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Posts on Parks Forum Website since my last update:

www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/the-state-of-your-park/

- Two surveys, one from Bristol Parks and one UK wide.

NOTE the UK wide one is for Park Groups and has a closing date of 27th September.

Sorry about the short notice due to me having been on holiday, please try and ensure your group responds so that Bristol's voice gets heard.

In this update: BPF Meeting with Mayor 5th Oct - BPF Meeting 12th Oct - Tree Forum 30th Sept - It's Your Neighbourhood

BPF Meeting with Mayor 5th Oct

**** A reminder that if you want to come along to this extra meeting you need to let us know by email. The meeting will be 9.30 - 12.00 ****

This is your chance to ask Mayor George Ferguson about his views on parks and green spaces and how he sees their future .

You may also want to check what he said in response to the questions we asked him before the election which can be found at www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/mayor-of-bristol/

We want to ensure the meeting covers all the issues that are important to Park Groups and so would like to know in advance what questions you would like to ask. We will then try and ensure that all the issues are covered. If you have a question that you would like to put to the Mayor (whether or not you are able to attend) please let us know by Wednesday (28th). This does not mean that you will be restricted to asking submitted questions; but where several people want to ask similar questions we will try and ensure at least one of you is called.

Please email info@bristolparksforum.org.uk if you would like to attend including your name and the group(s) you will be representing.

BPF Meeting 12th Oct

Our planned meeting for the following week is still going ahead at Windmill Hill City Farm as usual. This meeting will also be our AGM. Please let us know if you are interested in joining the committee. Nancy has said that she will be standing again as chair for her third year. Fraser has been vice-chair for three years and so in accordance with our terms of reference must stand down.

We will be finalising the agenda for the meeting next week, so let us know any subjects you would like covered.

Tree Forum 30th Sept

Dear Friend of Bristol's Trees

I think you will find the TreeForum meeting on 30th Sept (6pm City Hall) especially interesting as we will be hearing from Deputy Mayor Gus Hoyt (plus the Mayor will also be in attendance for the first part).

I hope to see as many of you as possible (we have a room booked for 100) and for those that can't come I will be sending out a summary write up afterwards.

All the best – Clive Stevens (Chair Bristol TreeForum)

www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/TreeForum30thSept.pdf

It's Your Neighbourhood

The It's Your Neighbourhood awards were announced yesterday in Truro at the South West in Bloom Awards Ceremony.

The full listing of winners including many of Bristol's Park Groups is here:
www.southwestinbloom.org.uk/2013-IYN-Winners.aspx

I must also mention that in the main South West in Bloom awards Greater Fishponds won a Gold Pennant in the 'Town to City' category and also won the Urban Communities Trophy for the best urban community with their first entry. Mark Logan was the driving force behind this entry and was in Truro to collect the awards, I'm sure he will tell us all about it in the 12th October meeting.

Rob Acton-Campbell

<http://twitter.com/RobCrewsHole>

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BPF meeting with Mayor, George Ferguson - Sat 5th October

Next meeting (AGM): Sat 12 October - 9.30am at Windmill Hill City Farm.

2014 meeting dates: Sat 25th Jan - Sat 12th April (venues tbc)

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Posts on Parks Forum Website since my last update:

www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/central-area-plan-castle-park

- Information about the Central Area Plan and possible development at the west end of Castle Park, note consultation closing date is 18 October.

In this update: Tree Forum - BPF Meeting with Mayor - BPF Meeting 12th October - Big Bulb Plant at Kings Weston

Tree Forum

30th Sept 6pm City Hall

see www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/TreeForum30thSept.pdf

BPF Meeting with Mayor George Ferguson

5th October

If you have booked a place for this meeting you should have received an email from me on Friday with the venue. If you didn't it is either in your spam folder or you are not on my list.

There are still places available, so email us saying you would like to be there and telling us which group(s) you will be representing and I will send you details.

BPF Meeting 12th October

9.30am Windmill Hill City Farm (AGM)

The agenda for our next regular meeting will be issued next week and uploaded to our website. Note, dates for all four of next year's meetings are listed at the bottom of this email.

Big Bulb Plant at Kings Weston

If you would rather be outside on 12th October...

Kings Weston Action Group invites everyone along to help out with our Big Bulb Plant on Saturday 12th October! Please see a poster with details at www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/bulb_plant.pdf We would be really grateful if you could forward this on to anyone who you think might be interested.

KWAG is looking for volunteers, their family, and friends to come along and help us plant out thousands of native woodland bulbs on the Estate. On Saturday the 12th October we will be planting bulbs right along the Echo Path between Kings Weston House and the 'Echo' folly. Volunteers are invited to come along, bring a spade or trowel and muck-in contributing to a new natural legacy for the future.

We identified a native species of bluebell on the Bioblitz earlier this year and want to strengthen existing colonies. This event will help create an eye-catching new spring carpet for generations to come.

Come rain or shine KWAG will begin the Big Bulb Plant at 10:30 at the Echo Path and it'll run through until about 4pm. We are providing FREE refreshments for volunteers on the day. Anyone wanting to volunteer should make sure they come along wearing suitable clothing for whatever weather the day holds, a spade or trowel if you have one, and an enthusiasm for getting their hands a little muddy!

We hope you will be able to come along any time during the day and plant a few.

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