



Welcome to the spring newsletter for/from the Friends of Ravenscourt Park

As the weather finally warms up more and more people will be taking advantage of our fantastic park. The spring flowers have finally made it out.

Planned for spring 2010 are new/redeveloped play areas at the Goldhawk Road end of the park, where a play area for 8-13 year olds is under construction.

Work is scheduled to be completed by summer. For more details of the project please visit the LBHF website www.lbhf.gov.uk.



We want to encourage more people to have their say via the Friends group and will be putting up posters around the local area inviting people to join.

Please suggest any locations where you feel a poster would be well received, such as schools, social clubs etc.

Membership subscriptions will be collected in the near future when our bank account is up and running.....



We were delighted that the Park was awarded Green Flag status last summer. This award is given to parks that are deemed to be exemplary in their accessibility and facilities.

The flag itself will be raised once the flagpole has been moved to its new location in the park near the William Bull gates on King Street.



So far there have been two 'walkabouts' around the park, attended by committee members and representatives from the council and their contractors.

These are planned to take place twice yearly and will be used to highlight any issues raised by both the council and the park users.

Recent items that were flagged up are:-

The clock on the Grade II listed teahouse near the lake, which has stopped working, the council is making enquiries about getting it fixed.

The council contractors are undertaking a major overhaul of the drains in the park, tackling both blockages and any broken or sunken covers.

Areas of bare earth next to the lake are in the course of treatment for weed problems and are due to be replanted in due course. The main issue is Japanese Knotweed, which takes three years to remove.



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There is a thriving bowls club in the park; we do not know when the bowling green was actually built but it definitely existed in 1745. The estate became a public park in 1888 and the club was established in 1900. Originally the club was an all male one, but in 1979 ladies were allowed to join. The first lady was Mrs. V. Bryant, who is now the president.



The bowling green is a council green (although the main club house belongs to the club) and the club is subsidised by the council to manage the green on their behalf. The club is in the happy position of having many groups of young boys and girls (local people and Australians and New Zealanders) who come to play on quite a regular basis. The club would welcome new members.

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We would like future editions of the newsletter to include similar articles of local and historical interest, including forthcoming events connected to the park.

Please send any contributions by emailing us at info@friendsofravenscourtpark.org.
