



# Friends of Grosvenor & Hilbert Park Newsletter 42 Spring 2022



Bloco Fogo



TS Brilliant

## CREATE Winter Lanterns 2022

CREATE again delivered an amazing Winter Lantern parade in Tunbridge Wells! On Saturday 5th February the parade, with a theme of food, left Calverley Road, moving down Camden Road and eventually into the Park.

Bloco Fogo and TS Brilliant drove the momentum of the parade, creating a fun, tribal, atmosphere! The two bands took different directions once entering the Park, allowing them to play for longer and create a party feel at the end.

This meant the public had more time to admire the larger lanterns, including one huge chef, and a

massive goblet! We had many wonderful lanterns this year, including a cornucopia, a popcorn bucket, a fabulous pineapple and of course the Tiger who came to Tea. I think there were more people joining in the parade and lining the streets this year, after a break during the lockdowns.



Fish & chips lantern

A few CREATE committee members are stepping down this year, and this, along with funds being harder to come by, means WE NEED HELP!

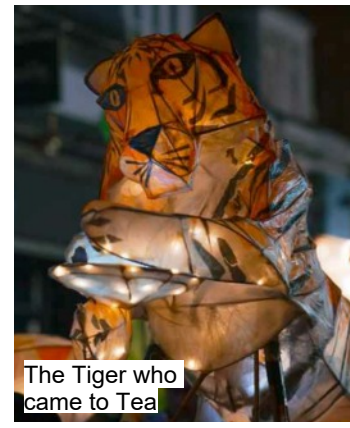
So if you enjoyed the parade and the workshops, please volunteer to help put this fabulous event together... or this may have been the last one! Please contact me at [hellocreatetwells@gmail.com](mailto:hellocreatetwells@gmail.com)

A big THANK YOU to this year's sponsors, Dandara and The Pantiles Rotary Club, and to all who donated through our Go Fund Me page. Many thanks also to FoGH, who volunteered to help with marshalling the parade, as well as with the road closures and delivering notification letters.

**Nell Price, Chair CREATE**



The parade comes down Albion Road



The Tiger who came to Tea



The pineapple



The huge chef



A banana lantern





## News from the FoGH Committee



The committee has been meeting on Zoom during the winter, and we were very pleased that Chair Liz Edwards was able to join us at our February meeting.



Diamond Jubilee 2012

### Upcoming events for 2022

One of the very first events FoGH organised 10 years ago was a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Party in the Park, which grew into our annual Fete/ Funday. This summer's Platinum Jubilee weekend is from Thursday 2nd until Sunday 5th June.

The Fete/Funday requires months of organisation, and we all agreed the current committee did not have sufficient spare time to devote to this. With the thought that people might be having their own Jubilee street parties, we decided against a smaller scale event as well.

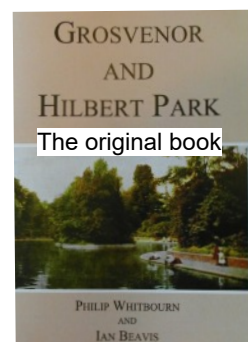


Picnic in the Park 2018

We hope in July, for Love Parks Week, to host a Picnic in the Park event, with games on the Lower Football Pitch, which has proved popular in the past. There is a range of events confirmed for the next few months (see back page), including our Dog Show in May, the Easter Egg Hunt, and several Moth ID events. A new event in early March is CPR & Defibrillator training (now fully booked).

The AGM will take place on Thursday 12th May, an evening event in The Hub. We hope we'll also be able to bring you an updated copy of our book about the Park, written by Dr Philip Whitbourn OBE and Dr Ian Beavis.

As well as the history, it examines the plants and wildlife found in the various Park habitats.



### Maintenance

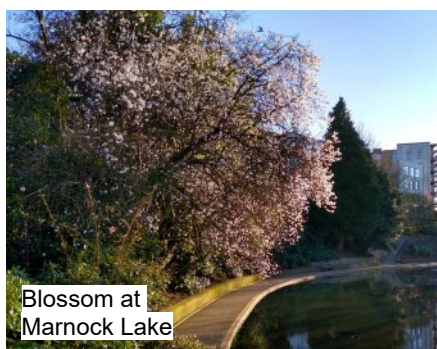
FoGH, the TWBC Parks Dept, Kent High Weald Partnership and park keeper Tony Cheeseman have a long list of items needing repairs in and around the Park. But we are pleased that the work to maintain the Skate Park is now complete. At the 2021 AGM FoGH agreed to donate some funds towards this, but TWBC had sufficient money in their budget to pay the full cost.

Redleaf Close walkway, the wattle fence nearby, Grosvenor Rocks, the fence by the railway bridge, and the zip wire are all on our radar. One of our biggest concerns is the lower football pitch drainage and the state of the path that runs uphill by Folly Shaw Wood. This is being eroded by flowing water, and we really hope this can be repaired soon before it becomes too dangerous.



Damaged path by Folly Shaw

### Infrastructure



Blossom at Marnock Lake

When welcoming new committee members in September, we started to look at how the committee operates. Some of us have been here from the beginning in autumn 2011, and we may have become a little complacent. Emma Melville and Richard Woodfield have set up a shared Google Drive containing many documents – for example minutes of meetings, risk assessments, photos – that are easily accessible to all committee members.

Clare Kelly has compiled a list of our individual duties, which helped highlight gaps in the way we work. There are likely to be vacancies to join the FoGH committee at our May AGM, should anyone wish to think about joining us – formal information will be sent out in April.

**Carolyn Gray, Deputy Chair**

### Clearing out the Dripping Wells

I walk my dog Lottie and do some litter picking in the Park in the morning, usually seeing Tony the park keeper. He advised that the Dripping Wells were blocked with rubbish and leaves, and coins had been thrown in. Tony asked if I could help him with a clear out, for Health and Safety reasons, and to witness the removal of the coins.

On Wednesday 19th January Tony turned off the pump early in the morning, to lower the water levels. We met after lunch, and removed rubbish, coins and plenty of leaves. We saw sticklebacks swimming in the wells and the croaking of a frog echoed around one of the grottos. The coins, totalling £7.75, were given to Mindwell Art Group, who meet at the Hub regularly.

**Lynda Steers**



The Dripping Wells



## News from the FoGH Committee *contd.*



### Dogs of Grosvenor & Hilbert Park Memorial

FoGH are setting up a 'Dog Memorial' on a tree stump in the Park. The Friends appreciate how much the Park is loved by both dogs and their owners, and understand how much canine companions mean to their families. TWBC has granted permission for the memorial to be established on the tree stump next to the lower football pitch, under the management of the Friends group.

If you would like to add a plaque in memory of your beloved dog, then please read the notes below and contact [dogmemorial@fogh.org.uk](mailto:dogmemorial@fogh.org.uk) Through this you can arrange a date and time to attach your plaque, with a FoGH representative there to help you.

#### Plaque specification:

- 45mm x 100mm
- must have 2 or 4 pre-drilled holes
- plastic or aluminium only in black, white or silver

You will need to supply and pay for your own plaque. If you mention the FoGH Dog Memorial to Jerry of 'Comfoot & Keys' at 13 Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells, plaques with wording can be purchased at the discounted price of £20.00.

#### Please Note:

FoGH, TWBC and the Park Keeper are not responsible for:

- maintenance of the plaques
- any damage caused to the plaques during attachment or once in place
- replacing any stolen plaques



Clare Kelly



Philip plants a tree in 2012

### Many Happy Returns to Dr Philip Whitbourn OBE.....

..... on the occasion of his 90th birthday! A local resident, Philip joined FoGH right at the beginning and has been a supporter ever since.

Dr Whitbourn's distinguished career included the post of Chief Architect at English Heritage, among other significant roles. A founder member of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society in 1959, he remains active, responding to planning applications and proposals. The Civic Society opposed plans to build a dual carriage way and ring road through Lansdowne Road, and helped to save the Trinity Church from demolition. His books include titles on Decimus Burton and Woodbury Park Cemetery.

It was a privilege for FoGH in 2012 when he agreed to write our book on the Park, along with Dr Ian Beavis. A refreshed copy will be printed this year.

Carolyn Gray

## Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom 2022

This year the town is participating in South & South East in Bloom as a Small City, as we have outgrown the Large Town category. Please help to make RTW in Bloom 2022 a success by entering the local competitions, volunteering in the parks, joining the Open Gardens tour or sponsoring a floral display in town. The 2022 campaign launches at Calverley Precinct on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd April, 10am – 3pm: please join us.



Daffodils near the Town Hall

### RTW In Bloom Competition

Open to residents, businesses, community groups and schools across the town.

### Open Gardens with Hospice in the Weald

Eleven gardens and grounds will be open on Sunday 12th June.

### Blooming Marvellous Photo Competition

This year's theme is 'Living Water', capturing the beauty of water in a natural setting. The categories are: Children (up to 18) and Adults (18 plus). Up to three high resolution, landscape or portrait digital photographs can be submitted. Please state your name, age, photo title and the location where each photo was taken. Entries should be submitted to [BloomPhoto@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:BloomPhoto@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) by Friday 16th September.

**To volunteer:** There are opportunities in our parks and nature reserves. Please contact TWBC Parks on [parks@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:parks@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or Kent High Weald Partnership on [cmp@khwp.org.uk](mailto:cmp@khwp.org.uk)

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ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS IN BLOOM



## Activities in the Park

### Installing the Soroptimist Can Collection Bin

Soroptimist Tunbridge Wells is a local organisation based in the town for 75 years, with national and international links. Our core vision is the empowerment, education and enablement of women and girls. One of our current projects is recycling aluminium cans into cash: the funds go to sponsor toilets in poor countries with the charity Toilet Twinning <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>



Caroline & Carolyn adding cans!

Approximately 2 billion people worldwide do not have a toilet and women and girls are the most affected. Many of them are not permitted to go to the toilet in the daytime. They have to seek relief in the night, putting them at risk of sexual assault, and also snake bites.

With the help of TWBC Parks Department, we have installed a can collection bin in the Park by the Hub. We empty this regularly, hoping the cans are crushed. We compete to see who can collect most cans, then have therapeutic can-crushing sessions! It takes four car loads of crushed cans to raise enough money (£60) to support one toilet. We hope to encourage the local community to recycle aluminium cans, not litter our parks and green spaces. We can't wait to present FoGH with their own Toilet Twinning certificate. **Caroline Auckland, President, Soroptimist Tunbridge Wells & District**



L-R: Soroptimist Caroline, Tony, Carolyn from FoGH, Soroptimist Louise & volunteer Ben

### Upper Grosvenor Road Tree Planting

We originally planted the flowering cherries and crab apples here in 2019, but couldn't get all the varieties we wanted, so left a few 'gaps' to fill in later. In 2021 we were able to order the missing ones, with delivery due in November/December when the trees are dormant.

Last summer, Tunbridge Wells Soroptimists contacted FoGH, asking to plant a few trees in the Park. They were happy to sponsor and plant three of the trees, which they did on 16th December 2021. The Soroptimists planted two flowering cherries (*Prunus Shizuka* 'Fragrant Cloud') and a crab apple (*Malus* 'Golden Hornet'), completing the 'avenue' of trees on either side of the path.

**Chris Hughes**



The Soroptimists plant one of their trees



Toasting the Queen!

### The Queen's Green Canopy Project

Quite a lot of thought went into the sort of tree and where to plant it. After deciding to plant it opposite the Auckland Road entrance, it was easier to choose the tree. There are conifers in the area, so we chose a Montezuma Pine (*Pinus montezumae*). This was supplied by the TWBC Parks Team and propagated from a fabulous mature tree in Sheffield Park.

The tree was planted on Thursday 10th February by members of FoGH and David Elliot, Chairman of Royal Tunbridge Wells In Bloom.

Tony and Kasia from the Parks Team were on hand to help out, and we toasted the Queen with sparkling fruit juice. You can identify the tree by its commemorative wooden plaque.

Six other trees were also planted around the Park: three to replace failed or vandalised trees. But there was one interesting new tree: a Vietnamese Golden Cypress (*Xanthocyparis vietnamensis*). Discovered in 1999, it is Critically Endangered, as there are only a few hundred left in the wild in Taiwan. It is also opposite the Auckland Road entrance.

**Chris Hughes**



Vietnamese Golden Cypress



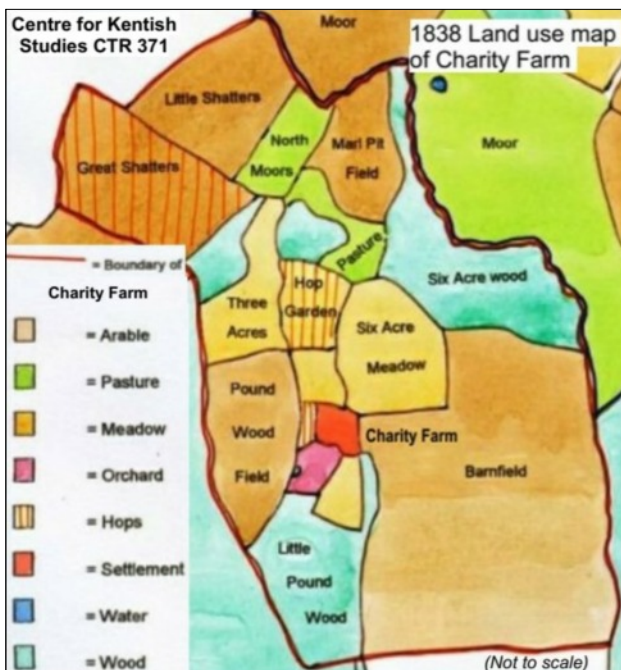
Orchard pruning

### Pruning the Community Orchard

We pruned the apples and pears in the orchard on Sunday 27th February. It was a bright and sunny day, and quite warm in the sun. These trees need pruning during the dormant season, so late winter is a good time. The aim is to encourage the production of fruit buds, while maintaining a healthy tree with an open shape.

I'm keen to keep the trees to a manageable height, so the vigorous Bramleys had a bit more attention to keep them in check. We were pleased to welcome Steffi from the Crowborough Community Orchard Project – they are looking for a suitable piece of land to start their own orchard. Thanks to those who helped with this task. **Chris Hughes**





## Before the Park: Life on Charity Farm

We can get a glimpse of life on the farm in the 19th and early 20th century, from an 1838 land use map and from the Kent & Sussex Courier. Charity Farm was a mixed farm, with fields shown as arable, pasture and meadow, also hops and an orchard. Pastures are grazed but not cut: meadow grass is cut for hay. This is dried, stored and fed to livestock in winter.

There are three fields of hops, which were a profitable crop in the late 19th century. Four fields are marked as arable (Three Acres, Six Acre Meadow and two others) and Courier reports mention potatoes, cabbages and mangold wurzels (roots used as animal feed). These fields and crops needed cultivating, tending and harvesting. The woods were useful for timber, with Roundabout Wood then known as Six Acre Wood.



Apples from the orchard were stored and sold during autumn and winter. Both eaters and cookers were sold by the gallon from October through December to February in some years. One variety is named: Sweet Laden, also known as Brabant Bellefleur. Mostly used as a culinary apple, it's also a tasty eater: firm, crisp flesh and a sweet, slightly aromatic flavour. It dates from the late

18th-century, with Flemish or Dutch origins.

In 1891 George Wickens gave up the tenancy of the farm, selling the livestock and equipment by auction: the Courier advert is a useful snapshot. Looking at the Live Stock, the 8 horses were essential to pull carts and wagons, and do the multitude of farm tasks tractors now do.

The 12 cattle included dairy cows and steers (neutered males) for fattening. Some wool may have come from the 20 sheep, as well as meat. 11 pigs: for meat and to break up ground, as they love to dig. Poultry provided eggs as well as the odd bird to eat. Courier adverts show livestock for sale on a regular basis. Selling surplus stock brought in useful income, and there was a maximum viable capacity for the farm.

In September 1887 "13 good crossbred cows in calf" were for sale. In 1931, sales included a dairy shorthorn cow with calf, and a dark red dairy shorthorn stock bull. Surplus milk, once 15 gallons daily, was sold and the farm ran a milk round. "Store pigs" are advertised at times: unweaned pigs weighing less than 40kg (88lbs) for fattening. Having manure to sell comes as a natural bonus of keeping livestock! Eggs, poultry, horses and dogs are all sold by Charity Farm on occasion.

Much of the equipment (or 'Dead Stock') relates to feeding livestock. Once meadow hay is cut, a horse-drawn hay tedder with moving forks lifts and aerates it. Then it's raked into rows, collected and stacked in haystacks. A lot of hard manual work went into making animal feed more

digestible. Hay or straw is cut into small pieces with a chaff cutter, cattle cake is broken up and roots are pulped or sliced. All done by turning handles.... Then there is the daily routine care.

There were cows to milk, horses to groom, eggs to collect, all the livestock to feed, and manure to

### THURSDAY NEXT.

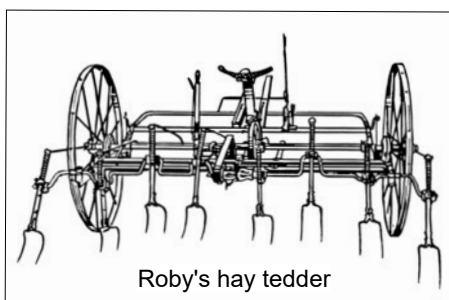
#### CHARITY FARM (or Lipscombes), TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

**M**R T. P. HODSON, having let the Farm, is favoured with instructions from Mr Geo. Wickens, who is giving up this holding, to **SELL BY AUCTION**, on the premises as above, on **THURSDAY, 17th September, 1891**, at Two o'clock precisely, the valuable **LIVE and DEAD FARMING STOCK**.

The **LIVE STOCK** comprises 8 powerful up-standing Cart Mares and Geldings, including valuable nag mare, black pony, and a foal; 12 superior Dairy Cows, Steers and Calves, 20 Kent Ewes, 11 head of Swine, quantity Poultry, black Retriever Dog, etc.

The **DEAD STOCK** includes well-built waggon, two dung carts, light spring carts, Howard's iron horse rake, Roby's hay tedder, nidget, harrows, two mowing machines, two-knife chaff cutter, ladders, sheep and pig troughs, corn crusher, cake breaker, root pulper, sack barrow, bullock crib, wheelbarrow, forks, prongs, hoes, shovels, corn chests, hay rakes, dog kennel, new stack cloth, poles, blocks, pulleys and ropes, waggon cloths, cow chains, quantity harness, thatching rods, stakes and benders, large quantity house faggots, hurdles, pea boughs, the growing crops in two orchards, about 40 tons prime Meadow Hay, and miscellaneous Household Furniture.

Auction notice Courier September 1891



clean up. I hope this has given some idea of life on a small mixed farm in Victorian times.

**Mary Hughes**

Sources: Kent & Sussex Courier 1873-1950 (©Local World Ltd courtesy of The British Library Board) via the British Newspaper Archive & the Centre for Kentish Studies



## Spring Flowers in the Park

Grosvenor and Hilbert Park is fortunate to have two areas of ancient woodland, which, as on all old farms and estates, bear individual names – Folly Shaw and Roundabout Wood. These ancient woods have a characteristic suite of flowers, which mainly bloom in the spring before the trees come fully into leaf and create deep shade.

This is the classic High Wealden 'bluebell wood', with species that have poor powers of dispersal. Flowers like bluebells increase mainly by spreading across the ground, so they are a reliable indicator of continuous woodland cover stretching back many centuries. If you look



Bluebells flowering in the Park



Wood Anemone

at woodland on a site like Tunbridge Wells Common where it has developed relatively recently, you will see hardly any bluebells – and the few that are there have probably been deliberately planted.

Although bluebells are the most obvious spring flowers in the woods of our Park, there are other ancient indicator species growing alongside them. The white, sometimes pink-tinted, Wood Anemone is the only native anemone on the British list.

Similarly, Wood Sorrel – white with delicate mauve lines on its petals – is Britain's only native Oxalis, although many species are grown in gardens and sometimes escapes into the wild. Wood Sorrel's trefoil leaves are easily recognisable even when the plant is not in flower.



Wood Sorrel



Lesser Celandine



Common Dog Violet

The bright glossy yellow flowers of Lesser Celandine often start appearing remarkably early, even in late January in our increasingly mild winters. They belong to the buttercup family, but their larger number of petals and heart-shaped leaves are very different.

Common Dog Violet is another well-known flower of spring woodlands, and it is the characteristic High Wealden representative of its group. The epithet 'Dog' is a pejorative term, as it has no scent and so was less valued than the similar looking Sweet Violet.

The peculiar-looking Lords and Ladies or Cuckoo-pint is a member of the arum family. Its green hood and purple spur attract and trap the tiny flies that serve as its pollinators. They find the enclosed section at the bottom of the hood where the pollen is. The flies are trapped by hairs which later wither, allowing them to escape once well covered with pollen.

They then move on to another flower, delivering pollen and repeating the process. Although the flowers are quite short-lived, the resultant spike of bright red berries is in evidence throughout the rest of the year, standing out very clearly in woodland shade.



Lords & Ladies in flower



Lords & Ladies: spikes of berries



Ransoms

Alongside the chalybeate stream in Folly Shaw grows Ramsons, with its dense clusters of white, star-shaped flowers and broad lance-shaped leaves. The plant's ancient name is Ransoms (and the origin of the local placename Ramslye), although many people call it Wild Garlic. After flowering in spring, the leaves rapidly wither away, so that later in the year there is no sign of it,

Coltsfoot is an early flower – sometimes appearing in late January – of more open habitats. The wetland area is a good place to see it. It looks rather like a dandelion, but the flowers grow on distinctive scaly stems and appear earlier than the large heart-shaped leaves.

Also in the wetland area, growing in large clumps by the water's edge, is Marsh Marigold or Kingcup, a giant member of the buttercup family with large glossy kidney-shaped leaves. It generally starts blooming in March, but occasional flowers may come out in late winter.



Coltsfoot



Marsh Marigold

**Ian Beavis**



## Meet the Park User



Christine with Molly

As you enter the gates of the Park, a feeling of calm descends! My husband Richard and I come from Pembury a few times a week with our rescue dog Molly.

We have met many lovely friendly people on our walks here. The park keeper Tony is so dedicated to his work,

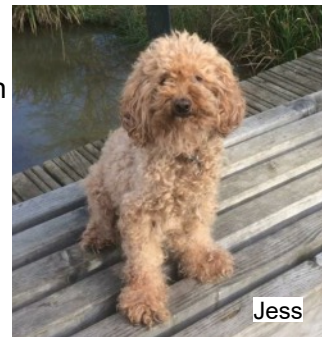
but he tells us "I just love my job" and it really shows. I see a real sense of 'community' with the volunteers who plant the baskets for the railings at the play area and bowling green. As a Parish Councillor in Pembury, I took the idea back to the Parish Council, so we now have baskets on our play area railings!

The woodland walk is so delightful and how lovely to have a community orchard. All these areas, including watching people enjoy growing crops in their allotments, make the Park a true oasis of calm and enjoyment.

**Christine Snow**

## Dogs in the Park

My name is Jess and I am a miniature poodle. I have been with my human since I was eight weeks and I am now 13 years old. Don't be deceived by this scruffy look – I am a Princess in disguise!



Jess

I have been coming to this beautiful Park all my life, and I do believe that it's all part of my realm. I graciously let my subjects use it, as long as they don't come too close. Then, unfortunately, I have to put them in their place – they have to learn!

I used to chase my ball all over the Park, but now I'm older, I keep my dignity. A quiet stroll through the woods or round by the Lake is now more my style.

When I am at home, my duties never end. I sit at the window in Camden Road to warn my human of any threatening marauders. She says I haven't been the easiest of dogs, but she adores me nevertheless.

**Frances Preece**

## Tunbridge Wells u3a Gardening Group in the Park

Have you noticed the Spring colour showing in the raised beds at the end of the pathway from Dorking Road by the allotments into the Park?

These 'bee beds' were created as part of the Heritage Lottery Funded 'Cross Pollination Project', conducted between 2016 and 2020. The goal is conservation of honeybees, native bees and other pollinating insects. This is done by scientific study, the creation of more foraging habitat, awareness-raising and education.



Adding new plants



Borage & *Lythrum salicaria* 'Blush'

The Cross Pollination Project

ended in 2020, and later that year the gardening group of Tunbridge Wells u3a offered to take over the care and maintenance of the beds. Planting in the four raised beds remains much as per the original plans and still Golden Rod, Helianthus, Nepeta and Purple Loosestrife grow enthusiastically each year.

Daffodils and crocuses have been introduced for Spring interest, while most of last year's plants have gradually been cut back to allow for regrowth. Soon we will repaint the woodwork, and the Buddleia, Wild Wallflowers and Verbena

Bonariensis will be providing nectar and pollen for the bees.

In December last year, the gardening group felt it would be worthwhile to create a lasting celebration of the 30th anniversary of u3a groups in Tunbridge Wells. With the help of Tony and Kasia, we planted three rowan (or mountain ash) trees on the bank that leads up from the bee beds to the Hilbert Road gates. Many thanks to FoGH, Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom and Kent High Weald Project for their support for our group.



The beds in late summer

Tunbridge Wells u3a is part of an international movement, set up by mainly retired members, who enjoy making friends through shared learning and hobbies. TWu3a started in 1991 and there are now over 100 interest groups. They vary from Science and Technology, French, Spanish and Italian Conversation. There's also walking groups, regular social meetings and organised day trips. More details can be found on the website: <https://www.tunbridgewellsu3a.org/>

**Lindsay Hasell, Tunbridge Wells u3a**



Daffodils in flower



The three rowan trees

## Spring Events

### **Moth Identification & Spring Crafts.....Saturday 19th March 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Join Ian Beavis to identify the early spring-flying moths caught overnight in the Park.  
Make seed bombs that will encourage pollinators, plus other crafts!  
Free drop-in event at the Hub. All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Boardwalk Repair.....Thursday 31st March 10am – 3pm**

Kent High Weald Partnership volunteer day. To learn more, see [www.khwp.org.uk/](http://www.khwp.org.uk/)  
Meet at the Hilbert Road gates & wear suitable clothing & footwear.

### **FoGH Spring Clean.....Sunday 3rd April 2 – 4pm**

Join FoGH at the Hub for a litter pick to tidy up the Park. All equipment provided.  
Please wear appropriate shoes & clothing. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Easter Egg Hunt.....Easter Sunday 17th April 2 – 3.30pm**

Meet at the Oast House. Explore more of Hilbert Park by following our Easter trail!  
Free event, no booking. All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **FoGH Dog Show.....Sunday 8th May 10 – 11.30am**

Choice of classes (£5 suggested donation to enter). Registration from 9.30am.  
On the lower football pitch. See posters & social media for more details.

### **FoGH Annual General Meeting & Book Launch.....Thursday 12th May 7 for 7.30pm**

Join us at the Hub for cheese, wine & soft drinks. Help shape the future of FoGH!  
Only paid up members can vote: please contact the Membership Secretary to check or to join.  
Book Launch: the updated FoGH book on Grosvenor & Hilbert Park will be available to purchase.

### **FoGH Community Basket Planting.....Sunday 22nd May pm**

Help FoGH brighten up the railings by the Hub & Bowling Green.  
Tools, plants & equipment provided: please wear appropriate clothing & footwear

### **Moth Identification.....Saturday 11th June 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Join Ian Beavis to identify the moths caught overnight in the Park.  
Free drop-in event at the Hub. All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

**For more information about any of these events, see social media & look out for posters in the Park.**

FoGH website: [www.fogh.org.uk](http://www.fogh.org.uk) Facebook [www.facebook.com/GrosvenorHilbert](https://www.facebook.com/GrosvenorHilbert)

Twitter <https://twitter.com/FofGH> or Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/ghparkfriends/>

## Storm Damage in the Park

As well as twigs and small branches throughout the Park, one tree came down in Roundabout Wood. Snapping off about 15 feet up the trunk, it landed on the boardwalk running from the orchard to Redleaf Close. Other branches came down with it, which left the boardwalk impassable. The tree has been cleared, but repairs to the boardwalk and wattle fencing are needed. Join KHWP on Thursday 31st March! **Chris Hughes**



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