



# The Friends of Broomfield Park

## Notes from Open meeting 18 May 2015, held at Ruth Winston Centre

### **Parks Police**

Report brought by PCSOs Karen Netz and Jenna Wigzell:

6 park crimes were reported in the previous quarter - 2 robberies, 1 assault, 1 wounding and 2 break-ins in the Council Stableyard.

No details were available on the break-in the previous evening (17th) in the stableyard although members reported that all the garages and containers appeared to have been opened.

Enfield has increased security in the area and CCTV will be looked at. It is known that one of the cameras is broken. Members expressed concern over the vulnerability of the stableyard.

Graham Deal, Enfield Council, has undertaken to find out more about what has been stolen.

It was requested that more information on police statistics should be given - solved cases and so on. Jenna and Karen undertook to take this request to their team.

### **Forthcoming events**

#### *Green Flag status - Graham Deal*

Graham explained that the Green Flag scheme is administered by Keep Britain Tidy and it is similar to a kitemark for parks.

Preparation of the park prior to its application for Green Flag status was outlined. Following a walk round the park, the Council has identified necessary work to be carried out before application can commence. This work will be carried out and inspected within the next few weeks.

#### *Bowling Green - Sarah Cotton*

Friends of Broomfield Park have a licence until mid-September to use the premises. Currently, the premises are used by Elite Youth Development to run a playscheme in the holidays. Generated income from this comes to the Friends and can be seen on the account sheet. The clubhouse is also used for storage of equipment by the orchard group and the netball league. Members of the weekly walking group use the premises for refreshments following their walks.

The Friends are investigating the feasibility of a creche operating in the clubhouse. The Friends are also attempting to put together a 'multi-community use' package for the Bowling Green. Interested parties include North London Netball, Volleyball and Ruth Winston Centre. Any use needs to be income generating and to complement existing activity in the park.

#### *Friends of Broomfield Park bring you Proms in the Park - Karl Brown*

This will take place in the bandstand area on each Sunday afternoon in July. There will be an eclectic mix of music styles, including brass band, folk and opera. The Friends will sell refreshments to complement those available in the Greenery Cafe.

Bennett Walden are sponsoring the event by producing 10,000 fliers.

*Broomfield Bandstand Blues* will follow on from the proms and will take place on every Sunday afternoon in August. This is an established event, now in its third year under its present format.

For more information on these events and others in the area see Enfield Festivals website  
[www.enfieldfestivals.org](http://www.enfieldfestivals.org)

### *Palmer's Scream - Karl Brown*

This is an umbrella title for a range of events happening from now until halloween. The idea is to make halloween more than just 'trick or treat' which many are uneasy about.

In response to the message of the mysterious "Palmer's Scream" manuscript, a group of local authors have teamed up with an illustrator to launch an initiative aimed at releasing "joyful creativity" in local people, whether adults or schoolchildren. To support their goal they have produced a book, organised collaborations with schools, businesses and other local groups including Chickenshed, and set up a special website.

As part of this series, there will be an open air screening of the film 'Ghostbusters' in the Bowling Green on Friday 4th September.

Further information on all these events can be found on the following websites:

[www.palmersgreencommunity.org.uk](http://www.palmersgreencommunity.org.uk)

[www.palmersscream.uk](http://www.palmersscream.uk)

[www.talkies.org.uk](http://www.talkies.org.uk)

## **Updates**

### *Greenery - Sarah Cotton*

The Greenery will be celebrating its first anniversary on 3rd June and is hosting a community picnic for volunteers and friends on Sunday 7 June.

The cafe has been a resounding success and is enjoyed by many regulars in the park. It is staffed entirely by a growing group of volunteers who bake cakes and serve drinks on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

New volunteers are currently being sought with the intention of extending core opening hours on the current open days and eventually opening for more days each week.

### *Conservatory - Chris Brook*

The conservatory provides a popular focal point in the park. Planting continues to develop with fund-raising supporting the purchase of a wide range of expensive and exotic plants. Visitors are invited to add to the 'wish-list' of planting for the conservatory.

The next fund-raising event is the Open Gardens at Arnos Lodge, Brookdale N11 on Sunday afternoon, 28th June.

A successful bid to Enfield Residents Priority Fund for £4,000 will enable the railings from the old toilets at The Triangle to be modified and placed around the conservatory in the very near future.

### *Community Orchard - David March*

Next events are the Bee Fun Day on Sunday 14th June and Wildflower and Bug hotel day on Sunday 2nd August.

Monies raised in the orchard will be spent on an Interpretation Board, new bench, extractor for honey and a noticeboard.

### *Wildflower Meadow extension - Ivor Evans*

The flower meadow extension has been sown with mixed annuals as a contribution to biodiversity. Also contributing are the hundreds of whips - young tree seedlings - which have been planted by volunteers around the park perimeter alongside Aldermans Hill.

### *Wildlife pond and community growing space*

A grant of £5,000 from Enfield Residents Priority Fund will enable outline work on this venture to start shortly. Positioning of these between the orchard and the tennis courts has been agreed between Enfield Council and the Friends and designs are being drawn up with the enthusiastic help of a team of Duke of Edinburgh Award school pupils. The intention is that planting in the community growing space should start with soft fruits as these have a strong chance of success.

### *Remembrance Garden - Sue Younger*

A bid to the War Memorials Trust will be submitted at the end of June and we should hear the outcome in September. The bid includes the restoration of the War Memorial including the stained glass windows, the Cairn and paving.

The Council have ruled out the possibility of restoring the fountain due to cost but are to replace the plinth.

If successful, the grant will cover 75% of cost.

### *Bird Identification Board - Sue Younger*

This is to be positioned by the bottom lake, possibly close to the bandstand and will identify the most frequent birds on the lake and it will also give a short history of the lakes. Details of appropriate foods (fruit, seeds and grains but not bread) for feeding the birds are also given on this board.

It was suggested that a second board containing the current bird report could be placed close to the Bird Identification board. This should also promote appropriate foodstuffs for birds. This suggestion has been noted.

### *Broomfield House - Colin Younger*

In addition to the short section in the Annual Report, The Broomfield House Trust website gives updated news on progress with plans to rebuild Broomfield House. [www.broomfieldhouse.org](http://www.broomfieldhouse.org)

Representatives of the Trust and the Friends have met with consultants preparing the Conservation Management Plan – which importantly covers the whole Park – and the Options Appraisal. However we have not been able to meet those preparing the proposals for public consultation, and we are pressing to meet council officers about the current situation.

More positively we have agreement from the Museum service to hold the model of Broomfield House made in 1951 to show the building as it was before it was bought by Southgate Council in 1903. This will be refurbished by local resident Ralph Hutchings and we hope displayed locally as part of our fund raising and publicity programmes.

## **Feedback and Questions from the floor**

Don Arthur asked if anything had been heard about the Section 106 money identified to improve facilities in the children's playground. As nothing had been heard, he undertook to contact Nicky Fiedler, Assistant Director Public Realm and Sustainability, Enfield

It was noted that Palmers Green Life, produced by Anthony Webb Estate Agents, is to be a quarterly publication. Tony Elliott is writing a short article for the September publication.

The poor condition of the Friends noticeboards was noted. These are the council responsibility and will be raised at the next meeting with them. The suggestion is that new noticeboards should be modelled on the conservatory one. The suggestion was made to purchase our own board and to position it by the Greenery. This will be discussed by the committee at their next meeting.

**Any Other Business**

The Broomfield Park photography competition - Summer – will shortly be underway. The shortlist of entries will be on view in the Conservatory during the Palmers Green festival on September 6th. It is hoped that a new category for under 16s will prove popular.

**Date of the Next Open Meeting**

Monday 12th October, 7.30pm at Ruth Winston Centre 190 Green Lanes N13.