

# FoHP Newsletter, November 2017

Welcome to the Friends of Henrietta Park Quarterly Newsletter.

## Administration:

**Membership:** Our current membership stands at 78 with several of these still to renew.

### Finances :

We now have a bank account specifically for Friends of Henrietta Park so you can now set up a direct debit This will make our finances more transparent. This is a reminder that **SUBS were DUE on the FIRST of October** for those that haven't paid up for this year. For ease of administration all subs run from October 1 to Sept 30. Cheques and cash are still acceptable.

Details for Direct Debits.

SANTANDER BANK

Sort Code : 09-01-29

Account: Friends of Henrietta Park Business Account

Account Number : 16941380

**We would be very grateful if you could accompany your donation with your details sent to the membership secretary, Ian Herve.**

## Events: BAT WALK: 27 September.

A drizzly forecast meant that we nearly called the walk off, but as we were meeting first in the Pulteney Arms ( thanks very much for the Back Room ) we decided to have the talk in the pub, and afterwards, if the weather was agreeable, to walk round the park with the Bat Detectors. 19 people came including several non-members who had heard about it from friends. Several members had told me that the weather had put them off coming – my advice to you all is you should be used to British weather by now and be prepared !! Jeremy Dymond from the council brought several Bat detectors to help us out. Thanks very much Jeremy.

So pints and wine glasses in hand we had an excellent talk on local bats from Nicole Daw from Avon Wildlife Trust, including a few deceased pipistrelles to pass round. The drizzle abated and we all popped out to see what was about. We found lots of pipistrelles flying round the trees with both species of pipistrelle possibly being recorded. Jeremy took a party to the pond in the Memorial Garden in anticipation of more species, but in fact they recorded no bats at all.

### Links:

The Council has a major interest in bats as Bath hosts most of the British bat species: here are links to their web pages and some of their more important documents

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/environment/ecology-and-biodiversity/river-avon-bat-project>

[http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Environment/river\\_avon\\_bath\\_bat\\_monitoring\\_final\\_report\\_v0.14\\_cnj\\_kr\\_ah\\_to\\_publish.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Environment/river_avon_bath_bat_monitoring_final_report_v0.14_cnj_kr_ah_to_publish.pdf)

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Environment/Ecology-and->

[Biodiversity/river\\_avon\\_bath\\_winter\\_bat\\_monitoring\\_final\\_report\\_2016-17\\_v0.1.pdf](#)

And here are the walked transects for bat recording in Bath

- Weston Park! [Weston Park.Pdf](#)
- Royal Victoria Park! [Royal Victoria Park 1.Pdf](#)
- Alexandra Park! [Alexandra Park.Pdf](#)
- River Corridor! [River Corridor Locksbrook.Pdf](#)
- Bathampton! [Bathampton Down 1.Pdf](#)
- Odd Down! [Odd Down.Pdf](#)

We had a sighting of the Brown Long Eared Bat confirmed from Ian and Henry's front yard.

[http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/-brown\\_long-eared\\_bat-829.html](http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/-brown_long-eared_bat-829.html)



## **Restoration Projects:**

**Forester Plaque:** The council have agreed to move the plaque and we are now waiting a suitable time to carry this out.

**Fountain:** restoration has to wait until the ownership of the wall on which the Fountain is mounted has been determined.

## **Noticeboard:**

The Council has organised the Noticeboard and this should be going up before Christmas. We will post the Newsletter and any events and schedules of activities. The design of the Information board with a map of the trees and information on the history and wildlife is under discussion

## **Fungi of Interest:**

### ***Boletus subtomentosus* L. - Suede Bolete**

A rarity in the UK but sadly not worth eating :-) Found by the old Badger set.



## **Litter :**

The regular team continues to litter pick on the first Sunday of each month to clear the bushes of the usual litter, though a toilet seat is not that usual. Some fly tipping has occurred round the compound by Henrietta Mews and we would like to discourage this.

**Bins:** three bins have been removed and badger-proof replacements have arrived and the council will put them in place soon.

## **Web Site :**

Ton is working on the new web site and the initial designs are looking excellent. We hope to have this in place before Christmas.

## **Volunteers for Projects:**

### **Gate Painting, Memorial Garden:**

Probably a couple of hours, perhaps in two or three sessions

Contact [mayveenblackwell@googlemail.com](mailto:mayveenblackwell@googlemail.com) (putting FoHP in the heading) 01225 429729; one volunteer so far and a couple more needed.

### **Gardening: Third Sunday of every Month, 10-12 am**

The council is happy for us to tackle the Sunderland Street entrance in the first instance and we are starting out with this project. We have gloves and a few tools – forks secateurs, loppers etc. The aim is to take out the bushes, remove the weeds – brambles, nettles, sycamore seedlings etc, and put back the bushes trimmed as necessary This is part of the plan to improve the entrances to the Park as suggested by the Green Flag recommendations. A restorative rum or Sunday Lunch is always available in the Pulteney Arms afterwards.

Colin and Jane from the Council are preparing an annual work schedule so that tasks can be announced to us in advance and we can come out and help our gardeners, who do an excellent job under currently straightened circumstances, so thanks to Colin, Steve, Justin and Rob and others from the Parks Team.

### **AGM:**

**The AGM will be held on Tuesday, Feb 6, at 7.30 in the Aix-en-Provence Room of the Guildhall ( thanks to our councillor Peter Turner for organising this). Wine and nibbles will be provided free. Donations welcome.**

**And finally, thanks to the committee members for all their work and Mayveen Blackwell in particular for building up a good working relationship with the Council.**

#### **The Committee:**

**Henry Ford : Chair**

**Mayveen Blackwell.**

**David Carr.**

**Ian Critchley.**

**Ian Herve.**

**Erica Jones.**

**Susanne McCarragher.**

**Antonietta Sgherzi.**

**Julia Virley**

**Erica Timothy.**