

Friends of Grosvenor and Hilbert Park (FoGH)

Newsletter 5 Winter 2012



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Grosvenor and Hilbert Park: *The Book!*

On 3rd of October, a book about Grosvenor and Hilbert Park co-authored by Dr Philip Whitbourn and Dr Ian Beavis was launched. Around 60 people attended a talk at St Barnabas School on the History of the Park, given by Dr Whitbourn.

The audience learnt that the Park was once part of South Frith Hunting Chase, a wooded area extending from Somerhill to beyond our present-day Park. Folly Shaw and Roundabout Wood are ancient woods and remnants of this forested area.

Packs in the Wood, on Hilbert Road, is one of the oldest houses in Tunbridge Wells, leased to John Pack in 1686. It was situated on the junction of two trackways in the wood, which now form Hilbert Road and the footpath through the allotments.

Dr Whitbourn also traced the development of Grosvenor Recreation Ground, from water source for the growing town, the donation of 4 acres of land by John Stone-Wigg, landscaping by Robert Marnock and onto the continuing development of the Park for recreation. This included a swimming pool (filled in 1954: now the children's play area) and the bowling green.

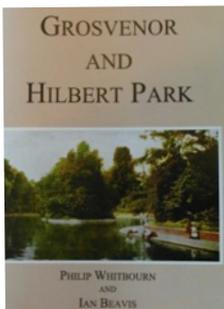
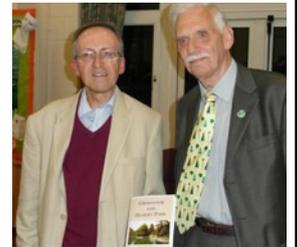
The Park further increased in size when part of Charity Farm was donated by E.J.Strange (see page 4) in 1931 and 1937, named Hilbert Recreation Ground in memory of his mother, Lydia Hilbert.

The 36 page illustrated booklet is available from FoGH for £4.00 (e-mail history@fogh.org.uk for details of how to get a copy). The booklet can also be purchased at Hall's Bookstore in Chapel Place or at Tunbridge Wells Museum.

Mary Hughes

Our thanks to Dave Barnett for collating the book for publication.

Dr Beavis will be giving a talk on the Natural History of the Park on 30th January 2013.



Chairman's letter

We soon say farewell to a successful 2012. The committee are looking forward to 2013, as the Heritage Lottery Bid (HLB) should take shape over the coming months and we wish the council success. We believe FoGH is more organised now, and we have already started plans for events in 2013. Anyone with an idea for 2013 is very welcome to submit it. Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2013 is ear-marked for a "Second Picnic in the Park", and Saturday 18th May 2013 for the Annual General Meeting in St Barnabas School Hall.

Like the classic Kitchener 1914 poster "**Your committee needs you!**"! While we all love being on the committee, we would like the whole Friends group to become more involved in what is happening in the Park, both with the HLB and event planning.

We would welcome a group of people not on the regular committee, to help the key group from 2012 organise the 2013 Picnic, and maybe help with refreshments and preparations at forthcoming talks and the AGM. Please email editors@fogh.org.uk or write to 112 Auckland Road, TN1 2HT if you can spend a few evenings with us, and make next year bigger and better.

What FoGH are aiming for is to:

- encourage the local community to take an interest in the conservation, enhancement and protection of the Park for the benefit of people and wildlife
- support a public park which enhances the quality of life for local people and acts as a focus for bringing the community together
- ensure the conservation of the Park for future generations to enjoy

We have made a good start so far and thank you to the committee for their hard work. Roll on 2013 and let it see our group flourish even more!

May you have a blessed Christmas. God Bless!

J Paul Lambert



FoGH

Update from the Parks Department

Since the last newsletter, a lot of work has been going on in the background to move the Heritage Lottery Fund bid forward. We explained that the next stage would be to appoint a landscape architect and a project co-ordinator to assist us with the application. In order to do this, HLF required us to obtain quotations to comply with their procurement regulations.



This has now been completed and I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Allen Scott as our Landscape Architects and Community First Partnership as our Project Co-ordinators.

Many of you will know Allen Scott from the work they undertook on the first round application and we are pleased they will be working with us again, to build on the plans they have already provided. They presented a well thought out and impressive application and it was clear to us that, as a local company, they understood the park and the needs of our visitors.

Community First Partnership (CFP) bring with them a huge amount of experience in delivering HLF applications, 52 since 2001. Their Director, Ian Baggott, has acted as HLF assessor, monitor and mentor across 5 HLF regions. CFP's principal consultant, Adrian Spray, will be working closely with us and I hope to be setting up a meeting with Adrian and the Friends committee very soon. We feel very lucky to have CFP on board and I am confident they will help us deliver a robust application next August.

If you would like to know more about the project or have a specific question I can be contacted on 01892 554031 or peter.every@tunbridgewells.gov.uk **Peter Every - Parks & Sports Team Leader TWBC**

Camden Road Education, Arts & Theatre Enterprise



CREATE presents:

Christmas Concert.....Friday 14th December 7.30pm

CREATE Community Choir

Christmas Concert.....Saturday 15th December 7.30pm

CREATE Community Choir

Venues to be confirmed: check website or email Dave Prodrick

Winter Lantern Parade..... Saturday 16th February 2013 5:30pm

Light up the Town! Starting from outside the Library

Help needed: fundraising, cash and material donations,

at lantern-making workshops (training given), publicity, help on the day.....

e-mail support@winterlanterns.org

To Book Tickets: 07966190428 or daveprodrick@hotmail.com

More information on the website www.camdenroad.org

CREATE Community Choir

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

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.15pm Church of Christ, Commercial Road, off Camden Road

A voluntary donation of around £2.50 a week helps to cover costs.

For further information contact choir@camdenroad.org

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



St Barnabas Church

FoGH is just one community group in the area, and we are happy to co-ordinate with the other groups.

On Tuesday 4th September 2012, Father John Caster was licensed as Priest in Charge, and Friends chairman Paul Lambert attended the event on our behalf.

A few committee members met Fr John in the park for a tour on Friday 26th October.

Sadly, it was a bit of a damp day, but we explained about the HLB and some of the history of the area.

The Christmas period is a good time to visit the church and Fr John will be pleased to welcome any new faces. Details of services are on the Church noticeboards and website www.st-barnabas.info



Advent Wreath Workshop.....Sunday 2nd December

St Barnabas Hall, Tunbridge Wells.

Lara Haynes of Darling & Wild is going to be our florist

Tickets £25, covering materials, tuition, mulled wine and mince pies. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Church Group 'The Noise'



'The Noise' is a social-action initiative, involving members of local church youth groups from across Tunbridge Wells. They aim to engage with the local community by offering practical help and activities, after gathering for worship, teaching and lunch.

In August 10-12 young people and adults from 'The Noise' spent a week in the Park undertaking community work. Organised by Cliff Allen, a total of 99 hours were put in over 4 days of tidying weeds around the Lake and clearing part of the old allotment sites on the Upper Grosvenor Road side of the zig-zag railway bridge.

We would like to thank them very much for this contribution towards keeping the Park tidy.
Carolyn T Gray

September Events 2012

When this newsletter is published, we will all be thinking about Christmas and the New Year.

If we cast our minds back to September, when the weather was warm, Friends of Grosvenor and Hilbert Park took part in the annual Heritage Open Days. Dr Ian Beavis led a successful walk around the whole park, explaining the history as well as the flora and fauna. Meanwhile, a group of volunteers hosted an information stand at St Barnabas Church, which was open all weekend with displays, plus tea and cakes in the vestry!



Thanks to everyone who visited the events, which we hope to repeat in 2013.



The end of September was cooler, but luckily it was dry for our first ever Members Barbecue. We would like to thank local builder Dave Curtis for bringing his gas-bbq and cooking beefburgers for us, while Dave Barnett and Chris Hughes cooked veggie food on the smaller-bbq. Magician Jake Dalyanci, who came to the Picnic, returned to entertain with some card tricks, and everyone was able to chat while eating and drinking.

Also during September, the park was used as the location in filming a video for a local community group. SAFE for Kent is a new youth led project, part of Voluntary Action Within Kent. SAFE stands for 'Suicide Awareness for Everyone' and is a group of local sixth formers. The plan is to raise awareness of the support and help available to young people, who may feel they have un-solvable problems. See www.vawk.org.uk/Young-People/SAFE

Carolyn T Gray



Halloween Party

We held our first Children's Halloween party appropriately on Wednesday 31st October, in the Bowls Pavilion.

This was a very well attended event: we estimate in excess of 60 children. Many of the children came in fancy dress for the competition, and there were several entries for the carved pumpkin competition, won by Louis Kinder with his 'spider man'.



We laid on refreshments, with blood sandwiches and dead fly biscuits. The activities were crafts, apple bobbing, "guess what's in the box" and the ever popular face painting, from Kim and Alice of Activities Plus. The fine but chilly weather meant lots of children could let off steam with a run around the playground, and parents were able to sit outside and enjoy hot coffee from 'Panini on the Park'.



Thanks to everyone that came to our cobwebby den, see you again next year!

Carolyn T Gray

Edward Jeffrey (E.J) Strange

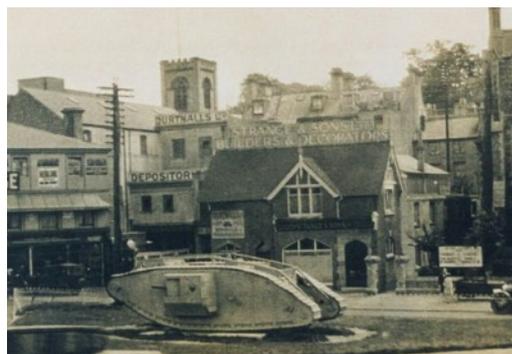
We hope that lots of people have now bought the excellent booklet "Grosvenor and Hilbert Park" by Philip Whitbourn and Ian Beavis, and will have read about the connection with E.J. Strange and the Hilbert Recreation Ground.

Born in 1869, E.J.Strange was part of the ancient Tunbridge Wells family of Stranges. His maternal grandfather, William Hilbert, was the engineer behind Calverley Waterworks, on which the park is founded. His paternal grandfather, also called Edward Jeffrey Strange, was a plumber by trade, starting work in 1824 in Pembury. In 1856 he built the impressive building, No 8 London Road, as his work premises, expanding into all building trades as Tunbridge Wells grew in size. His wife, Mary, ran a hosiery shop at 9 The Parade, The Pantiles, and the family lived first above the shop, then at Nevill Lodge, more or less where Union Square now is. They had ten children, and the fifth, Charles Matthew Strange, carried on the family business.

Charles married Lydia Hilbert, William's daughter, and they had four children: Charles Hilbert, Edward Jeffrey, Lydia Mary and Margaret Sarah, living at 4 Cumberland Gardens. Sadly, Lydia Hilbert died about a year after Margaret's birth. Within three years, Charles had remarried, to his second cousin Mary Anne Price. It is from one of their three children that our councillor, Ben Chapelard, is descended.

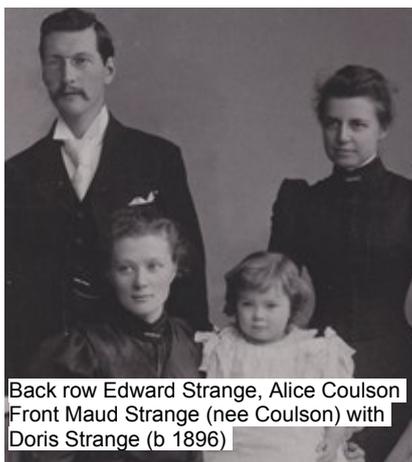
E. J. Strange was apprenticed as a joiner and carpenter, and went on to become Managing Director of the family building firm, Strange and Sons. The office building at 8 London Road can still be seen today (now a laundry), next to the Methodist Church. Here, you can see the building as it would have looked between the wars, when E. J. Strange was working for the family business.

While this is an excellent photo of Strange and Sons, it really shows Tunbridge Wells' World War One Tank, no 131, presented in recognition of the town's contribution to the war savings campaign. During the War, six tanks toured towns and cities, to promote the sale of government War Bonds and War Savings Certificates.



After the War, the Treasury donated 264 used tanks to towns that had raised the most monies. Tank 131 arrived in Tunbridge Wells at Jackswood Goods Station, trundled along Camden Road and through the town to The Common, where it displayed its power to travel over rough terrain. It was placed outside the old Post Office, but time, rust and the need for scrap metal during World War Two, led to its removal.

Back to E. J. Strange! He was involved in several trade organisations and activities in Tunbridge Wells. He was one of the founders of the Tunbridge Wells Rotary Club and a Freemason, where he was a donor to various charities. In 1929, he was elected Councillor for the South Ward, and he became Mayor in 1936. He was created a Justice of the Peace in 1925 and an Alderman in 1939.



Back row Edward Strange, Alice Coulson
Front Maud Strange (nee Coulson) with
Doris Strange (b 1896)

In 1928, he donated the land in St John's Road known as Cadogan Playing Fields, and in 1931, a large part of Charity Farm to the Local Authority. This formed the parkland to be known as Hilbert Recreation Ground, in memory of his mother, Lydia. In 1933 he was appointed a life member of the National Playing Fields Association.

He was a member of the Mount Pleasant Congregationalist Church, now known to us as Cotswold and Ismail shops, and before that, Habitat. As well as all his activities, he still had time to give to the Church, serving as a deacon, treasurer and a supporter of the Sunday School.

In 1894 he married Maud Helen Coulson, and they lived in Cadogan House in the centre of the town, where the Crescent Road car park now is. They had four daughters, the eldest two moving to Australia.

Maud died in February 1940, and Edward on December 24th 1941. They are buried together in Tunbridge Wells Cemetery, next to the grave of Maude's mother Annie and her elder sister Alice.

The graves are as photographed; there are no headstones, but lettering around the rectangular sides. This has meant that over the years some of the lettering has been obscured, most notably that of Edward Jeffrey Strange J.P. There are several other members of the Strange family at the cemetery, including Edward's brother, Charles Hilbert Strange, and their father, Charles Matthew Strange, who lived to the grand age of 86.



Carolyn T Gray

Our thanks go to Ruth Garner for passing on the newspaper obituary for "Late Mr E. J. Strange, A Tunbridge Wells Benefactor" and copies of the booklet "A Hundred Years of Progress 1824 -1926" to us.

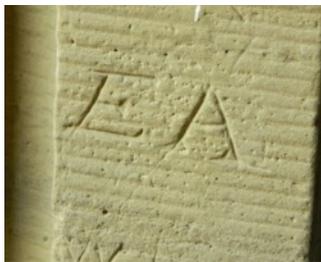
Art in The Park

A short note in our Autumn 2012 newsletter announced that We Made That and their Civic Stop had been selected for the Grassy Knoll site, near the Grosvenor Bridge entrance to the Park. During the selection process, a number of applications were whittled down to a shortlist of three. Following a period of public consultation, We Made That were commissioned to make a piece of public art for the site. This will be a small staircase leading skywards, ending in a platform, made from local sandstone.

Sandstone was quarried here in Quarry Road to build Trinity, then church, now theatre, and the Calverley Park Houses. We Made That will be sourcing sandstone from another local quarry and asking the community for ideas for carving into the stone, to make a lasting memory of 2012 in the area.

On Monday 3rd September, Dave Barnett and myself met Oliver Goodhall from We Made That at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council offices, along with David Scully, Polly Harknett, Suzie Plumb and Jo Wiltcher from the various council departments involved. It was really good to all be able to talk and review the initial plans. Oliver's idea is a meeting place similar to others we have in the town, like Wellington Rocks, High Rocks and the Pantiles.

A Guided Walk, led by Dr Ian Beavis from Tunbridge Wells Museum, was arranged for Saturday 6th October. The aim was to find and discuss people's favourite civic moments; locations where you might naturally pause, sit, converse or enjoy the townscape. These might be old, new, familiar or unexpected. The moments identified will contribute to further developing the design of this piece of public art.



Before the official Walk, I went on a tour of the town, and found many examples of sandstone carving – lots at Wellington Rocks, but also some ancient graffiti at St Barnabas Church and Trinity. Oliver's idea of a step-like meeting place is also reflected at The Pantiles, where several steps make focal points. There are also staircases in Calverley Grounds and Dunorlan Park, quite right given our hilly nature!



On 6th October, we were blessed with a sunny and pleasantly warm morning, and we'd like to thank those who signed up to come along. We all met at The South of France, the area next to Mount Ephraim House, where several seats still exist from Victorian times. This was a popular place in Victorian times to meet. We then walked along Mount Ephraim, which the Victorians called the Promenade, and Dr Beavis pointed out how all the seats face over the common. In the 1905 Pelton's Guide Book the phrase is used "what the ocean is to a sea bathing town, the Common is to Tunbridge Wells".

We looked at the rocky outcrops found on the Common. Tunbridge Wells Sandstone built up while this area was under a freshwater lake, and at Wellington Rocks you can see the layers, often with small pebbles in. The stones have since been eroded by wind and would have been landmarks in the Middle Stone Age when they were used as seasonal campsites.

We carried on our walk around the Common, looking at various places where people have met over the years, including the old race course. We finished at The Forum, built in the 1930s as a rest room on the site of the old forge, and the house where the dipper who greeted Lord North, Mrs Humphreys, lived. This was a very useful walk, as we all got a chance to talk to Oliver about our thoughts for the Grassy Knoll.



We were pleased to arrange for Oliver and Holly to come along to CREATE's Big Draw, in St Barnabas School Hall on Saturday 27th October. They brought along a huge scraper board and several tools, and we encouraged as many people as possible to make their mark. The theme was 'Your favourite place to sit', but we also collected images of some favourite objects and views of the park. The markings and images will be used to help shape the Civic Stop.



Another community day should be happening in December, so please look on the park notice boards, and on the website for details. All being well, the sandstone should arrive and carving begin during January and February next year.

We were interested, at Big Draw, to find out that the Winter Lantern Parade will be on Saturday 16th February, so we are hoping to link that community event with part of the art installation. **Carolyn T Gray**

For details on the Lantern parade please see www.winterlanterns.org

Thanks to Blue Badge Guide Catherine Pitt for finding the Pelton's Guide Book quote.

A Mini Beast Retrospective

Every year on four Thursdays in August, the Museum organises mini beast events in local open spaces, to give children and accompanying adults an insight into the often unnoticed smaller wildlife flourishing on our doorstep. We always choose Grosvenor and Hilbert Park as one of the venues, and this year on 30 August we held two Young Nature Hunters sessions in the morning and a Mini beast Safari in the afternoon, all booked to capacity.



Rhingia rostrata

With so many people searching, we always find a good range of creatures – and often a few rarities too – and this year was no exception. In the flower-rich grassland areas around Folly Shaw, we found the beautiful golden-haired and copper-coloured hoverfly *Ferdinandea cuprea*, an indicator of ancient woodland. We also found two examples of the scarce beaked hoverfly *Rhingia rostrata* – which has a long snout for probing flowers for nectar; a speciality of the High Weald, but nationally scarce.

These grassland areas, relics of the old meadows in the former Charity Farm, support a strong population of grasshoppers and crickets. This year we found all three resident grasshopper species – Field, Meadow and Common Green Grasshoppers. All three come in a wide variety of colours, but they can be told apart by features like the length of their wings. Crickets, distinguished from grasshoppers by their much longer thread-like antennae, were represented by Roesel's Bush-cricket, with an almost fluorescent yellow or green U shape on its side.



Roesel's Bush-cricket



Common frog

Skimming over the surface of the chalybeate stream were a number of water-crickets, curious long-legged creatures with two orange lines on a dark background. In reality, they are not crickets at all, but relatives of the pond-skater. We found pond-skaters, which inhabit still water, in the wetland area. This area also produced a water spider, which builds an underwater web like a diving bell, filled with bubbles of air carried down from the surface.

We were pleased to find lots of young frogs, produced from the spawn laid abundantly in the spring, along with several adults.

Dr Ian Beavis

Sport Report

Grosvenor Bowls Club: Season Summary

The end of the season was a rush to complete our competitions, delayed by the slow start this year. We had some wonderful finals, with good support shown – even the Pairs final, played in horizontal rain! The previous day was our final outdoor friendly this year, at Groombridge, played in glorious sunshine, a real treat.

Our Men's League team continued their excellent form, winning promotion to the top division. It will be a challenge to maintain consistency, but the team will relish it!

We celebrated our centenary year with a social evening in September, attended by about 60 current and former Grosvenor bowlers, and family members. A most enjoyable evening, reuniting old friends and introducing new ones. It was a delight to have David Jenner with us, former Kent County singles winner, and possibly the most gifted bowler the Grosvenor has ever boasted. Our thanks go to Vice President Roy Delves for organising this great event.



Overall, a good centenary year! We have won more games than we lost, played some memorable matches, a Grosvenor pair succeeded in the Tunbridge Wells Tournament, we won promotion in the Tunbridge Wells league, and best of all, we've had a really good laugh whether we won or lost, in sun or rain!

Once spring comes, we'll be raring to get onto our green again, and we hope to see you there next year.

For more information, see Facebook www.facebook.com/GrosvenorBowls **Jo Cartwright (Club Captain)**

Football: See the West Kent Sunday Football League website www.wksl.org.uk for further information.

The Palace FC play in Division Three, on the lower pitch, in blue and white striped shirts. The team were promoted last season and are currently 9th, with 4 points from 7 games. They are hoping to register their first win soon.

The Black Horse play in Division Five, on the top pitch, in black and red striped shirts. The team seem to perform best at home, with 3 good wins at Hilbert, but have lost away. They are currently 4th, with 9 points.

King William IV FC play in Division Six, formerly on the lower pitch in green and black, but have recently moved to a new ground in Five Oak Green. They have made a great start to the season, and currently lead their division. We wish them every success in future.



Mary Hughes

Coppicing for Conservation

The Kent High Weald Partnership (KHWP) is dedicated to 'linking community and countryside'. Part of our work is to run days of practical action for volunteers at the Hilbert Woods Local Nature Reserve throughout the year.



One way of managing the woods is to clear areas of trees and scrub, known as coppicing. This can look drastic and cause alarm, as woodland lovers see their favourite areas 'devastated'. However, this traditional management technique enhances the woodland and ensures its longevity.

To understand coppicing, we need to look at the life-cycle of woodland. Mature trees shade the area beneath them, until it is difficult for anything to grow. Through old age, disease or foul weather, the tree will eventually fall, creating a sunny glade which nature can again colonise.



Coppicing for conservation takes advantage of this natural process and moves it a step further.....The most diverse woodland habitat is a mosaic of different aged vegetation and so coppicing takes place on rotation in defined areas. When a suitable tree is cut to ground level, it will re-grow several stems. If this process is repeated periodically, it can extend the life of the tree by hundreds of years.

Plants begin to grow over the coppiced area, providing nectar for butterflies and bees, and shelter for of small mammals and birds. You may even be lucky enough to spot a reptile basking in the sunlight. Dead wood is a fantastic wildlife habitat, so KHWP leaves wood in piles or stacked as dead hedges. As the wood rots, it provides food for invertebrates, which in turn become food for small mammals, reptiles and birds.

It can be anything from 7 to 25 years before the same area is coppiced. When the trees begin to overtake the other plants and shade them out, it is time to cut back and start the cycle again.

For more information on conservation volunteering, please call KHWP on 01580 212972, see our website www.khwp.org.uk or follow us on [twitter@KHWCP](https://twitter.com/KHWCP)

Sarah Tree (Greenspaces Officer)

View from the Allotment

For the first time I did not grow a pumpkin, so I made a mini Halloween lantern from a 4" Gourd and a tea light for the FoGH Halloween party.



The leeks are good after a wet year, the sweet peas were eventually excellent, both to look at and smell, and lasted well into October. I have bought and planted seed for next year's blooms,

as well as saving seeds. I have dug the plot from top to bottom, and got in Onion sets and Broad Beans.

I am hoping for a more typical winter and good early spring crops.

Please try to take and over winter a few late cuttings and bring them with any unused seeds to a swap event next year!

Ian Hunter

Dogs in the Park

Zack is a greyhound cross, found straying and very skinny as a young dog. He was a shy, gentle and nervous lad when we got him from Last Chance, cowering and trying to hide if he saw a man with a walking stick or a raised arm.



He now has lots of friends in the Park, of the two and four-legged varieties, though you need to be tough to withstand the joy of an excitable Zack-greeting! Any excuse to run is always welcome and he loves being told off by small dogs, so he can run away while they chase him round and round! We get quite dizzy watching!

He's not quite the 'small' dog we *intended* to bring home from the rescue centre but I wouldn't be without him for the world!

Jessica Lloyd

Children's Competition

While you're in the park, take a closer look and see if you can win our competition!

This observation test is open to children under 12 and prizes will be awarded for the first three correct entries received at comp@fogh.org.uk Please state your name, age and contact details.



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- 1 How many swings are there altogether in the play area?
- 2 (a) Where is this grotto? (b) How many of them are there?
- 3 How many pleached (trained) lime trees are there along the wall from the Bowls Pavilion to the Lake?
- 4 Where is this found?
- 5 Take a look at the mural on the zig-zag bridge. How many ducks are shown in the Lake?

Dates for your diary

Coppicing in Folly Shaw.....Wednesday 28th November 10am

KHWP volunteer day

Meet at the Hilbert Road entrance for a day of practical action, coppicing trees in Folly Shaw to increase light levels for woodland wildflowers. Wear appropriate clothing & footwear.



Christmas Get-Together.....Sunday 9th December 2- 4 pm

At Grosvenor Bowls Pavilion.

Please come and join us and the CREATE Choir for pre-Christmas carols
Do bring friends and family as we mark a year of FoGH events
Mulled juice and mince pies available



Camden Road Christmas Market.....Saturday 22nd December

Natural History of Grosvenor & Hilbert Park.....Wednesday 30th January 7:30pm

St Barnabas School Hall, Quarry Road

Talk by Dr Ian Beavis, linking to our booklet "Grosvenor and Hilbert Park"

Learn more about the plants & wildlife we share the Park with
Refreshments will be available for a small donation



Linking the woodland areas.....Wednesday 6th February 10am

KHWP volunteer day

Meet at the Hilbert Road entrance for a day of practical action, linking Roundabout Woods & Folly Shaw, so wildlife can move between the woods. Wear appropriate clothing & footwear.



Let the Sunshine Through.....Wednesday 27th February 10am

KHWP volunteer day

Meet at the Hilbert Road entrance for a day of practical action, clearing brambles & small trees encroaching on flower-rich grassland. Wear appropriate clothing & footwear



The Balaklava Chargers & Tunbridge Wells.....Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm

St Barnabas School Hall, Quarry Road

Talk by local expert Mike Hinton about The Charge of the Light Brigade

One of the "Chargers" lived in Rochdale Road, right by the park gates!
Refreshments will be available for a small donation



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