

# Friends of Grosvenor & Hilbert Park (FoGH)

Newsletter 18 Spring 2016



## Heritage Lottery Funded Regeneration Update

As I write this article, the HLF regeneration project is just seven weeks away from completion and there is considerable activity in the Park from the main contractors Blakedown. The project is still on track to reach completion by April 2016, but some items are weather dependent.

The recent wet weather has slowed down progress, particularly on the lower wetland area. We need a period of drier weather to allow the clay bunding to dry out more, so that construction vehicles can access this area. Then the pipes and weirs linking the pools can be installed, as well as the foundations for the boardwalk which will sit on the clay bund. The boardwalk has been constructed off site and is ready to go once site conditions improve.



The clay bund in the wetland

The Marnock Lake is nearly completed, with the hand rails now installed along the middle path and alongside the new steps. The pump systems have been successfully working for some weeks now and the flow of water through the Grottoes is running freely and creating quite an audible feature. Final path surfacing works, using tar and chip top dressing, will be completed once the weather warms up.



The Grottoes working

The Rochdale Road entrance works are now progressing well, with tarmac base installed and the avenue of hornbeam trees planted. Works to the landscape around the Community Hub are nearing completion and, when these are finished, we hope to get final sign off from the Building Control Officer, so the Hub will be fully operational.



The Rochdale Road entrance

Further works to improve the main path from Auckland Road to the Community Hub are ongoing. The Heritage Lottery Fund

have agreed that we can use contingency funding to carry out further drainage and path works, since this area flooded badly over winter.

There will be phased closures to this path as the work takes place, with diversions through the play area or the Rochdale Road entrance. We are working closely with the contractor to minimise the impact on Park users, but some temporary closures cannot be avoided. Signage on site will advise of any diversions or closures.



The main path from Auckland Road

Alongside the hard landscape works, the planting is progressing well, with the trees to the lower wetland being planted. The final element will be installation of the new entrance signage, finger posts and interpretive signage.

So overall, we're in a good position to complete the project on time, within budget and with everything completed so far looking really good. We just need some better weather to allow us to get these final works completed to schedule. I'm looking forward to seeing the regeneration completed and I'm looking forward to the Grand Re-opening and Funday on May Day. It will be great to hear feedback from Park visitors about the improvements once all the work is completed.

**Adrian Spray, Project Co-ordinator, Community First Partnership**



allen scott LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



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## Chairman's Report

This springtime will see the final phases of the Heritage Lottery Funded restoration work completed after all the months of upheaval. The wet winter weather has been of some benefit, in as much as the contractors were able to identify where surface water collects and springs flow, allowing adjustments to the paths and drainage.



It has been so good to see the Lake full again, complete with the Grottoes working, and it will be interesting to see the wildlife redevelop there as the year goes by. Although it seems much work is still to be done, we really are at the stage when areas will reach completion and the realisation of the whole plan will emerge; it has been many years since the Park was free of a work site somewhere or other.



Marnock Lake refilled

The refurbished Community Hub building is a great success and is available for event hire from TWBC, contact Helen Timms ([Helen.Timms@Tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Timms@Tunbridgewells.gov.uk)). The playground is attracting good numbers of families again and the entrance at Upper Grosvenor Road is much more inviting. Our football pitches are both in use and the Bowling Green has been the focus of much needed maintenance.

We are holding our Funday this year on May 2nd, in combination with the HLF regeneration Grand Re-opening. The committee has been working hard on preparations and there will be the usual mix of games, food, stalls and entertainment for families, to celebrate a new era in the Park. On the day we will need extra volunteers to set up and take down gazebos and stalls, and we hope as many of you as possible will join in with our community day. There are lots of future events planned for the rest of the year too, so I hope there will be something for everyone during the whole of 2016.

**Liz Edwards**

## Camden Road Education, Arts & Theatre Enterprise

CREATE presents:

**BOND! An Unauthorised Parody.....Friday 18th March 7.30pm**

St Barnabas School - Hilarious one-man show, followed by Q&A, then a Quiz  
Come in James-Bond-themed fancy dress! (Prize for the best outfit)

Tickets from David Prodrick on 0796 619 0428, Alison Beck on 01892 864468 or  
[tickets@camdenroad.org](mailto:tickets@camdenroad.org)

**CREATE Tombola.....Monday 2nd May**

We hope you will join us at the Grand Re-opening & Funday!

Please get in touch if you would like to donate a prize.

For full details see the CREATE website [www.camdenroad.org](http://www.camdenroad.org) & Facebook [www.facebook.com/createTW](http://www.facebook.com/createTW)



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*Paninis & Sandwiches  
Macs & Soups  
Cakes & Biscuits  
Hot & Cold drinks  
Daily Specials*

Open Daily 9am – 5pm

## Update from the Parks Department

At last we are slowly approaching the end of the capital works and hopefully all the mud and disruption: there is still work to do but we are aiming for a March finish. We are hoping to see the Marnock Lake area open shortly, now all the hand rails have been installed. One of the final jobs will be to lay the finished surface to all the footpaths, although this means closing some footpaths for short periods of time. Please look out for advance notice of footpath closures and diversions in the Park. Blakedown will be working some weekends to catch up on time lost due to poor weather and ground conditions, so please take care in the Park at weekends.

Sadly we have noted an increase in dog fouling in the Park and, while the majority of our regulars are responsible, it seems we have one or two visitors who fail to clean up after their dogs. We do try to keep the dog bag dispensers full, but please remember to only take what you need or, better still, bring a bag from home. If you are aware of a persistent offender, please let us know dates and times and we can arrange for our enforcement officers to visit.

The Council is supporting the Clean for The Queen campaign, which aims to clean up Britain in time for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday in June. One way you can take part is through the Clean for The Queen weekend on 4th, 5th and 6th March. We will be cleaning the graffiti off the Upper Grosvenor Road footbridge and treating the walls with anti graffiti paint.

If you are aware of an area that needs cleaning and would like to run your own project, details and a registration form can be found at [www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk](http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk) The Street Scene team can provide litter pickers and bags and collect them after your clean up. For more information contact the Depot [Depot@Tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:Depot@Tunbridgewells.gov.uk).

If you would like any further information about the Park or the HLF project, please get in touch at [peter.every@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:peter.every@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)

**Peter Every – TWBC Parks & Sports Team Leader**



## Events Roundup

### Bedgebury Tree Planting

On Saturday 5th December, local dignitaries and representatives of the Lottery Fund joined locals as the first wetland area trees were planted. FoGH Chairman Liz Edwards welcomed us to the Community Hub and explained the tree planting partnership with Bedgebury Pinetum.



Friends of Bedgebury plant their tree

After short speeches by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells David Elliott and Heritage Lottery Fund SE committee member Alistair Fairley, it was time for the planting. David Elliott planted a Monkey Puzzle (*Araucaria araucana*) and Greg Clark MP planted a dwarf Jeffreys Pine (*Pinus jeffreii* 'Joppi').

The Friends of Bedgebury Pinetum appropriately put in a tree raised at Bedgebury from seed collected in the wild – the Cyprus Cedar (*Cedrus brevifolia*). Then it was back to the Hub for mince pies and cakes, washed down by mulled wine or mulled apple juice. We can look forward to the

remaining trees being planted in the wetland area as the work continues.

**Mary Hughes**



Alistair Fairley & Mayor David Elliott

### Christmas Carols

Also on 5th December, following the tree planting, we welcomed the CREATE Community Choir for our first carols in the newly refurbished Hub. Local families joined in with a selection of traditional and modern carols. A most enjoyable way to begin December, especially inside a warm and welcoming building! Our thanks to the CREATE Choir – all donations were given to CREATE to help with the funding shortfall for the Lantern Parade.



The CREATE choir

### Community Orchard Tree Planting



Chapelard family



Kewell family

Saturday 12th December saw the second phase of Community Orchard planting, with each tree sponsored by an individual, family or organisation linked to the Park. Among those planting were Kent High Weald Partnership, FoGH and Tunbridge Wells Mayor David Elliott

After each tree was planted, the blessing ceremony of wassail was performed. A song is sung to the tree and cider is poured over its roots, encouraging the tree to grow and produce a good crop.

Dedication plaques were added to the trees planted in the first phase.

This brought the total of trees planted in the Community Orchard to over 65. This fantastic addition to the Park is really starting to take shape now. The local sponsors bring a real sense of community involvement and ownership to the orchard.

The final planting phase will be in 2016/7 and will see the orchard fully stocked with a wide variety of fruit trees. Please see our website ([www.FoGH.org.uk](http://www.FoGH.org.uk)) if you would like to sponsor a tree. **Chris Hughes**



Mayor David Elliott plants his tree

### Grand Re-opening & Funday 2nd May



Family Fun Day 2015

On our fifth Funday, we will be celebrating completion of the Heritage Lottery Funded works with a Grand Re-opening. As well as a mix of music, community stalls, entertainment and food and drink, CEO Steff D'Agorne has extra attractions lined up. This free-to-enter event is to thank the local community for their patience during the restoration. Town & Country Housing, TWBC and HLF are kindly supporting the event.

The Dog Show starts at 10am, with the main event from noon until 5.30pm. CREATE will run the tombola this year, so any donations of prizes to them please. We welcome any home-made cake donations to our tea and cake stall on the lower football pitch. FoGH thanks you for your help as paid members and this year's Funday will include a Member's Only Special. (Full details to follow by email.) **Carolyn Gray**

## Community Engagement Officer Update (or Steff's Sum Up!)



Bauble making

Signs of spring are appearing (very early) in the Park and the HLF project works are coming to a close! What a great couple of months it has been, from the successful Christmas bauble making event to the fantastic work carried out by our mid-week conservation volunteer team. It is never a dull day as the HLF Community Engagement Officer in the Park!



There is now a fantastic bridge over the stream at Folly Shaw woods, making a great change from the old pallet bridge, and work on the wetland is well underway. I am looking forward to the end of these works, so I can start using the dipping platforms and find out how wild the life in the wetland area truly is.



The new Folly Shaw bridge

This season has said a sad farewell to Steph, my trainee, who has done such amazing work over the past year. We also say a warm welcome to the new Graduate HLF Community Ranger Jasmin, who will be working with me helping to run events and make the Park even more exciting. She has been learning how to lead the Thursday Conservation Volunteer team, getting to know the importance of how to use tools safely, as well as the need for tea/coffee and biscuits!



The volunteers have been doing some great work coppicing in Hilbert Woods as well as making a start on clearing out one of the Park's allotments (for use in a children's allotment project later in the spring). If you would like to join the volunteer team please do contact me for more details on:

[steff.dagorne@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:steff.dagorne@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or 07917 643961.



Volunteers in the allotment



Nuthatch



Mistle thrush

The last weekend of January we hosted a bird walk in the Park for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. This was very successful, as we managed to see over 20 different species of bird in one day, from the more common (but very elegant nuthatch) to the rarer siskin, redpoll, and mistle thrush.

The second event of that weekend celebrated National Storytelling Week, when Dave Arthur, a local storyteller, came to the Park and told some great local folk tales to those that could join us. The children loved the creative way he told the stories, his exciting props and the fantastic singing and dancing! Thank you to everyone who came along and made these events so successful.



Storytelling event

The next set of events will be in celebration of Earth Day, World Water Day and, of course, Easter! I would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who visits the Park, for your patience while the works have been going on. We would also like to invite everyone to help us celebrate at the Grand Re-opening and Funday on Monday May 2nd.

**Steff Agorne**

## FoGH Committee News

### Defibrillator:

The British Heart Foundation runs a scheme for free defibrillators for community groups associated with public open spaces. Unfortunately, by the time FoGH applied, the scheme was oversubscribed, so we will wait until a new scheme is available and reapply. A First Aid kit has been placed in the café, and several committee members attended a first aid course and are now registered first aiders for our events.

### Public Spaces Protection Orders:

Currently the Park is an Alcohol Control Area, one of many in Tunbridge Wells. Drinking alcohol in a designated place is not an offence in itself. However, continuing to drink alcohol after being told to stop by a Police Officer (or Police Community Support Officer), or failing to hand over alcohol when asked to do so *is* an offence. From October 2017 a change in the law means that additional anti-social behaviour (a PSPO) can be subject to a fine. The committee discussed what we felt was anti-social behaviour and fed this back to the Community Safety Unit.

### Keep It Clean:

Photos posted on Twitter by committee member Richard Woodfield led to a Courier article on the amount of dog mess left around the Grosvenor Bridge Area. Maybe it's time for another 'Bag & Flag' event to remind dog owners it is their responsibility, but the area is now covered in the Park's litter-picking. Thanks Richard for your continued voluntary litter-picking within the Park, particularly the woods.

**Carolyn Gray**

**Friends of Grosvenor and Hilbert Park**



## Julie & Alan Timms

The whole committee would like to say a very big Thank You, Goodbye, and Good Luck in your new home, to Julie and Alan Timms, not forgetting Diesel the dog. The three of them have been loyal FoGH members and volunteers, with Julie joining the committee a couple of years ago. Julie and Alan helped organise the 2015 Funday Dog Show, and we sincerely hope they will be visiting for the Grand Re-opening event this May.



Diesel in her PAT kit

Diesel the dog is well known, not just in the Park, but around the borough. She recently featured in *The Courier* after winning the 'Tunbridge Wells Most Deserving Dog Award' in association with dog food brand McAdams. Diesel, is a registered Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog, giving love and affection to those in care. She visits two nursing homes each week with Alan, and sees patients in the day centre and wards at Hospice in the Weald at Pembury. Diesel also visits pupils at Brenchley and Matfield infants' school as a reading dog – enabling children to focus on their reading and concentration in a fun way.

Alan and Diesel are also familiar faces at Tunbridge Wells Football Club, and we are very keen to hear which team Alan decides to support once they move away from the area!

**Carolyn Gray**



Julie, Alan & Diesel

## Farewell from HLF Trainee Ranger Steph Johnson

A year has already passed and I am a little sad, as I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Heritage Lottery sponsored Trainee Ranger at Grosvenor & Hilbert Park. I have worked with two excellent Community Engagement Officers who have both shared their experience, wisdom and knowledge. It has been interesting to share their visions for such a unique Park and I hope that some of my vision has shaped it also.



Small skipper



As a child I used to visit the playground and it was strange when offered the role to see the side of the Park I never knew existed. The Park is definitely one of two halves; the community side and the wildlife side. As a Zoologist I have always been drawn to the latter and have spent a lot of my time photographing the wildlife. Jays, treecreepers and hoverflies have been particular favourites and I have surveyed the Park's butterfly species.



Community spirit is in abundance at the Park and with the Friends group, whom I worked with on the Community Orchard. The plain field has been transformed into a fledgling orchard and it has been an eye opener to see to see a simple idea progress, and the work and passion needed to make it a reality.

A surprising revelation was assisting with Forest School sessions. Teaching had never been something I had considered, as I am shy in front of large audiences. But helping create activities for children, sharing my knowledge and passion for wildlife and seeing them become more confident, made me realise this is something I would love to do in the future. I have completed my Forest School level 1 training and am hoping in time to lead my own sessions. Without this traineeship and the encouragement from the CEOs, this is something I might not have realised or achieved.



An event in 2015



Frog Fun Day

One enjoyable aspect is the creation of events. A favourite was the Frog Fun Day, spawned from the idea to create a hibernaculum for amphibians. This allowed me to be creative and come up with other activities such as a treasure hunt. From this I learnt the preparation and skills to run the event.

I have made some wonderful friends from my time here including my colleagues at TWBC, members of FoGH, the Park Keepers, the team from KHWP and our own volunteers. Learning to lead a team has been insightful and gives me confidence that I can do this in my future career.

The training and experience from this position are a great start into forging my way into conservation and I am most grateful. My biggest thanks go out to Cally Fiddimore and Stephanie D'Agorne for being wonderful mentors and for helping me realise and pursue my passions within conservation.



Volunteers at work

**Steph Johnson**

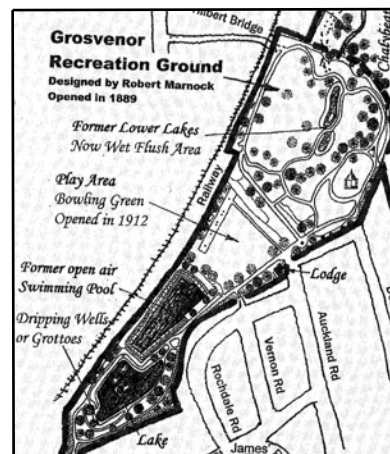
## 1889 Park Opening Delayed by Storm

With the HLF regeneration project almost completed and a Grand Re-opening to come, we look back to the original opening of the Park in 1889, planned for Saturday 8th June 1889. It was postponed due to "a storm of altogether exceptional severity" on 7th June. The dramatic descriptions are from the Kent & Sussex Courier of 14th June. There was "an hour's downpour.....of tropical intensity", with hailstones "in size from a marble to a hen's egg". The downpour overwhelmed the drainage, causing flooding in areas of Tunbridge Wells.



Is this the fateful manhole cover?

Considerable damage was done to Grosvenor Recreation Ground. "Not only has the hail beaten down nearly every plant in the grounds.....but by the bursting of a sewer considerable havoc was wrought". This large sewer runs past Marnock Lake beneath the current play area and "proved quite inadequate to carry off the immense volumes of water.....poured into it from all directions". After an hour "a large iron trap covering a manhole" near the Lake "was forcibly lifted with a report.....like an explosion.....a column of water shot up like a fountain to the height of four or five feet".



"The force of this torrent of water carried with it earth, gravel, plants, shrubs, bordering, &c into the Lake". Despite the efforts of the staff, "an immense body of water...spurting out of the manhole.....was pouring down the banks and devastating all before it". The island in the Lake "was completely submerged, only the tops of the trees standing out above the flood."



Marnock Lake



The Open Air Baths

The water was turned into the Open Air Baths, flooding the changing rooms and bringing mud and rubbish into the water. Both the Lake and the Baths subsequently had to be emptied and refilled. The flow of water from the manhole washed away part of the bank and paths and floods from the railway line were "ploughing up the earth in all directions". The Courier describes "deep chasms torn in the paths, the grass covered in mud, or beaten down by the rush of water" and "the flowerbeds and shrubberies were beaten down in all directions".

According to the Courier, the rhododendrons were just coming into flower and there was "a profusion of bloom", which probably included the colourful bedding plants so popular in the Victorian era. Unfortunately, after the storm "it may be literally said that all the flowers are done for". A lot of hard work must have taken place, because Grosvenor Recreation Ground was partly open on 29th June, and fully open shortly afterwards. **Mary Hughes**



Rhododendron in flower



Victorian bedding

Thanks to Philip Whitbourn & Tunbridge Wells Library – the full Courier article can be found on our website

## Sport Report– Football

Due to poor weather and waterlogged pitches, not much football has been played in the Park since early December. This has continued into 2016, which for the West Kent Sunday Football League has so far been a tale of wholesale cancellations! If there's no football on Sunday mornings for some time, players find other things to do, so when better weather comes clubs can find it hard to field a team.

At the time of writing, St John's Yard have not played since mid-December. Unfortunately, they lost the only 3 matches played since the last newsletter. Having won 2 matches and lost 8, they are currently 10th out of 12 teams in Division Three. Also affected, junior teams from TW Foresters have played no matches since December.



FC Hayward attacking

The only match in the Park so far this year was FC Hayward (who normally play at Bayham) and East Grinstead Mavericks, trying to catch up on fixtures. The victors were FC Hayward (playing in blue and red stripes) 6 – 2. Such fixture backlogs mean the dreaded 'doubleheaders' to catch up: playing home and away games on the same day, 60 minutes each way. Let's hope the weather improves with spring!

**Mary Hughes**

## View from the Allotment



Some beds dug:  
some not!

Weather wise living in this country keeps us on our toes. We have had a couple of frosts but nothing worth talking about. Some beds have been dug over for the potatoes, but sadly others are full of weeds. Our patch with brassicas (mainly purple sprouting broccoli) is

faring very poorly, and probably there is a touch of club root in the soil: we shall see.

I was thinking about past times when people relied on their crops entirely, so if the crops failed they would die of starvation. I am sure they had to be organised about preserving their produce for the winter.

In store we have bon bon squash and potatoes, and in the ground Jerusalem artichokes (in abundance) and horseradish (but who wants to eat that!) In the larder are pickles, chutneys, jams and fruit liquors.

So we now look forward to another year and let us hope produce is plentiful.

**Jane Melville**

## Dogs in the Park

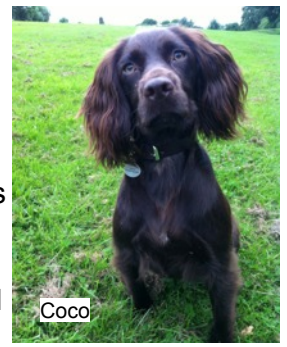
My name is Coco and I'm a 3-year-old, chocolate Working Cocker Spaniel. Being born in 2012, my brothers and sisters, (all 7 of us), were given Olympics themed Kennel Club names.

Mine is 'Broadyew Grainger'. 'Broadyew' after the area where I was born – near Broadwater Down – and 'Grainger' after gold medal winning rower, Katherine Grainger, but I'm 'Coco' to all my friends!

My favourite pastimes in the Park are swimming, finding sticks (or logs) that are too big for me to carry, or for my mum to throw without braining someone. Then there's playing chase; can be with other dogs, but usually with squirrels, rabbits, rats or pigeons!!

I love to run with my human mum and dad, but I particularly like cuddling up on the sofa, pinching socks and slippers, oh, and scaring the postman half to death when I run up to 'collect' the post!

It's tough being a dog..... **Rosie & George Harris**



Coco

## Birds to look for during spring

During the next two months we will be able to watch our winter visiting birds mixing with our resident species. By April, they will have flown away to their breeding grounds, to be replaced by some regular summer visitors. Amongst my favourite winter visitors are the mixed flock of siskins and redpolls that cheer with their energetic twittering and chattering. These small finches are similar in size, a little smaller than a house sparrow, and collect into flocks during winter, as they share the same requirements for food.



Goldfinch

The siskins are yellowish green, showing flashes of yellow as they fly, and the redpolls are streaked brown with a handsome cherry red forehead and neat, black chin. The male birds develop a beautiful soft pink breast before they fly away. They are both fond of alder and hazel catkins and gather in the trees on the south side of Folly Shaw on warmer, sunny winter days. They can be attracted to gardens by putting out niger seed, and are joined by our resident goldfinches.

Within the next month our resident birds will be thinking of establishing their territories and nesting. Great spotted woodpeckers are drumming on resonant tree trunks when there is a milder sunny day. The song thrushes and great tits are already singing and soon the blackbirds will be joining in.



Male redpoll

Male siskin



Great tit



Male blackbird

The increasing chorus of early morning birdsong will be a sure sign that springtime weather is coming back. The mixed woodland and shrubby undergrowth in the Park gives nesting opportunities for a wide variety of birds, whether they build their nests in the tree tops, or hide them away in the tangle of ivy, brambles and grass.



Song thrush



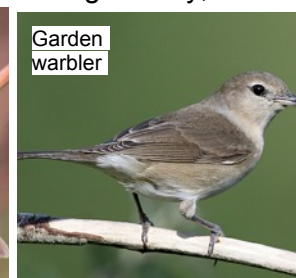
Male great spotted woodpecker

As the days lengthen and warm in April, insects are flying and summer warblers arrive from their winter homes. The chiffchaff is easy to identify from its song (chiff-chaff, chiff-chaff) and the blackcap has lovely liquid song during April to June.

There have been garden warblers here too and sometimes a passing whitethroat which moves on to quieter woodlands to nest. All the warblers are shy, secretive birds, hard to observe and similarly discreet in appearance; the only exception is the blackcap with *his* black crown and *her* russet brown crown.



Chiffchaff



Garden warbler



Blackcaps

**Liz Edwards**

## Dates for your Diary

**World Water Day Celebrations**.....Friday 25th March 2016 10am – 12.30pm

Join us as we revel in water in the Park!  
Meet at the Hub 10am: wellies & old clothes a must!



**Easter Sunday Sunrise Celebration**.....Easter Sunday 27th March 8am

Meet east of the Bowling Green for a 30 minute service  
Then a continental breakfast at Church of Christ, Commercial Road



**Easter Event**.....Monday 28th March 2016 10am – 2.30pm

Easter Egg Hunt & Egg Decoration Competition  
Activities & adventure at the Community Hub



**Brighten up the Bridge!**.....Thursday 7th April 10am – 3pm

KHWP volunteer day planting by the new Folly Shaw bridge  
Meet at the Hilbert Road gates & dress appropriately



**All Things Batty!**.....Wednesday 13th April 6.30pm

A bat walk in the Park to look for our little flying friends!  
Meet at the Oast House & dress appropriately



**HLF Boardwalk Repair Volunteer Days**.....Wednesday 20th April

**Thursday 5th May      Wednesday 18th May      Thursday 2nd June all 10am – 3pm**

Run by KHWP: meet at the Hilbert Road gates & dress appropriately

**Earth Day**.....Friday 22nd April 2016 from 3.30pm

Make boats the size of a welly from recycled materials  
Meet at the Oast House to race them in the stream!



**Grand Re-opening & Funday**.....Monday May 2nd 12 – 5.30pm

Lots of attractions this year, starting with the Dog Show at 10am  
The event will be opened at 12.15pm by the Mayor & Deputy Mayor,  
as well as the Town Crier & TS Brilliant Sea Cadet Band



**Annual General Meeting**.....Thursday May 12th 7.30pm

At the Community Hub. Help shape the future of FoGH!4  
Only paid up members can vote; please contact the Secretary



**Going Batty Again!**.....Tuesday 24th May 7.00pm

Bat talk with Jenny Clark at the Community Hub



**KHWP Family Volunteer Day**.....Saturday 4th June 10.30am – 1.30pm

More boardwalk building & children's activities  
Meet at the Oast House & wear appropriate clothing & footwear



**Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration**.....Sunday June 12th 2 – 4pm

A Bring Your Own Picnic Party: drinks & snacks available from Table8  
Music from the Bacchus Wind Orchestra  
On the Lower Football Pitch: please bring chairs rugs & cushions



**Conservation Volunteer tasks every Thursday 10am – 3pm Meet at the Oast House**

See posters, [www.fogh.org.uk](http://www.fogh.org.uk) Facebook [www.facebook.com/GrosvenorHilbert](https://www.facebook.com/GrosvenorHilbert) or Twitter [twitter.com/FofGH](https://twitter.com/FofGH)

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