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the FRIENDS OF RAPHAEL & LODGE FARM PARKS



SPRING NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2013

COMING EVENTS

Monday 13^h May 7:30 to 9pm Friends Meeting. Town Hall, Room 3B. Meet the Team and catch up on what we've been doing.

1st Tuesday of each month 10am Litter Pick. Please join us at Raphael Park Café. All tools provided!

3rd Sunday of each month 10am Litter Pick. We need more volunteers to help keep Sundays going. Can you help? We meet 10am, at the Playground.

Saturday 22nd June 7pm start Summer Quiz Night, please email len@forlfp.org.uk for details

RAPHAEL PARK RESTORATION NEWS

We are pleased to report that the restoration works are progressing very well and in line with the contractor's programme despite difficult weather conditions. Borras Construction is performing very well so far and is trying very hard to minimise inconvenience and disruption to visitors to the park. In summary:

- The Park Lodge extension is well underway with block work walls being constructed. The service yard is complete except for final surfacing
- The play area kiosk has reached the stage whereby the roof is being constructed
- The footpath reconstruction is progressing in several areas of the park. This will accelerate now that ground conditions are improving.
- The repairs to the lakeside revetments will commence in mid April and end in early May. During this period it may be that the lakeside promenade will close for park visitors. To enable repairs to take place the level of the lake will be lowered by up to a metre beginning Monday 8th April.
- Redecoration works to the railings, gates and two sports pavilions will start when the warmer weather arrives!
- The new roof to the bandstand is now reaching completion and further restoration of this structure will now commence
- The brick shelter and toilets have been demolished opening up new views within the park
- Detailed planting plans are now being developed with the Council's design team. It is still anticipated that the planting of new trees, shrubs, hedges and herbaceous beds will take place during the autumn and winter of 2013/2014 by the Council's gardeners and horticultural apprentices once proposals are finalised. This will take place once the contractor's main programme is complete
- Lastly ideas for new bins, signposts, interpretive boards and entrance signage are being worked on at the moment.

If you require further information on the project please contact Don Stewart on 01708 433779 or don.stewart@haverling.gov.uk



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PERCY & FRIENDS PICNIC SPOT

In early March we met in the park with our Carvers, Borras and the L.B. Haverling to discuss the final fix of our sculptures, benches, tables and children's toad stools. The meeting went very well with us finally agreeing the final footprint of the picnic area base as a 7metre hexagon shape and being constructed with the same material as the woodland pathway, we hope to have all sculptures on site by mid-July.

TENNIS in LODGE FARM PARK

As Wimbledon Season will soon be upon us soon, and our budding Haverling Tennis Fans will want to smash the ball across a court, why not do it in Lodge Farm Park and become a member of the Tennis Club, Family Membership is just £18, Single Membership £14 and our Juniors are £4. There is a one off joining fee of £10 and a key deposit of £5, there isn't anything else to pay. More details s.perry600@ntlworld.com or 01708 787447.



LAKESIDE PLANTING

We are pleased to announce that with funding from the Environment Agency we can begin the process of improving the lakes bio-diversity. The first stage will see a approximately a 100m long and a metre wide length of artificial bank stretching along the residents side from Blacks Bridge towards the first island. The bank is a combination of cages below the water line with low growing Irises and other aquatic plants, above which will create a refuge for young fish and also prevent erosion.

SPRING QUIZ WINNERS "TEAM 5"

Congratulations to our celebrity quizzers 'Team Five', winners of this years Spring Quiz, who had recently won BBC1's quiz show 'Pointless'. We had lots of fun and a delicious fish 'n' chip supper, the icing on the cake; making a whopping £1072 what more can we ask for! "THANK YOU" to our donators; Living4Tomorrow 01708 783709, Tigerlily 01708 732424, Teresa's Domestic Services 07580 735900 and A.C.Preou Limited for raffle prizes. Our many thanks to our Auction Prize donator Andrew Rosindell which raised £210!! Thanks to all our guests for a great night, and Len & Chris our organiser's for their hard work. We look forward to seeing you all and hopefully some new faces too, at our Summer Quiz on Saturday 22nd June.



"KIDS, HAVE YOUR SAY!"

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE? MAYBE, A SKATE PARK?"

How can we improve your Greenspace? For a long time we've wanted to make our Parks appealing to teenagers.

Top of the list for sometime has been a small skate park. What would you say to one in Lodge Farm Park?

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