in dreadful state around the Children's Playground as visitors persist in parking on them.

## Plans for new café

Your committee has been looking at plans advanced by the Trustees for a new building to replace the ice cream hut. We will have a chance to approve the final version (or not) as some concerns have been raised. Those present at our AGM will have seen the display composed of different designs for a community centre imaginatively created by Bishop Burton design students.

## Plant a million trees!

We've been asked to join in a tree planting day on 5 December from 11 to 12 noon by our national lottery funders. All those receiving such funding are asked to help set a new Guinness World record for planting the most trees in one hour in multiple locations. The aim is to plant a million trees, beating the current record of 653,143 trees. Our contribution will necessarily be small as the park is not very large, but at least we'll accomplish something toward the record. All members are invited to be there on 5 Dec at the appointed hour to be photographed for the BBC website, helping to plant.

## Our new partners

Bishop Burton College is our new partner in the park. They will be creating some new flower bed designs and planting them. Your Chair hopes to enter the park in the Britain in Bloom competition next year.



# Celebrating 40 years of Pennas in the Park!

Frank and Ann Penna started their business in the Park in July 1969, when of course their children were young.

Since then, the ice cream hut has become the focal point of the pond and playground area, serving cheap hot and soft drinks and a range of ice creams, crisps and chocolate for families.



Photo: Susan Harr

The Pennas are a wonderful couple, with traditional family values, and have on countless occasions helped out children—and adults—in distress; they serve the public with unstinting courtesy and kindness, and even though some of their daughters now take part in the business—especially the youngest, Claudia—Mr and Mrs Penna remain very much the kingpin of this small but thriving enterprise.

They have become friends of everyone who uses the Park, and have willingly and enthusiastically helped out at events, particularly those run by the Friends of Pearson Park, where their input has been invaluable. We send them our congratulations on this anniversary, and wish them many more years of business running their excellent refreshment service.

## Are Toads coming?

We said we'd keep you up to date with the Toads project—but there is no further news at present.

## 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**



## Lottery Bid news

The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust are finally completing their part of the Bid. They organised a contest for schoolchildren to design a poster to be installed by the pond, to give people the correct information about what they should be feeding the ducks (definitely no bread!)

The winner has been chosen and will be announced shortly in a press release from the Wildlife Trust.

## Membership renewals

**Some of our members have still not paid their 2009 subscription—which is a very reasonable £2. We are including a membership form in this newsletter, so if you have already paid, just ignore it.**

For those who haven't, please do join, as this will be your last newsletter if you don't renew your support of the park. Please post or drop off the form and membership fee to:

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

Or give the form and fee to Haris, Mal or Chrys if you see them!

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

## Meeting dates

Meetings are held on the 1st Monday every two months

**Our next meeting will be on Monday, 7 Sept 2009**

All meetings are at 7 pm in the Pearson Park Hotel

*All are welcome!*

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