

07 March 2012 - No 93

In this update: Green Space Disposals - Cultural Champion - Avon Invasive Weeds Forum - The Bench - Green Volunteers Fair

Green Space Disposals

The first Neighbourhood Partnership meeting to discuss the disposals was last night at Avonmouth and Kingsweston. There is a report in tonight's Evening Post. The incentive scheme that was first detailed in the report from the Cross Party Working Group to the 22 November Full Council meeting seems to have come as a surprise to the reporter. The story can be seen here:

<http://tinyurl.com/6rtxvvm>

I am also keeping the BPF website up to date with links to the reports to the various NP meetings as they are published, see <http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/pgss.htm>

Cultural Champion

Did you know that as well as being the 'parkie' for Troopers Hill, Eastwood Farm and Callington Rd, Julian Thomas is a great supporter of local theatre and particularly Shakespeare at the Tobacco Factory and the Tabacco Factory theatre itself?

His support was recognised last week when he attended special reception hosted by Don Foster MP in Bath for the South West's Cultural Champions. You can read more here:

<http://tinyurl.com/75p4dhb>

Avon Invasive Weeds Forum

The Avon Invasive Weeds Forum's latest newsletter can be seen here:
www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/AIWFwinter2012.pdf

It features the work done over the past few years at Manor Woods Valley and also has dates for some events planned for 2012.

The Bench

The latest news from GreenSpace, including news of a new look 'Love Parks Week' website can be seen here: <http://tinyurl.com/bench75>

Green Volunteers Fair

Green Volunteers Bristol is running a volunteers fair at the Folk House on March 24th.

Organisations attending are environmental, conservation and sustainable charities/groups based in the city.

Park groups are invited to have a free table at the fair to promote their volunteering opportunities. If your group is interested you can follow this link to the online registration form to book a table.
www.survey.bris.ac.uk/bnhc/greenvolunteerfair

There is more information about the fair here www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GVfairInfo.pdf and a flyer here www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GVfairFlyer.pdf

If you have further questions please contact Sarah on 0117 317 8751 email sarah@bnhc.org.uk or visit their website at www.greenvolunteersbristol.co.uk

Rob Acton-Campbell

BPF

www.bristolparksforum.org.uk

2012 meeting dates: Sat 21st April, Sat 14th July, Sat 13th October
(all 9.30 to 12.30)

20 March 2012 - No 94

In this update: Green Space Disposals - Grove Wood Town Green - BPF Meeting 21 April - Celebrating Age Festival - Love Parks Week - Events Spring Update - Bristol Development Framework - Litter Picking Weekend - Facebook

Green Space Disposals

The reports to all of the NP meetings that are considering disposals are now on the BCC website, links are at www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/pgss.htm I am also adding links to the Evening Post reports and to the minutes as they are issued.

You may have heard the discussion last week on Radio Bristol about the 'incentive scheme' between Gary Hopkins and Ron Stone. I was a bit confused by this since the incentive scheme is as proposed in Ron's report to Full Council on 22 November last year. Ron has clarified that the main complaint is that the sites that were 'saved' by Cabinet in Dec 2010 are being included in the incentive calculation. A question about this has also been put to Gary Hopkins in the papers for the Full Council meeting on 27 March.

Grove Wood Town Green

Good news that the Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee accepted the Inspector's recommendation and Grove Wood will be declared a Town Green. More at <http://snuffmills.blogspot.co.uk/>

BPF Meeting 21 April

We are currently putting together the agenda for the next BPF meeting.

One of the issues that will again be on the agenda will be how Park Groups are communicating with Area Environment Officers, Area Park Managers, Park Keepers, Neighbourhood Partnership Sub-Groups, Neighbourhood Partnerships etc etc.

We would like your feedback - is the current system working? are things happening on the ground? is it improving or getting worse? are issues in parks being ignored? are you able to find the right person to talk to? are park groups being listened to?

Celebrating Age Festival

Hello,

I am organising the Celebrating Age Festival this year, with support from a Working group, made up of older people.

The festival will be taking place from Saturday 9th June to Saturday 23rd June. There will be a launch event on College Green and the Final day will be at the Colston Hall. In between there will be activities taking place across the city.

The theme for this year's festival is, 'Going for Gold - older, wiser, fitter' and is loosely linked to the Olympics.

I would like to know:

Do you have any events in Parks during this period that you would like to link to the festival?

Would you like to organise an activity for older people than can link into the festival? Tai chi, bowls, boule, gardening etc etc.

Would you like to have a stall or activity at the Colston Hall to promote parks to older people?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Stella Quinlivan

stella.quinlivan@bristol.gov.uk

Tel: 0117 9145470

Love Parks Week

'Share the love from 21st to the 29th of July 2012'

You can now register any events you have planned for Love Parks Week on their new look website at <http://www.loveparksw.org.uk> Look under 'Get involved' where you will also find details of the new Love Parks Club - which must be good because I am quoted in their slide show!

Events Spring Update

Hello Events Organisers!

Spring has sprung and the Daffodils are a visual reminder that the events season is upon us. This is a final call for provisional event bookings for 2012 and a reminder that its more important than ever to respect the 6 weeks deadline for event applications. Arts and Culture are a smaller, leaner team and it will help us if your submit your application via email and not the post.

We are hoping to have loads of Diamond Jubilee events happening over the extended bank holiday, if you have an idea for an event or are planning something let us know as we are dedicated to making Bristol one of the best cities for street party / Diamond jubilee related events.

Once the clocks go forward we will be bracing ourselves for the yearly seasonal spike in calls and enquires to the team, if your experiencing difficulty getting hold of someone you may be able to resolve your enquiry by visiting: www.bristol.gov.uk/page/event-site-licensing-0

Happy Event Planning.

The Event Licensing Team

Events Licencing Team

G 27 - Council House

Opening Hours 10 - 3 Mon, Tues , Thur and fri. 10-12 Wednesday.

Bristol Development Framework

A reminder about the forthcoming community involvement event on Tuesday 27 March at 1:00PM.

The event will introduce the Bristol Central Area Action Plan Options Consultation and City Centre Public Realm and Movement Framework. An opening presentation will be followed by a panel discussion and a discussion workshop. There are still places available at the event, so if you would like to attend please e-mail bdf@bristol.gov.uk or telephone 0117 903 6725 by Friday 23 March.

Also part of the Development Framework is the the Site Allocations and Development Management document. The next consultation phase of this, the Preferred Approach consultation, is due to be published on Friday (23 March) and will be open for comment for eight weeks.

More about the BDF is at www.bristol.gov.uk/bdf

Litter Picking Weekend

These are the confirmed events that I know of so far:

* Snuff Mills Action Group will be having their Litter Pick for Snuff Mills on Saturday 19th May 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

* The Activate Group which looks after Fishponds Park will do the Litter pick there on Sunday 20th May between 2.00 and 4.00 pm

* Discover Brislington Brook, Community Litter Pick in Nightingale Valley Sat 19th May 10am see <http://discoverbrislingtonbrook.wordpress.com>

I have also had interest from Friends of the Downs & Avon Gorge, Mina Rd Park Group, Friends of St Andrews Park amongst others.

Can anyone think of a better name for the weekend, rather than just 'litter picking' that hasn't already been used elsewhere?

Facebook

Arnos Park Action Group have a new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ArnosParkActionGroup

There is also:

Friends of Troopers Hill www.facebook.com/TroopersHill

Kings Weston Action Group <http://tinyurl.com/6vjxubj>

Snuff Mills Action Group <http://tinyurl.com/6u5xars>

Avon Wildlife Trust www.facebook.com/Avonwt

If any other groups have a facebook page please let me know.

Rob Acton-Campbell

BPF

www.bristolparksforum.org.uk

2012 meeting dates: Sat 21st April, Sat 14th July, Sat 13th October

(all 9.30 to 12.30)