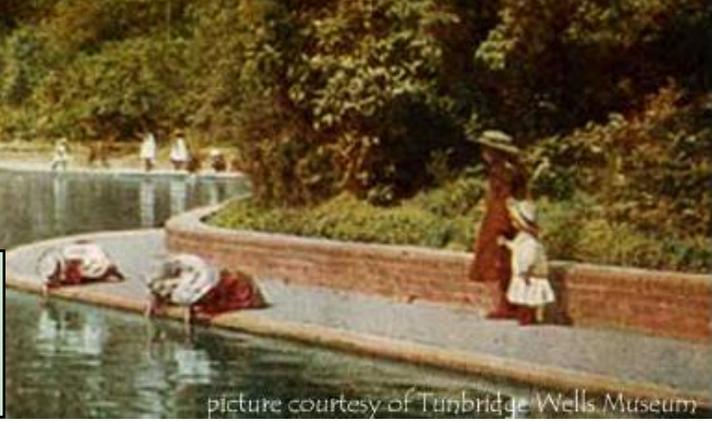




Friends of Grosvenor and Hilbert Park (FoGH)



Newsletter 11 Summer 2014



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Meet the HLF Community Engagement Officer for Grosvenor and Hilbert Park...

My name is Cally Fiddimore and I am a local Tunbridge Wells resident and Park user. I studied Countryside Management at Plumpton College and have had varying countryside roles with conservation charities (such as Kent Wildlife Trust) and local government bodies. Previously, I was Assistant Partnership Officer for Kent High Weald Partnership – so you may have already met me in Hilbert Woods, at National Play Day or at bat walks last year! My role is mainly to deliver the Activity Plan for the Park’s Heritage Lottery Fund Project. This means working closely with the Friends group and Kent High Weald Partnership, as well as the local community, groups, schools and organisations to conserve and improve the Park’s landscape and heritage. There will be events, activities and education, as well as opportunities for learning, volunteering and participating.



As soon as there is an internet connection at the Pavilion, I plan to be in the Park full time. You can email me at cally.fiddimore@tunbridgewells.gov.uk and I shall be on social media sites under the name Grosvenor & Hilbert Park HLF. There will be links via the Friends group pages and regular updates in the newsletter.

There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved and I am looking for volunteers for various different jobs and activities. If you are interested in the Park, wildlife, horticulture, social media, photography, art, bushcraft, conservation, history, writing, music, sport or play, I would like to hear from you.

You don’t need specific skills (though they are also very welcome) and any amount of time would be most appreciated.

If you are interested in getting involved or have any questions please contact me



Chairman's Letter

Firstly, all of us in the Friends group would like to give a very warm welcome to Cally Fiddimore, our newly recruited Community Engagement Officer, who will be helping to involve the wider community with all aspects of Park activities. She has already been busy arranging activities for teenage Park users and has helped with and augmented our summer calendar of events.



Back in February, when we were all recovering from the incessant rain and storms of last winter, Kent High Weald Partnership took on the challenge of repairing the submerged ‘pallet bridge’ in Folly Shaw. This had degenerated into a chalybeate quagmire during the worst of the weather. In a few hours, they had cleared the water course and transformed an obstacle course into a fully functional link for the walking route through the Park, which has been greeted with great appreciation by many Park users.

The winter weather played a problematic hand in our arrangements for the Family Fun Day this year. The lower football pitch had been waterlogged for so long that large areas were too boggy to use for stalls or entertainment stands. We decided to spread the layout from the upper football pitch right through the Park to the hard court area by the lake. With the weather kindly gracing us with a glorious sunny day, there seemed to be plenty of room for the 8000 or so people who came to enjoy the day.

As before, the Parks Department of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council helped with many important preparations and I would especially like to thank Peter Every for this continued valuable support. Additionally, many kind people from the neighbourhood volunteered to help with stewarding and to get stalls and gazebos up and working, as well as helping with packing away and tidying up at the end of the day. A truly community inspired effort, making it all the more enjoyable and worthwhile.



In this, our 125th year since the Park’s inauguration, it’s relevant to reflect upon the spirit that motivated Councillor John Stone Wigg to donate the land for the Grosvenor Recreation Ground for the use of the local population for their recreation and pleasure. With our activities in the Friends Group, we feel that we have put Grosvenor and Hilbert Park firmly back into the main stream of attention as a highly valued community space, proved by so many people coming along to join in the variety of events that we have organised.

Thank you for all the continued support and have a very good summer!

Liz Edwards

Update from the Parks Department

Since the last newsletter, we have moved on from the initial excitement of the HLF award, with a lot of work carried out in the background. We now have a number of jobs that need starting ahead of the main works later this year and very shortly you will see things start to happen. The following works have been commissioned:



- Moving the telegraph pole in Rochdale Road.
- Moving the sub station from its old location.
- Removing silt from the pond and installing aeration pads to clear the water.

In order for the sub station to be moved, we need to move the Sodexo container out of the compound and the plan is to move it over to the Oast House while the work is being carried out. The Park keeper will remain in the Pavilion for the time being. We will need to open the historic entrance to facilitate the work, however, we will ensure the entrance is secured once UK Power Network have finished.

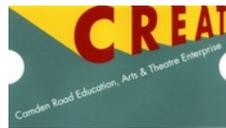
We now have a new team member in Cally Fiddimore, our HLF Community Engagement Officer who you will see around the Park. Cally's main job is to deliver the activity plan for the next five years and will be looking for volunteers, so if you're interested, contact Cally (cally.fiddimore@tunbridgewells.gov.uk).

Over the winter I have been made aware of a number of maintenance issues in the Park and, in particular, the lack of staff on site. This has been discussed with Sodexo's senior managers and I have been assured this will be addressed for the future. Sodexo have agreed to bring in Staff from another contract to catch up on some of the work they failed to complete over winter. In addition, they have appointed a new contract manager to review how the contract is delivered and make any changes necessary: please be assured they are contractually obliged to provide a Park keeper in the Park.

If you have any questions regarding the HLF project or the Park in general please contact me 01892 554031 or peter.every@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

Peter Every - Parks & Sports Team Leader TWBC

Camden Road Education, Arts & Theatre Enterprise



CREATE presents:

Summer Community Concert.....Friday 27th June 7.30pm

At St Barnabas School Hall. Joint concert with the CREATE choir, Southborough Primary School and St Barnabas School.

Nose in a Book Night.....First Thursday of every month 8.30pm

At the Church of Christ, Commercial Road. An informal hour of sharing and reading short pieces of writing based on a theme. Fact or fiction, prose or poetry, famous or unknown: the theme is widely applied!

CREATE Community Choir.....Rehearsals on Thursdays 7.15pm

At the Church of Christ, Commercial Road, off Camden Road

A FUN informal choir for those who enjoy singing, with no auditions: just turn up and join in!

To help cover costs we ask for a voluntary donation of around £3 a week: contact choir@camdenroad.org

See the CREATE website www.camdenroad.org for full details of all events

At the
Bowls Pavilion

Open 7 days
a week

10:30 - 4 PM
(weather permitting)

for hot & cold drinks, light
refreshments

www.panionthepark.co.uk



Climb and Punishment

Laura Ansell gave us a talk at The Allotment pub on February 19th about her charity climb of Mount Kilimanjaro. This fund-raising climb was for Village Education Project Kilimanjaro (VEPK), a charity providing educational resources to the Kilimanjaro region in Tanzania. Laura funded the trip by doing 'good deeds' in return for a donation, included ironing, cooking, gardening, decorating and a host of other things! Along the way, she got involved in befriending the elderly, helping disabled children to access activities and mentoring homeless people. One of her good deeds was helping at the 2013 Family Fun Day, so we were keen to hear how she got on with her climb in September 2013.



Laura gave an excellent description of the climb, and the workings behind Kilimanjaro, a source of employment for many locals. I had never considered the incredible range of climates from rainforest mountain base to snowy peak, the regimented daily climb timetable and permanent camp-sites on the mountain and all the waste created by the many charity climbers. It was a fascinating insight, warts and all, sharing the struggles, personal conflicts and amazing triumph.

She painted a vivid picture of Tanzania and the work done by VEPK and happily answered all our questions afterwards. Laura was the first to climb the mountain pregnant – so many thanks to Laura and congratulations on the birth of baby Rosie Imara (Swahili for "Strong willed") Ansell May 12th 10:37pm 8lb 11oz

See www.kiliproject.org/ or search for Lauras-Good-Deed-Project on Facebook.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Celebration



Easter Sunday for many of us is a very special celebration and the Easter Sunrise Service in Grosvenor and Hilbert Park is a highlight of the day. Thirty eight of us from many of the churches in Tunbridge Wells met at 8am to worship and rejoice in Christ's resurrection. We were led by Cliff Allen, pastor at the Church of Christ, and Matthew Fryett, from St Matthew's who led our singing. There is something wonderful about being outside with other Christians in our glorious Park. After the service the children ran around looking for Easter eggs, although I think some of them had a good idea where they were hidden! A welcome cooked breakfast followed at the Church of Christ. **Jane Melville**

Easter Eggstravaganza

The Easter Sunday event on the 20th April was the first time we have encountered major opposition from the elements during one of our events. After near perfect weather during the two previous weeks, we were greeted with torrential rain right on cue for 2 o'clock! There was a fantastic team of helpers who put up a large gazebo. For those brave people who came along, some 30 children with their parents, there were games and activities under the shelter, organised by parents from St Barnabas School, then a dash outside to roll an egg.



Many congratulations to the hardy prizewinners;

Under 5s: Best Dressed Egg: Ben Melville Egg Rolling: Stanley Ellard.
5 – 7 years: Best Dressed Egg: Harry Turnbull Egg Rolling: Harry Turnbull.
8 – 11 years: Best Dressed Egg: Beth Rideout Egg Rolling: Alex Turton.

Sincere thanks to the parents and children who came along despite the weather! And a huge thank you to the volunteers, Kate Saunders, John and Lorraine Rideout, Jenni Turnbull and Cally Fiddimore. I have never seen a gazebo packed away in such record time as I did on Easter Sunday! **Liz Edwards**



Annual General Meeting Saturday 17th May

Thank you to all who came to the AGM in St Barnabas School Hall. After refreshments, Chairman Liz Edwards welcomed everyone. In Treasurer John Bushell's absence, Jane Melville read his report, and we were pleased to hear that we are slowly gaining funds, which could be used in the Park in future. This year we had sponsorship and awards towards the cost of the Family Fun Day.



The Chairman's report discussed our advisory role with the HLF work and our links with the local community. Cally Fiddimore, the Park's Community Engagement Officer was introduced and explained her role. Then committee member Sue Kaner talked about our part in the Town Forum. Sue also stood in for Peter Every to discuss FoGH's attendance at the HLF Project Board Meetings. You can still comment on the proposed works by emailing friendsghrp@aol.com

We welcomed new committee members Julie Timms and Deborah Bawden.

Carolyn T Gray

Plant & Play for Britain in Bloom

Having entered the Britain in Bloom *It's Your Neighbourhood* scheme for volunteer-led community groups, Saturday 24th May saw a small group huddled under the gazebo in sheeting rain wondering if anyone would turn up!



However, despite the weather 5-year-old James was first along with his very own trowel and once the rain stopped, the sun came out and we started planting. Soon other children joined in and at the end of the afternoon all the wall troughs had been planted. In addition, pupils from Temple Grove Academy and both St James Infants and Junior Schools had already planted three troughs which were added to ours.

The wall troughs have been attached to the railings around the children's play area and Pavilion wall and brighten up the area no end.

Now we just have to keep them watered and watch them grow!

We were pleased to welcome Judy Moulange and Den to sell plants on behalf of the Primrose Project in Rusthall. Our Secretary, Jane Melville, had interesting and thought-provoking children's activities.

Thanks to all those who came and planted (with special mention to James for his boundless enthusiasm!) and to the FoGH volunteers who made this happen. Liz Edwards in particular worked incredibly hard both before and during the event. **Mary Hughes**

Plants & compost supplied by Coolings Garden Centre & thanks to Kent High Weald Partnership for lending the trowels & gloves.



Family Fun Day Monday 5th June 2014

The warm dry weather certainly brought out the crowds and attendance this year exceeded expectations, with an estimated 7000 – 8000!

Many thanks to all those who came and for your donations.

Dog Show

At 11am prompt the 3rd FoGH Dog Show began on the top pitch. Word had spread far and wide, with 160 entries. The judges were Cllr Ben Chapelard, Julia Laidlaw (RSPCA) and Vicky James (vet) assisted by FoGH Committee Members and Lazy Dog Walkers Sue Kaner and Gordon McKee.



Archie regained Waggiest Tail after failing to place last year. Surprisingly, Jack lost his title as Most Obedient, despite winning for the past two years, with Bruce taking first. Jack regained his composure to win Best Trick, with an impressive retrieval of coloured balls in the right order! Choosing the Cutest Puppy was hard, as all were adorable, but after much deliberation the winner was Pippin. Tilly was chosen as Scruffiest Dog, to the delight of owner Dorothy, followed by an impressive win for Alfie as Best Looking

Crossbreed. The event concluded with a convincing win for Jack as Best in Show.

Many Thanks to our judges and to all who took part. Watch out for some exciting new classes next year.

Waggiest Tail	1 Archie	2 Bun	3 Peggy
Most Obedient	1 Bruce	2 Bee	3 Basil
Cutest Puppy (under 1 yr)	1 Pippin	2 Millie	3 Tristan
Best Trick	1 Jack	2 Indi	3 Sam
Scruffiest Dog	1 Tilly	2 Teddy	3 Ted
Best Looking Crossbreed	1 Alfie	2 Watson	3 Bear
Best in Show	Jack		



While the sun was shining on the day, a very wet winter meant we had to plan for minimal use of the lower playing field. The main focus moved to the older Grosvenor half of the Park, fitting as 125 years ago the Park was officially opened. This year, the stage was on the hard standing court and here the Town Crier introduced The Mayor, Councillor Dr Ronen Basu, who opened the event. He was joined by St James' Councillors David Neve and Ben Chapelard, and the FoGH patron, Greg Clark MP. An afternoon of music and dance followed.



Scuffed Soul started the show, followed by performances from, Issy Cee, Milly McCarron, James Wood, Second Helpin, Sean de Burca, The Rich List, David Warren and Rocinia.

Flamenco Mosaico entertained in between performances. Recall Theatre brought the cast of Les Miserables who filled the stage! Sincere thanks to all the performers and to Dan and David from Acoustic Valium Project.

We welcomed again SERV Kent Blood Runners with their motorbikes, and a host of craft stalls. Oxfam Bookshop had a stall for the second year running said: "Great to see so many children buying books!" Heroic face-painting award goes to the girls from TWGGS raising funds for the Ghana Education Project...

Food in this area was provided by Southborough Butchers with a hog roast and BBQ, and the FoGH tea and cake tent, staffed by Committee Member Kate Jackson and friends.



The FoGH stand was by Panini on the Park, with Town and Country raising awareness of their community involvement. Once again the tombola was a great success, with some super prizes donated. Grosvenor Bowls Club ran their popular 'Have a Go' all afternoon, attracting crowds and four potential new bowlers. Touring theatre attraction The Rag and Bone Man told stories and entertained the crowds.



Near Auckland Road entrance were Riffham's Donkeys, whose donkeys gave rides all afternoon, mixed with long rests eating and drinking. Also in this area was a fish and chip van, the CREATE choir and Imaginarium, vintage cars, stalls from KHWP and Tim Christian Nature Services, and a beer tent run by The Sussex Arms.



The Hilbert Park field became the main place for activities, with inflatables from Bounce the Party. There was a coconut shy (raising money for a school rugby tour to Hong Kong and New Zealand in 2015), TW Tigers Inline Hockey, TW Vegans, TS Brilliant Sea Cadets and an animal craft stall (fundraising for a World Challenge trip to Ethiopia in April 2015).



With the wet area marked off, there was still lots of room on the field for people to sit and picnic. George and Toby returned, fundraising for their Tanzania trip with cake pop sales and the Wembley goal game. First time attendees were local volunteers representing Churches for Tunbridge Wells, with craft and fun activities.

Over at the zigzag bridge Dave Eagles was painting a journey through time mural to mark 125 years.



The Family Fun Day is such a success because of all the help we receive.

Massive thanks to our stewards and volunteers on the day and equally massive thanks to those who gave their time to provide the music, Dan and David at Acoustic Valium Project. Also to Park Keepers Gavin and Ryan from Sodexo for all their hard work and to everyone who put their rubbish in, or by a bin.

We had lots of donations for the tombola and our thanks go to these businesses who contributed:

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| Hever Castle | The Llama Park | Leeds Castle | Pashley Manor Gardens | Chiddingstone Castle |
| Unilever | Morrisons | Sainsburys | Waterstones | Boots |
| Il Vesuvio | Rendez-Vous | Bean St Johns | Javabean Cafe | Black Dog Cafe |
| Smiffy's Munch | Acoustic Valium Project | Nod Pod | New Beacon School, Sevenoaks | Mavala |



We were very fortunate to have Town and Country as our sponsor. We also received money from John Lewis At Home Community Matters and the Kent and Sussex Courier Heart of the Community awards. This helps with the costs of stage hire, British Red Cross attendance, insurance and licences. We have invested in tabards, walkie talkies, banners and a marquee to use for this, and future events.

The fine weather brought large crowds to the Park, although at all times the numbers were manageable. We hope everyone had a good day, and that there was something for everyone. We'd love your feedback on the day, or if you want to help, email editors@FoGH.org.uk
Carolyn T Gray

Hedgehogs in the Park revisited

Hedgehog Awareness Week 2014 was 4th – 10th May, so now is an ideal time to revisit last year's hedgehog survey. I was told of a number of hedgehog sightings, but sadly only a few people completed the survey. However, there were sightings in Ravenswood and Auckland Road and one was seen in the Park between the Bowling Green and the wetland area. Recently, a hedgehog was found in lower Auckland Road and droppings were seen in Dorking Road. There is a population in the area, so the survey will carry on. If you see a hedgehog or their droppings (and don't forget to listen for snorts and snuffles when it starts to get dark: they are noisy creatures), please download our survey form at www.FoGH.org.uk/hedgehogs



Hedgehog numbers have collapsed by 37% in the last 10 years, with the alarm first raised by members of the public and amateur observations are important in estimating hedgehog numbers. In good habitats, they can be found at about one per hectare (about 25 typical back gardens). They like leafy suburbs with green spaces like parks, playing fields and allotments, but need at least a square kilometre of well-connected habitat to sustain a population. The Park and surrounding area should be ideal, but they need our help.

One garden is not enough: they need a patchwork of gardens with a variety of micro-habitats and food sources. Gardens are often fragmented by fences and walls, which is where 'Hedgehog Street' comes in!



Become a 'Hedgehog Champion' and make your garden hedgehog-friendly:

❖ Eliminate hazards

- Strim carefully, give ponds gently sloping edges & check bonfires before lighting.
- Be careful with garden or sports netting: hedgehogs (and birds) get entangled.
- Never give hedgehogs bread & milk: it upsets their stomachs. Use meat cat food.

❖ Give hedgehogs what they need (food, water and shelter).

- Let a corner of your garden get wild & avoid chemicals to encourage invertebrates.
- Give them a dish of water in hot dry weather.
- Don't be too tidy: hedgehogs need leaves to make nests with & shrubs to build them under.

❖ Talk to your neighbours: make hedgehog-sized holes (13 cm/5 inches square) between your gardens

Hedgehog Street is community conservation in action and lets you enjoy a connection with a genuinely wild animal in your back garden! (See www.hedgehogstreet.org/ for more information.)

If you find a hedgehog out during the day, it's in trouble! Please put it in a box & contact Folly Wildlife Rescue Centre 07957 949825 8.00am - 8.00pm

Mary Hughes

Sport Report

Football Neither team playing in the Park had a good season, both finishing at the bottom of Division 4.

Athletic Allotment (green hoops) struggled for form all season and had only one win, in the penultimate game (a 5 – 4 thriller against King William IV). The team lost key players during the season and nearly folded.

West Kent Sunday League Division 4 2013 – 2014 FINAL

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Tonbridge 6 in 6 Res (C)	18	14	1	3	71	31	40	43
2	The Boars	18	12	1	5	63	42	21	37
3	Brown Trout	18	10	3	5	49	36	13	33
4	Royal Oak	18	9	1	8	56	56	0	28
5	Cassidy's Phoenix	18	9	1	8	52	58	- 6	28
6	King William IV	18	9	0	9	76	33	43	27
7	Green Lane Reserves	18	7	5	6	32	44	-12	26
8	Langton Green	18	6	2	10	42	60	-18	20
9	TN1 FC	18	3	4	11	37	76	-39	13
10	Athletico Allotment	18	1	2	15	26	68	-42	5

They finished bottom and will go down, but are signing new players and rebuilding for the next season.

TN1 FC (navy with white trim) made a better start to the season, but their form deteriorated in 2014, with a string of 6 losses. They secured a 3 – 2 victory against Athletic Allotment, but this was not enough to stop them from going down.

They are also rebuilding for next season.

See www.wksl.org.uk/index **Mary Hughes**

Bowls

My name is Chris Hall and I am the Grosvenor Bowls Club Captain for this season. This is my first time as club captain, after a year as vice captain to our previous captain Stuart Moaby. My two vice-captains this year are Jo Cartwright and Norman Barton: both previous club captains, with great knowledge and dedication.

The new bowls season is here and everyone involved with the club is raring to go and looking forward to the club friendlies and county games during the summer. We have a full fixture list, with three new clubs to play, as well as the friendly club matches.

We ran a Have-a-go session at the Family Fun Day and to it was a pleasure to see all ages having a good time learning how to play bowls. I have managed to get four new potential bowlers and I know they are keen to play more games.

There are rollup evenings every Wednesday night at 6pm, so everyone is welcome: all you need are flat shoes to come and have a try. It's great way to have a go and to meet new people! See www.facebook.com/GrosvenorBowls

Chris Hall



Bridging The Gap

Volunteers from the Kent High Weald Partnership were out in force on Wednesday 26th February 2014, working in Hilbert Woods Local Nature Reserve within the Park. One team worked on clearing brambles in the wood, while a second team constructed a temporary bridge over the Chalybeate stream close to Folly Shaw.



Although the Heritage Lottery funding has been agreed for improvements to the Park, the pallet bridge was in urgent need of attention as it was mostly under water! The volunteers firstly cleared all the old pallets, wood and other bits and pieces that made up the current "bridge". They then laid down the support framework, on top of which were fixed decking boards, creating a boardwalk bridge. Finally, the old pallets were used to build an extension over the flooded path to the bridge, making it easier for visitors to get through this part of the Park.

Hopefully this temporary bridge will last until the permanent, Heritage Lottery funded one is built. This will be a new timber bridge and viewing platform over the stream and its associated wetland area. The banks will be re-graded and re-seeded. Slightly further downstream, an area subject to water-logging will be managed as a wetland area, with marginal planting and specimen trees. This work is currently scheduled to start from spring 2015, subject to confirmation.

Chris Hughes



View from the Allotment



The Broad Beans planted last October are looking good in flower. These are backed up with four new rows planted over the last month, so we expect a long scrumptious harvest.

The early crop Maris Piper and Maris Peer are showing, but Charlotte is taking her time. And still to come, we have the promise of a good main crop from Agria and Desiree. All potatoes of course.

Sadly, our Purple Sprouting Broccoli has just gone to seed, having given us a huge tasty spring crop. We've also shared the last Cabbage with some happy slugs, and now only a few chards remain. So there's nothing else to eat now and, like every allotment holder, we are busy making final preparations to the soil and cossetting our seedlings. Yes, it is hard work, but it feeds you: a lot better than going to a mindless gym.

Alastair Melville

Dogs in the Park

My name is Diesel and I am a 4½ year old black Labrador. I came from kennels in Swanley, where I was born and lived with other Labradors and horses until I was two. I was very nervous at first and not used to living in a house, but I adapted with lots of love and help.



I gradually met other dogs at the Park and got used to playing with my friends Jack, Lola, Scamp and Brian. Ollie is my special friend. His young owner Riley was a baby when we first met, but now says my name. Everyone says I have turned into a cheeky confident dog and I always remember who has given me treats. I head straight for them when I see them, especially Marie with Daisy-May.

I am also a PAT dog and I go to nursing homes to see the elderly people. They stroke me and give me treats. I look smart when I wear my yellow waistcoat.

Alan & Julie Timms

Children's Activity



Because the Park opened 125 years ago, we are looking back to Victorian times. Hats have been worn for centuries and when the Park opened in 1889 most people, women in particular, would wear a hat when they went out. There were many different hats, from simple to elaborate.



Why don't you make and decorate a hat to wear to the 125th Anniversary Picnic on June 29th?

You will need:

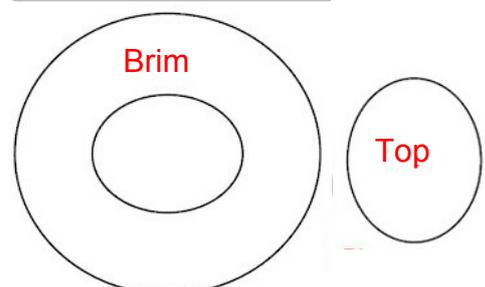
- Thin cardboard
- Pencil & ruler
- Tape measure
- Scissors
- Adhesive tape
- Paint or crayons
- Ribbon & decorations

Instructions:

1. Measure around your head.
2. Cut card that length to form the crown
3. Cut a large circle for the brim, then a smaller central circle the size of your head for the top.
4. Stick together with tape & decorate as you like.

Crown

Taller for a boys top hat & shorter for a girls hat



Dates for your Diary

125th Anniversary Picnic.....Sunday 29th June From 12.30pm

Today the Park is 125 years old! Come along to help us celebrate!
Bring a picnic and join us by the Children's Play Area.
Victorian theme: dress up if you like!



Creepy Crawly Quest & Crafts.....Friday 25th July 2-4pm

Go bug hunting then get creative making your own.
Meet on the field next to the Skate Park.

Limited spaces: book at cally.fiddimore@tunbridgewells.gov.uk



LOTTERY FUNDED

Woodland Walk.....Sunday 27th July 2 – 4pm

Celebrate Love Parks week with a walk through Hilbert Woods.
Led by Dr Ian Beavis. Meet at the Hilbert Road entrance.

Limited spaces: book at editors@fogh.org.uk



Wildlife Weekender..... Saturday 2nd August 10.30am – 1.30pm

KHWP A special weekend task for everyone!

Families are welcome to bring the kids -
they can join in or go and play out in the woods.
Wear appropriate clothing & footwear.



National Play Day!.....Wednesday 6th August 11am – 3pm

Kent High Weald Partnership

Come and join in this spectacular extravaganza.
We'll be next to the skate park with our usual array of outdoor play!
Hunt for a mini-beast, woodcraft, arts, crafts, face painting & much more!



Young Nature Hunters & Mini Beast Safari.....Thursday August 7th 10.30am – 4pm

Young Nature Hunters (any age) 10.30 – 11.30am
Mini Beast Safari (age 6 & over) 2.30 – 4.00pm
Free: advance booking essential via The Museum on
01892 554171 or museum@tunbridgewells.gov.uk



What Glows in the Park?.....Tuesday 19th August 8 – 9.30pm

Join us for a bat walk & see other dusky creatures in the Park.
Meet at the Bowls Pavilion.

Limited spaces: book at cally.fiddimore@tunbridgewells.gov.uk



LOTTERY FUNDED

Perfect Pasture.....Wednesday 27th August 10am – 3pm

KHWP Volunteer day

A day of traditional wood pasture management at Appledore Wood.
Come along with the family & stay all day or just for an hour!
Wear appropriate clothing & footwear.



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