



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER: JULY 2013



RESTORATION PROJECT SURGES AHEAD

Visitors will have seen that the works to restore the Park continue to move forward.

The new refreshment block is now complete, the footpath repair programme is on track including the lakeside revetments, railings and gates are being repaired and painted and the café/restaurant is taking shape nicely.

In addition the external repair and redecoration to the two pavilions is now complete.

New park furniture comprising new entrance signage, interpretation boards, seating, litter bins, picnic tables, cycle stands and way finding signs, have been chosen and are on order.

Two projects using funding gained by the Friends group are about to start on site, namely the picnic area in the woodland and the marginal planting on the west bank of the lake.

The Parks Service is now turning it's attention to the appointment of the new Raphael Park Manager.

This new member of staff will be based inside the refurbished Park Lodge building and will be the first port of call for park visitors once appointed. The Manager will also coordinate a new programme of activities, events, volunteering and learning which will be

introduced once the restoration works are complete.

FRIENDS & FRIENDS
PICNIC SPOT is so
attractively located by the
lakeside. Check out
our website for event
calendar.



Flower Beds & Landscape Planting Programme

Working with their Design Team, the Parks Service are currently planning the programme of planting, that will start once construction work has finished. The new planting will comprise of nearly 100 new trees throughout the park, native shrub and hedge planting and exciting and colorful herbaceous planting to reflect the Edwardian origins of Raphael Park. Structural shrubs, clipped box and herbaceous planting will feature, but also a more modern planting palette will be used e.g. grasses, ferns, bulbs and swathes of perennials. Planting will be undertaken by council grounds maintenance staff and apprentices and volunteers during the coming autumn/winter.



Aga Lake works

If you require further information on the project please contact
Don Stewart on 01708 433779 or donstewart@haringey.gov.uk



Angel Wing & Canada Geese

Further to our article last Summer, please be reminded of the effect on geese and ducks of muddy, and too much bread. When geese eat mouldy bread they inhale spores, which can cause a lung infection. Bread and other high protein foods can cause what is known as angel wing (see photo, sadly taken in Raphael Park this July), which as you can see, can prevent the geese from flying. If you see bread floating on the lake surface that means they've had enough, please refrain from throwing any more into the lake. Thank you



SCOUTS HELP-OUT

5 scouts from the 3rd Gallop Park Scout Group got stuck in and very muddy as they walked the length of Black's Brook clearing of the litter and unblocking dams, it all started off in a very civilised manner, but you only need one don't you! Trip you guessed it a little sparring ended in a competition to see who could get the wettest, thank goodness for the lovely weather. The kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves and booked us in for next year. The following week 20 Beavers from the 3rd Squirrels Heath Beaver pack together with leaders and helpers spent time littering pick in Raphael's park, this is the 4th year they have joined in. Our many thanks to the kids and all the helpers for making these days so much fun and of course help keep our lovely park tidy!



QUIZ "Keeping up with the Jones's"

We had a great night and raised a fantastic £415. Our many thanks to our quiz followers and volunteers for "Keeping up the fund raising". As we did not host Music in the Park this year our fundraising was down, Len felt it was a great opportunity for us to hold a Summer Quiz, and what a great job he made of it too! All monies raised go towards our events and park projects, such as Percy & Friends Picnic Spot, due to be opened this Summer by Nick Butterworth, author and illustrator of those fabulous books. Next quiz Saturday 9th, November.



PERCY & FRIENDS PICNIC SPOT

After many years of taking about bringing Percy the Park Keeper home to Raphael park we are delighted to announce he and our picnic spot arrived on 25th July. We must really say our many thanks to Nick Butterworth for providing 30 drawings of his Percy and for all the support he has given us, our thanks to Dennis & Dave of Knebworth Carvings for making such fabulous sculptures. We must also thank Worth Stanton, Geoff Peppet, Nigel Chley and Don Stewart of Paris Services for supporting the friends, our thanks to Chris Yates of Lorax for helping with the installation.



Nick & The Friends will be officially opening our Picnic Spot for this September. Look out on our website for full details, www.torfp.org.uk Please let us know what you think and if you have any photos you'd like to share please email to info@torfp.org.uk

Events diary

Monday 12th August, 7:30pm
FRIENDS MEETING
Town Hall, Room 28. Meet the team and catch up on park news.

1st Tuesday of the month, 10am
LITTER PICK
Please join us at Raphael Park Café. All tools provided.



3rd Sunday of the month, 10am
LITTER PICK
Join us at Raphael Park Playground. All tools provided.

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