

# FoHP Newsletter

## Feb 2019

### AGM

A rather sparsely attended AGM was held early in February in the Guildhall. We discovered that many people were discussing recent local planning applications at a meeting on the same night, so everyone is forgiven. The minutes were briefly discussed and passed and will be available on the website; a brief report on the years activities was given. I will mention only the Eid party where some of our volunteers helped out; the Work and Play day organised by Jeremy Dymond from the Council and the Wansdyke Play Team, where we cleared a snowberry bed in the Garden of Remembrance and painted the railings round the Garden entrance; and the Carols by Candlelight. The carols were a great success, raising over £200 pounds. We donated over £100 to Julian house which was very gratefully received.

The Speaker was Sally Helvey from the Cleveland Pools who gave an excellent dynamic talk on the history of the pools and some of its leading characters, moving on to outline the plans for the restoration and development as the result of their successful Heritage Lottery bid. Several of us are looking forward to swimming in the heated pool on its completion.

### Your Committee

Mayveen Blackwell has done excellent work on our behalf as Council Liaison over the last two years and in that time has built up a good working relationship with the gardening team. However she is moving home in the next couple of months and has stood down from the Committee. A small presentation was given to her at the AGM in recognition of her work and we will be keeping in touch. Ian Critchley will be taking over as Council Liaison. We have elected two new committee members, Jean and Peter, and we look forward to their contributions throughout the coming years.

### Activities:

**Gardening:** Together with the Gardening Team we have had a good start to the year. In the Garden of Remembrance the snowberry bed has been cleared, and the snowdrops are flourishing. The latter will be moved after flowering and the bed will be turfed over. Over the years the laurels have layered and spread, and most of them have been cut and will be grubbed out in the next couple of weeks. This will give space for a more attractive planting. The beds have been weeded, trimmed and mulched with compost from the compound. We have started a small woodland garden at the north entrance to the Park, with native bluebells and daffodils, anemones, Iris, hellebores and euphorbias. Primroses and violets have been planted alongside the path. Elsewhere we have planted fritillaria, snowdrops and crocuses. As the plantings were late we expect better results next year than this, and snowdrops planted from dry bulbs are notoriously difficult. So come and join us : 11 of us turned out last time – **Next Month** the gardening date will be **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** ( Bath Half Marathon is on the 17<sup>th</sup>).

**Litter Picking:** This continues on the first Sunday of every month. It is a constant job and we recycle what we can. Most of the litter is cans, bottles and smoking paraphenalia but we do find drugs related items as well.

**Anti-social behaviour:** The Park is generally a very safe place but occasionally it and the

surrounding streets are used for drug dealing. We have been in contact with the council and the police and the police have given us the following contacts:

The Bath Police Officer in Charge Crime Reference Number : [5218221433](#)  
Officer PC3730 Kelly Norris

Intelligence Officer: Sam. [07889656199](#).

PS 4531 Jonathan Raisey ~: [Jonathan.Raiseey@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Raiseey@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

Do report anything to [chair@henriettapark.org](mailto:chair@henriettapark.org) as well, as we are keeping a log of any complaints.

### **Projects and Events:**

**Pond and Fountain:** We have evidence that the fountain was much more powerful than it is now, and it would be good to restore it to its former glory.

**Drinking Fountain:** We will be selecting a gargoye to replace the missing one.

**Sundial and Bird Bath:** We have located these though without the sundial's gnomon. We should be restore and replace them during the course of the year.

**Photographs:** We will put up potographs from the park on the web site for a monthly competition. Mail to [chair@henriettapark.org](mailto:chair@henriettapark.org)

**Open Day: We will be planning an open day in early summer**



**HELP: with monthly bird lists and fungus identification and the web site always needed !**