

# Friends of Grosvenor & Hilbert Park (FoGH)



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## FAMILY FUN DAY

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### Chairman's Letter



Extending the Pavilion

As the Heritage Lottery Funded regeneration work continues, it's interesting to take an overview of the work so far and still to come. At Rochdale Road much of the work is finished, with the new sub-station and mains services in place. Bolt & Heeks are making good progress on the Pavilion and landscaping will take place in winter and spring.

Work to the Marnock Lake and Grottoes has been constant, with more silt needing to be removed than originally thought. The Grottoes are being restored to working order and the Lake area should reopen in September.



LOTTERY FUNDED

Plans for the Children's Play Area needed reassessment, due to escalating costs and high density of equipment. This meant delays with the original schedule, but they are working hard to complete by the summer holidays in July. There will be a mixture of refurbished and new equipment and we hope to retain a natural grass surface, instead of costly artificial surfaces.

Over the Hilbert side of the Park, the skate park has been refurbished, with improvements to the ramps bringing positive feedback. Work to the Oast House has begun, due to complete in September. The Community Orchard is growing well and a second phase of tree planting will take place in winter 2015/16. Anyone interested in sponsoring a tree should ring 01892 532835 or contact [editors@FoGH.org.uk](mailto:editors@FoGH.org.uk) Applications before 1st July please.



The Community Orchard in spring

The final part of the work is landscaping to repair the pathways, plant around the Marnock Lake and plant trees and hedgerows at the Upper Grosvenor Road and Hilbert Road entrances. There will be new surfaces at all entrances and around the Pavilion and Hub area. Finally, a boardwalk with viewing platforms will be installed in the wetland area, as well as banks to retain water to support plants and wildlife. On advice from environmental consultants, the water level has been temporarily lowered and work will take place in late autumn and winter, to reduce damage to wildlife.



Wetland area

Weather permitting, the work should be finished by the end of April 2016 and we will all be glad to be free of machinery and fencing! It will be exciting to see new growth and enjoy better facilities in this brilliant Park. With this in mind, I hope Park users can hold on to that goal as a promise worth achieving.

This time of the year is always busy with the intensive pre-planning and hard work to deliver the Family Fun Day. My warmest thanks to the volunteers and hard working committee members who put in so much effort to make the day a success – we couldn't do it without you! Community Engagement Officer Cally Fiddimore inspired many with her drive and enthusiasm and we wish her well on her return to Kent High Weald Partnership. We look forward to welcoming her replacement.

In spite of the mixed weather, the bluebells, wood anemones and ramsoms in Roundabout Wood were beautiful, if short lived. Everything is growing fast to make up for the slow start. There is a lot to look forward to over the summer, including magnificent heavy horses from the Working Horse Trust on 11th July.

Other events include the popular National Play Day, Bat Walk and Mini Beast Safaris, as well as a Woodland Walk and you can join KHWP volunteers in conservation work and replacing the boardwalk. One way or another there will be lots on in the Park to suit most outdoor interests, so I hope as many of you as possible will be out there to enjoy the longer summer days. Wishing you all a very good summer.



Celandine & Alice at work

**Liz Edwards**

## Update from the Parks Department

We are reaching an exciting time in the HLF project, with the capital works starting on site in June. Our appointed contractors for the soft landscape works are Blakedown Landscapes, who will be working in the Park for the next year. To give visitors an idea of which parts of the Park will be closed during the works, we have put up notices around the Park to help.



Work to the play area starts in early June and the play area will be closed during this time.

Our contractors, Playsafe Playgrounds, hope to have the play area opened again for the summer holidays.

As some of you may know, our Community Engagement Officer, Cally Fiddimore, has left her job for a new position with Kent High Weald Partnership. Cally will still be around the Park working with volunteers on the boardwalk in the woodlands and other projects. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well with her new job. We are currently recruiting Cally's replacement and I hope to have someone in position by July.

With Summer just around the corner and the nice weather tempting us outside, many of you will be considering a BBQ in the Park. We do permit BBQs in the Park but we do ask that you follow a few simple rules:

- No BBQs in the Meadow Areas or after 9pm.
- Disposable BBQs must be placed on metal stands or bricks, not Park furniture or other items.
- To avoid accidents, keep children and pets away from the BBQ. No throwing or sports games near the BBQ.
- Never leave the BBQ unattended and ensure it is cool before attempting to move it.
- If your group consists of more than 5 people please let the Parks Team know.
- Before disposing of a used BBQ, ensure it is totally extinguished, by letting it get cold or pouring water over.

Enjoy the Park over the summer, but please be aware there will be vehicles moving around the Park over the next few months, so please do take care and keep dogs close to you.

As always, if you have any questions or comments about the Park or Heritage Lottery work, please get in touch on 01892 554031 or [peter.every@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:peter.every@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) **Peter Every - Parks & Sports Team Leader TWBC**

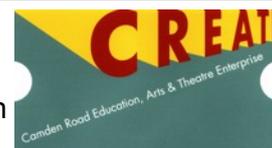
## Camden Road Education, Arts & Theatre Enterprise

### Summer Concert.....Saturday 11th July 7.30pm

St Thomas' Church, Groombridge. A concert of popular songs, words & musical medleys on the theme of 'The Rhythm of Life'

*Tickets £7 (Concessions £5) to include refreshments.*

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



### 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!

We would welcome more members, ESPECIALLY MEN!!

*To help cover costs we ask for a voluntary donation of around £3 a week: contact [choir@camdenroad.org](mailto:choir@camdenroad.org)*

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

At the Church of Christ, Commercial Road. An informal hour sharing favourite pieces of writing based on a theme & bringing them alive by performance. (Unhappy to read in public? Someone else can read your piece.) Fact or fiction, prose or poetry, famous or unknown: the theme is widely applied!

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

## Ramblings of a Merry Mum

We've been watching nature wake up over the past few months. It seemed to take forever for the foliage to form its verdant umbrella across the Park this year. But now it's here, it is a joy to behold after the stark greyness of winter. We have missed spotting the mummy duck with her baby ducklings that we usually see on the Lake at this time of year. But we're looking forward to the finding some elderflowers and making a less explosive brew than last year!

The big news for people with little ones is the closure of the playground. We can't wait to see the revamped version, but we will miss the instant entertainment the swings, slides and climbing frames provide.

Once again the Family Fun Day was a huge triumph. We had tonnes of fun – on donkeys, bouncing things and a Star Wars caving experience (courtesy of the Scouts). Also, we have really enjoyed the other events in the Park this year, including the Frog Fun Day in the Easter holidays. Mask making and learning all about our amphibious friends was great fun.



Donkey rides at the FFD



Ben in his frog mask

**Emma Melville**

## Saturday 21st March – a Blooming Good Day!



Planting herb beds

The volunteers were out in the Park for Tunbridge Wells in Bloom, to brighten things up for spring and summer. Families put in wildlife friendly plants and a herb garden in the flower beds next to the Bowling green. The old flower beds had become overgrown and needed rejuvenating, so the weeding was done previously. Hopefully the herbs will be used by the Cafe when it re opens later in the year.

Despite the variable weather and cold wind, local parents and children, along with members of the

FoGH committee, worked hard to get the plants in. We were impressed with the work of the young gardeners, with 4-year old Oscar Butt putting in over 20 plants.

The event was organised by Community Engagement Officer Cally Fiddimore as part of the RHS Britain in Bloom 'In Your Neighbourhood' scheme. This follows on from other 'Bloom' events in the Park, like the Community Orchard planting, hedge planting and primrose planting days in January and February. **Chris Hughes**



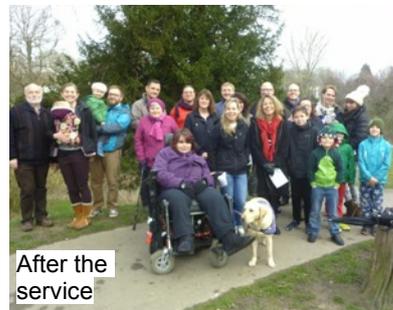
Oscar at work



Harry (2) & Lily Anna Scotcher (5)

## Easter Unleashed!

"Great to worship God surrounded by nature and springtime" "A fresh and uplifting spiritual experience" ...Some comments from the Annual 'Sunrise' Easter Sunday Service held at 8am near the Park's main gates.



After the service

Although it's not always easy to rise early on a holiday weekend, a mixed-aged crowd eagerly gathered again this year to give thanks for the transforming message of Christ's resurrection. Bringing the real meaning of Easter into the Open Air, and uniting celebrators from different Christian traditions and none, the informal service combines short readings, poems and an inspirational talk, with prayers, testimony and songs – well known and modern.

Feeling perhaps more like it may have felt for the early Christians outdoors, the time of sharing ended with the more current giving of chocolate eggs and invitation to a cooked breakfast at the Church of Christ, Commercial Road. **Lynn Allen**

For more information on local churches or events, please contact Cliff Allen on 01892 514050 or see [www.ctwv.org.uk](http://www.ctwv.org.uk)

## Easter Egg Hunt

We had much better weather for an Easter Sunday event than last year: no torrential rain, although we had to wrap up warmly. What fun it was, with so many children, parents, grandparents and friends all trying to find the clues around the Park!



Getting started

We met at the Oast House and the children were given a card with instructions. They collected 10 different picture stickers, which they stuck on their card. When they had found the clues dotted round the upper and lower football pitches, the children came to collect their reward, guess what: an Easter egg!

I loved the enthusiasm in which everyone showed for the task and was really impressed by the politeness of the children. A great way to help digest lunch and tire out the children. Overall a real success. **Jane Melville**



Completed cards

## Annual General Meeting Friday 22nd May

Thanks to everyone who came to the AGM, which was held in the Church of Christ, Commercial Road. We enjoyed cheese and wine before the meeting began at 7.30, when FoGH Chairman Liz Edwards welcomed us all. Liz gave her report on the year, followed by a progress report on the HLF works. Community Engagement Officer Cally Fiddimore is returning to Kent High Weald Partnership, so Liz thanked her for her inspirational work over the past year and presented her with an etching of the Park.



At the AGM

Treasurer John Bushell reported that FoGH has a healthy bank balance and went on to remind members that we are a 'not-for-profit' group. We have sufficient reserves to continue running events and for any expenditure needed once the HLF project has finished. He requested members suggestions on how this money can be best used for future projects and events.

TWBC Leisure & Tourism Portfolio Holder, Cllr Jane March, attended and praised the work of the Friends group, saying it was "an inspiration to me to see the difference that volunteers can make". **Mary Hughes**

# Family Fun Day Monday 4th May 2015

Our fourth Family Fun Day had been tense during preparations, due to the repairs by Birkby to the culvert in the woods and the uncertainty about access to the top football pitch. Much hard work by Liz Edwards and Sue Kaner from FoGH, alongside Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, ensured that Birkby had left by 24th April, giving Coblands a week to landscape and make safe the top of the Park. Luckily, all was well and we were once again fortunate to have dry weather and no rain on the day!



## Dog Show

At 10.00am, registration began on the top football pitch, with 8 classes, plus 'Best in Show'. The judges Cllr Ben Chapelard, Susan Schilbi and Paula from Poochcare coped admirably with the 86 entries. The organisers were Sue Kaner, with Julie and Alan Timms registering dogs and their owners.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for each category got rosettes and a doggy treat! All 1st prize winners were entered for the 'Best in Show' and the winning dog was Hazel with owner Rosie, who also won Best Young Handler. Sincere thanks to the Judges, event sponsors Town & Country Foundation and to everyone who helped to make the event successful.



Ready for judging



The Mayor with Hazel & Rosie

<b>Best Puppy under 6 Months</b>	1 Captain	2 Cocoa	3 Billy
<b>Waggiest Tail</b>	1 Stan	2 Poppy	3 Caspian
<b>Scruffiest Dog</b>	1 Bowie	2 Bertie	3 Dexter
<b>Best Young Handler</b>	1 Hazel	2 Highbury	3 Minnie
<b>Best Behaved Rescue Dog</b>	1 Woody	2 Chester	3 Buddy
<b>Best Trick</b>	1 Jenson	2 Bella	3 Poppy
<b>Most Obedient</b>	1 Wilf	2 Stan	3 Chester
<b>Best Fancy Dress</b>	1 Rufus	2 Bridie	3 Bella
<b>Best in Show</b>	Hazel!		



Rufus in costume!

## The Main Event

Cllr Ben Chapelard met the Mayor, Cllr Julian Stanyer, at the Oast House. They were joined by the Town Crier and walked around the Park to the stage. After a fanfare from the Sea Cadets Reunion band, the Mayor opened the event.



Town Crier John Scholey



Sea Cadets Reunion band



Mayor Julian Stanyer



The Groove Platform



Second Helpin'



McCrei



Finlay Sales

The afternoon of entertainment, hosted by The Acoustic Reverb Collective (TARC), started with The Groove Platform – did anyone spot park-keeper Ben on stage? Town & Country Housing sponsored the stage: sincere thanks to them and also to TARC.



In between the musicians, we were entertained by Cascade Dance, Next Dimensions Gymnastics Academy, McAllister-Brown Dance School and Flamenco Mosaico.



Cascade Dance



Next Dimensions Gymnastics Academy



Flamenco Mosaico

The event has now grown so big it is impossible to mention all the stalls that attended, but we are grateful to everyone for coming and taking part. The day was sponsored by Town & Country, who were taking 'pet portraits' to launch their Pet Responsibility Project. They also brought along the incredible hula-hoop lady, and a balloonist, who were kept busy during the afternoon. We had booked the Dizzy O'Dare, the Giant Balloon Man, via Applause Outdoor Touring, who drew big crowds to his show under the trees.



The amazing hula-hoop lady



Dizzy O'Dare



It really was a Giant Balloon!



Magician Mike Alan



The FoGH Cake Tent



FoGH Tombola

We as FoGH set up between the bouncy castles and the stage - with our information stall, tombola, tea van and cake tent.

These were all run by volunteers, with a great spread of food laid on by Beyza, Kate and Georgina, alongside a mass of tombola prizes.

We were pleased to welcome Cllr David Neve, Cllr Jane March, as well as our FoGH patron, Greg Clark MP.

The weather stayed dry all day, and people mingled from top pitch to bottom and over to the donkeys, classic cars and Create Imaginarium. Among the activities were Kent High Weald Partnership (KHWP) wood skills, face-painting from Fegans charity, football with Foresters FC and of course the bouncy castles!



Riffhams Donkeys at work



The CREATE Imaginarium



KHWP wood skills

[bouncetheparty.co.uk](http://bouncetheparty.co.uk)



### With Thanks

We'd like to thank everyone who came, especially our stewards and volunteers. Sincere thanks for all the donations in the buckets, which, with stall-holders fees, and the sponsorship from Town and Country, means we have covered our costs, with funds in hand for 2016. Our thanks also to TWBC and Heritage Lottery Funding for their assistance, especially with the portaloos and rubbish clearance. There was a wide choice of food this year – there's not space to mention all the stallholders, but their hard work was very much appreciated!

We had lots of donations for the tombola and our thanks go to the contributors:  
 Hever Castle    Leeds Castle    Chiddingstone Castle    The Llama Park  
 Pashley Manor Gardens    Unilever    Sainsburys    Tesco    Cosmic Cartwheels  
 Il Vesuvio    Rendez-Vous    Cafe Viva    No 1 Fish Shop    The Spice  
 Locality    Smiffy's Munch    Velocipede    Mirror Image Photography  
 The Florist Tunbridge Wells    Paul Barsby Photography    Search Press

Thank you also to Jenny Heylin-Smith for her graphic design.

**Carolyn Gray, Julie Timms, Mary Hughes**



## Cally's Last Catch-Up

Well, this is sadly the last Cally's Catch-Up as, by the time you read this article, I shall no longer be the Community Engagement Officer for the Park.

It has been an absolute pleasure working in the Park with an inspiring Friends group and a very caring and friendly local community. You have all made me feel very welcome and appreciated and I am confident that my successor will be welcomed just as warmly as I have been.

Fortunately I am not straying too far and will be working for Kent High Weald Partnership: part of my new role is managing Hilbert Woods Local Nature Reserve. So I shall be around often, hosting plenty of volunteer tasks and events in the Park and I will continue to stay involved in the project and the Friends group.

We had fun events and volunteer tasks this spring. During the Easter holidays the sun shone on two: Create a Nature Diary and Frog Fun Day.



Frog Fun Day

Artist and avid gardener Catherine Farr showed us how to create a nature diary using art techniques and natural materials. A great way to tap into our creativity and take note of the beautiful environment and wildlife around us!

Lots of local families and children enabled us to build a habitat for our amphibious friends at Frog Fun Day. We also enjoyed mask making, games, and a treasure hunt.



Creating a Nature Diary



Planting the old rose beds

The old rose beds by the Bowling Green got a makeover in March as, with help from volunteers and the local community, we planted up two flower beds and two herb beds. When Lee returns to the café he can use fresh herbs in the paninis!

Our regular volunteers enjoyed a lottery funded coppicing training day. Woodsman David Rossney joined us for the day and showed us how to efficiently coppice hazel the traditional

way. We used hand tools so the trees grow well, resulting in useful products like fencing stakes and bean poles.



Coppice training day

The last couple of months have been exciting in the Park, with the lottery works starting to ramp up. This will be a busy year with lots of contractors on site. Works on the Pavilion, Marnock Lake and the Rochdale Road entrance are well underway and work soon starts on the children's play area and overall landscape.

Despite the ongoing works in the Park, there will still be fun events this summer and the volunteer programme will continue. Stay updated through Facebook "GHParkHLF" and the Park noticeboards.

**Cally Fiddimore**

## Sport Report

### Football

St John's Yard were relegated to Division 5 last season and came close to folding. Finishing in third place, with 13 wins, 7 draws and only 2 losses is a good conclusion to the 2014/2015 season. They were called the "draw champions" of this division, and would have achieved second place had they converted one draw into a win.

Leading goalscorer Dan Hunter had a tally of 33 goals, including 3 in cup matches, making him third highest scorer in Division 5. This was a very pleasing season overall, with a good turnout of players most weeks. They are looking for more good players for next season and are hoping for good results. (See [www.wksl.org.uk/index](http://www.wksl.org.uk/index))



Beating East Grinstead Mavericks 2 - 1

**Mary Hughes**



A home match last season

### Bowls

The outdoor bowls season is now well underway and we have played four friendly games against other local clubs. We won at Speldhurst, Wadhurst and Bayham and Lamberhurst but lost at Clare Park Maidstone.

In the Tunbridge Wells Men's league we have played two matches. We lost 6-0 to both Pembury and Calverley – so not a good start to the league.

Our bowls pavilion is being extensively renovated as part of the redevelopment of the Park. In the early part of the season we have rearranged most matches so that they are played away on the opposing club's green. We are very much looking forward to the work being completed.

We normally have a practice night on Wednesdays 6pm to 8pm (unless there is a Grosvenor match on).

Members of the public are welcome to come along and have a go. All you need is flat shoes.

(See [www.facebook.com/GrosvenorBowls](http://www.facebook.com/GrosvenorBowls))

**Graham Bridges, Club Captain**

## Dogs in the Park



Daisy  
May

My name is Daisy May. I was on the streets in Wales. Rescued by the Last Chance, came home to TW on May 24th 2007. I was rather flabby and coat a mess. All that is behind me

and I have a fabulous coat and muscle tone. Amazing what regular walks and exercise can do: yes I can run!

I am not keen on crowds or too many dogs. I love collies and staffies. Not so keen on very tall men in shorts. My favourite place is Panini with a milk lolly on a hot day. There are many friends in my social circle. I love Jo and when she is with Ollie, I tolerate the situation. I will share my house with another dog as long as they go home, but I will not share my settee.

Which brings me to my final point. I wear a pink sparkly collar have a pink lead. Wear a fuchsia or purple coat. And what do people say? Oh *he's* a nice dog!!!! Grrrr! So folks that's a short summary of me.

What? This is not a dating site? **Marie Morgan**

## View from the Allotment

What a strange time of year: all around are trees bursting forth, but on the allotment it is an in between time. Having eaten all the purple sprouting broccoli, leeks and perpetual spinach, we are waiting for the new crops to start growing. It is now a question of planting, weeding and waiting. We have to be patient! This year it seems as though everything is taking it slowly and the earth is taking a long time to warm up.

We are trying an experiment with squashes. Last year we grew Bon Bon and it was delicious, so we are trying a few more additional varieties: Buttercup, Crown Prince, and Marina di Chioggia. The great thing is you can't buy them locally.

We are sharing our strawberries with the woodlice, I have looked up how to stop these crustaceans, but there seems to be little we can do. However, my seven-year old granddaughter has always loved woodlice – so she is very happy!

**Jane Melville**



Woodlice or strawberries?!

## Butterflies in Grosvenor & Hilbert Park

In a built-up area where the 'urban heat island' effect is strong, the butterfly season starts early – often in February in our current run of mild winters. First to appear are a suite of species which hibernate as adults, usually headed by the lemon yellow males of the Brimstone which can be recognised yards away by their unique colour. The Red Admiral, Peacock, Comma and Small Tortoiseshell all belong to this early flying group.



Orange-tip  
male



Orange-tip  
female

A truer sign of spring are the butterflies which emerge from the chrysalis as the season warms and the days lengthen. Most characteristic of early spring is the Orange-tip, whose distinctive males are also easy to recognise even from a fleeting glimpse. The females, which lack the male's bright wing-tips, lay their orange eggs on the flower-stalks of Cuckoo-flower and Garlic Mustard, where they are surprisingly easy to spot.



Brimstone  
male

The Park has a number of small but high quality areas of flower-rich grassland, a declining habitat nowadays. These support multi-generational spring to summer species, like the brilliantly coloured Common Blue and Small Copper, and a group of butterflies that have just one generation per year in high summer. These long grass species comprise the closely related Meadow Brown and Gatekeeper, with their characteristic eye-spots, and three of the smaller moth-like Skippers – Large, Small and Essex.



Common  
Blue male



Small  
Copper



Speckled  
Wood male

Woodland and woodland edge species include the Speckled Wood, which has a unique pattern of cream-coloured spots on a dark brown background. The territorial males guard a patch of shifting sunlight in woodland paths and clearings, so that they can monopolise any passing females. The appearance of a rival male results in a spiralling aerial combat. Speckled Woods have an opportunistic life cycle, fitting in as many generations as the weather allows, so can be seen as early as March and as late as October.

Late summer is the time to look for the Park's scarcest butterfly. Purple Hairstreaks spend their whole life in association with oak trees. The caterpillars feed on the buds and young leaves, and the adults suck honeydew – the sugary secretion of aphids – from oak foliage instead of visiting flowers like most other butterflies. The adults are seen as small silvery-grey butterflies flitting high in the tree tops, but sometimes settle in the afternoon sun on the lower branches of oaks on woodland edges.



Purple  
Hairstreak

Thanks to its wide range of open and wooded habitats, the Park is home to over twenty species of butterflies, ranging from 'common or garden' varieties like the Large and Small White to more elusive specialities like the Purple Hairstreak.

**Dr Ian Beavis**

## Dates for your Diary

- HLF Boardwalk Repair Volunteer Days**.....Thursday 18th June 10am – 3pm  
 Run by Kent High Weald Partnership  
 Meet at the Hilbert Road gates & dress appropriately  
 Help to rebuild the boardwalk in Roundabout Wood  
 Wednesday 22nd July 10am – 3pm  
 Wednesday 12th August 10am – 3pm  
 Wednesday 19th August 10am – 3pm
- Himalayan Balsam Removal**.....Thursday 25th June 10am – 3pm  
 Kent High Weald Partnership volunteer days  
 Meet at the Hilbert Road gates & dress appropriately  
 Thursday 9th July 10am – 3pm
- A Little Horsing Around**.....Saturday 11th July from 10.30am  
 See the Working Horse Trust in action  
 Moving timber from Hilbert Road to the Orchard for seating  
 Refreshments & activities will be available  
  
- Woodland Walk in Love Parks Week**.....Sunday 19th July 2pm  
 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@foqh.org.uk](mailto:editors@foqh.org.uk)  
 
- Batman Forever**.....Tuesday 4th August from 8pm  
 Popular bat walk funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.  
 BOOKING ESSENTIAL at [www.khwp.org.uk](http://www.khwp.org.uk)  
 
- National Playday**.....Wednesday 5th August 11am – 3pm  
 We'll be next to the skate park with the usual array of outdoor play!  
 Hunt for a mini-beast, try woodcraft, arts, crafts & much more!  
 
- Flowers in Your Hair**.....Thursday 6th August 10 – 3pm  
 KHWP volunteer day: meet at the Hilbert Road gates & dress appropriately  
 Help create a wildflower area as part of the HLF funded works in the Park  
 
- Hey Hay!**.....Wednesday 26th August 10am – 3pm  
 KHWP volunteer day: meet at the Hilbert Road gates & dress appropriately  
 A day of traditional wood pasture management at Appledore Wood  

- Young Nature Hunters & Mini Beast Safari**.....Thursday August 27th 10.30am & 2.30pm  
 To book, contact 01892 554171 or [museum@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:museum@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)
- Heritage Open Days St Barnabas Church**.....Saturday 12th September 10am - 6pm  
 Extensive local history exhibitions. FoGH history display ...Sunday 13th September 1pm - 5pm  
 Tours of church & mortuary chapel. 1911 Parish Census on display  
 Tea & Cakes in the vestry. Free entry  
 
- Why conifers? Planting the Wetland**.....Wednesday 16th September 7.30pm  
 Talk by David Scully at Grosvenor Bowls Pavilion  
 Learn about the the project & the trees to be planted  
 Find out about Bedgebury, their work & the partnership for this planting  


Watch out for posters & see our website [www.foqh.org.uk](http://www.foqh.org.uk)  
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