

## 20 May 2012 - No 98

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### BPF Meeting 21 April

The minutes of the meeting will be on the website soon. The feedback we got from my last update was overwhelmingly in support of Windmill Hill City Farm as a venue and for keeping the length and frequency of the meetings the same. If you have any further thoughts on the meetings and what should be on the agenda, or indeed any other comments about the BPF please do let us know.

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### Ashton Vale Town Green

Two surprises in the news when I returned from my recent holiday to France (hence the gap since the last update), first that we were the only City to vote for a Mayor and second that BCC have dropped their challenge to the Judicial Review on the Ashton Vale TG. The BCC press release can be seen here [www.bristol.gov.uk/node/11720](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/node/11720)

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### Festival of Nature 16/17 June

A reminder that we are looking for volunteers to man the BPF stall at the festival. This is a good chance to publicise your group and your park.

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### Cleaner & Brighter Parks Weekend 19/20 May

If you or your group took part in this please let me know how it went and if possible send me some photos - I would like to put some on the website.

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### Work for Volunteer Groups

There have been several requests recently for work for small groups of volunteers to carry out in green spaces in Bristol. If you have anything that you think a small group could do on your site please discuss it with your AEO so that they are aware of it when offers come in. An example is that CSV is looking to find volunteering opportunities for 7 teams of around 20 volunteers on 21st September in Bristol. See [www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/CSVInfo.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/CSVInfo.pdf) for more details.

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### The Big Pull

I've mentioned the Avon Invasive Weeds Forum and the work that has been done in various parts of the City to try and control Himalayan Balsam. Their last newsletter is at

[www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/AIWFwinter2012.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/AIWFwinter2012.pdf)

There is now a new partnership campaign being developed by the Avon Invasive Weeds Forum, Avon/Frome partnership and Bristol City Council and South Gloucs.

'The Big Pull is an exciting new project to mobilise the nation (yes we are thinking big on this one!!) into action to remove Himalayn Balsam and stop the rapid encroachment of this invasive plant.'

They are running a series of training workshops for friends groups and community groups so they have all the info they need to get involved as well as community action events and a push on businesses to join the campaign for their team building days!!

The next event is at Conham this Wed (23rd May) 6pm to 8pm. More details are on the poster here: [www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/BigPullConham.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/BigPullConham.pdf)

For details of other events see [www.southglos.gov.uk/thebigpull](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/thebigpull)

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#### Voscur Neighbourhood Partnership Survey

Voscur have a working group looking at Neighbourhood Partnerships. They have produced a survey for residents or representative of a community group.

The survey can be completed online at [www.survey.bris.ac.uk/voscur/npsurvey](http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/voscur/npsurvey) or it can be downloaded from [www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/NPsurvey.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/NPsurvey.pdf).

The survey should be completed by Mon 18 June 2012.

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#### Ping! Bristol

[www.bristol.gov.uk/pingbristol](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/pingbristol) or [www.pingbristol.net](http://www.pingbristol.net)

Ping! Bristol is an exciting table tennis initiative that will be in Bristol, 29th June to 27th July 2012. Bristol residents will see ping-pong tables popping up in various locations from city centre open spaces to outside museums and restaurants.

Ping! Bristol will see:

46 Tables available for free play for 1 month – July 2012. (25 temporary event tables, 15 new concrete tables and 6 existing park tables). Each event table comes with a daily supply of bats and balls.

Ping! activities based on the tables as well as at community venues

(These could include Ping Parties and picnics, DIY bat making sessions, Film Ping, Master Classes, Ping for Beginners)

We want to invite you to be part of this exciting event, as a volunteer, event organiser or ping player

1) Want to organise an event or volunteer at an event?

If you think your up for running a free Ping Pong related event between June 29th and July 27th

then we can include it on our Ping! event online listings.

To find out more about Ping! Bristol and how to go about organising a local event in your park or helping out at a larger Ping! Bristol event come to a briefing and workshop on Thursday 7th June, 7 – 8.30pm.

## 2) Be a Ping! Participant

A location list of the 46 table's is available now and in the next month a table finder leaflet with a map will be available. Anyone of any age or ability will be able to enjoy a game of ping pong on these tables. There will also be a range of fun and competitive Ping! activities to take part in throughout the month of July.

If your interested in finding out more about Ping! Bristol ...

"Like" our face book page: [www.facebook.com/pingbristol](http://www.facebook.com/pingbristol)

Follow us on twitter: @ping\_tweets

Fill in the form at [www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/Ping.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/Ping.pdf) and send back to [pingbristol@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:pingbristol@bristol.gov.uk)

A list of table locations is at [www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/TableLocations.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/TableLocations.pdf)

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## Kings Weston Walk

KWAG have produced a new walk leaflet which is now available on the web at <http://tinyurl.com/KWAGwalk>

You can find out more about the group and their work to add information to the Know Your Place website at [www.facebook.com/KingsWestonActionGroup](http://www.facebook.com/KingsWestonActionGroup)

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## Beeses Riverside Bar & Tea Gardens

This is my annual plug for Beeses who are again this year supporting Friends of Troopers Hill and Friends of Eastwood Farm. As well as giving us money from their Beer Festival in September, they are this year donating 20p from every Butcombe hot dog they serve. [www.beeses.co.uk](http://www.beeses.co.uk)

Next Sunday (27th May) there is an ideal opportunity to visit Beeses and explore Eastwood Farm. There is a wildlife walk starting from Beeses car park at 10.30am and finishing in time for lunch. The ferry will be running if you want to park on the Conham side. [www.eastwoodfarm.org.uk](http://www.eastwoodfarm.org.uk)

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2012 meeting dates: Sat 14th July, Sat 13th October

(all 9.30 to 12.30)