



# Friends of Grosvenor & Hilbert Park

## Newsletter 43 Summer 2022

### The FoGH Dog Show 2022

We held this on the morning of Sunday 8th May 2022. The weather was glorious – a lovely Spring morning. Sunshine, but not too hot, so the fluffier dogs could cope!

Volunteers started to set up from 8:30am: building gazebos, cordoning off 'the arena' and laying on a spread of various treats they'd baked. There was a queue of keen local dog owners ready to sign up as soon as we started registration! Mark Sparrow, a local property guru, kindly agreed to judge the four-legged contestants. The top three in each class were awarded a prized rosette.



Watching the show



Poppy the Cutest Puppy



Most Obedient was Rio

The six category winners, as well as overall best in show, got a goody bag and gift voucher kindly donated by Barney's Doggy Treats – see [barneysdoggytreats.co.uk/](http://barneysdoggytreats.co.uk/) In the middle of the show, Mark was given a breather whilst Vicky from Yogi's Dog Training stepped in. She entertained the crowd with an exciting doggy demonstration. Rumour has it she even managed to teach old dogs new tricks! Learn more at [www.yogisdogtraining.co.uk/](http://www.yogisdogtraining.co.uk/)

Two local girls also had a stall offering puppy paint paw prints (try saying that quickly!). This proved popular, to give all a little souvenir of the day.

It's the taking part that counts, but the winners were:

<u>Most Obedient</u>	Rio
<u>Cutest Puppy</u>	Poppy
<u>Best Fancy Dress</u>	Yogi
<u>Best Child Handler</u>	Amelie with Teddy
<u>Best Trick</u>	Margot
<u>Scruffiest Dog</u>	Bluebell
<u>Best in Show</u>	Teddy

The show finished around 11am and doggies, their humans and fans headed home. Some had the spoils of victory for their beloved pets to nibble on, but all deserved a good pre-lunch nap!



Double winner Teddy with Amelie



Margo had the Best Trick



Bluebell – the Scruffiest Dog



Yogi – Best Fancy Dress

A combination of the great weather, no dog show since 2019 due to Covid, and all the extra lockdown puppies, meant attendance was high. We estimate that over 200 people turned up, with over 40 talented doggies registered across the various categories.

Predicting turnout is always tricky, so a big thanks to the volunteers who just about kept their sanity, and the attendees for bearing with us at times!

**Chris & Jenny Maslin**



## News from the FoGH Committee

Welcome to our summer newsletter. Time is flying by, with our seasonal weather in a muddle! As I write, we have just had thunderstorms following an exceptionally hot day. What's the old saying – "Ne'er cast a clout till May be out"! (Although I think it's open to different interpretations.....)

I start with an update from our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 12th May (a further report can be found on page 4). As you may all be aware, Chairman Liz Edwards spent much of 2021 in hospital, recovering from her stroke. She returned home early this year and has chaired our last few meetings (which all ended up on Zoom). At the AGM, Liz announced her decision to step down as Chair, but remains on our committee. I was duly elected Chair and Emma Melville as Deputy Chair. We hope to do our best.

We as a committee are incredibly grateful for everything Liz has done, most particularly during the time of the Heritage Lottery Funded works. Liz was one of the founding members of FoGH and had been Chairman since May 2013. At the 2022 AGM we presented her with FoGH life membership and some gift vouchers for her to spend in her garden, which we all know is her passion.

Our recent monthly meetings have mainly been to discuss preparations for the AGM and book launch, as well as the variety of events arranged for the summer – including the return of the popular Quiz Night. We will be having a Picnic in the Park on Sunday 17th July, which will be part of the Tunbridge Wells Fringe Festival. We have persuaded Nell from Arty Farty Retreat to offer some children's craft activities on the event field.

We are aware of several maintenance issues around the Park, including the skatepark repairs not being carried out to a high standard. The committee would like to thank park keeper Tony Cheeseman for his continued hard work, and the Parks Department for their support. Here's hoping for a lovely summer to enjoy our Park!

Please email me at [chair@fogh.org.uk](mailto:chair@fogh.org.uk) if you have any issues to raise.

**Carolyn Gray, FoGH Chair**

## Join the FoGH Committee

We currently have two vacancies on our committee. In general we meet monthly, on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. This was traditionally in the Hub, but due to Covid we switched to Zoom meetings. We are hoping to get back to face-to-face meetings in the Hub however! We also correspond between meetings by email: often because of issues raised by park users, or the council.

At meetings we catch up on these issues, as well as planning events. Some committee members take on additional tasks, such as social media, this newsletter, creating posters, litter picking and weeding. We act at all times as the step between park users and the council. If you would like to join us, please email me at [chair@fogh.org.uk](mailto:chair@fogh.org.uk) Thank you in anticipation!



Carolyn plants heathers in the Park

**Carolyn Gray**



## Update from the Parks Department

In the last update, we explained the Council had entered into a one year contract extension with Tivoli, which expires on 31st December 2022. We are now negotiating a further two year extension, to allow time for a procurement exercise starting next year. The new specification will take into account TWBC's objective to be net carbon neutral by 2030. We will be looking at all our parks to see how we can change our practices, while still delivering the service.

I hope that by the time you read this the Auckland Road gates will be back in place following repairs. More work is needed on the ramps in the skate park: the contractors have been asked to return and address problems highlighted by the skaters. We have once again entered Grosvenor & Hilbert into the Large Park category for this years South and South East in Bloom competition, with judging scheduled for the 14th July. Fingers crossed we can retain the high standards achieved last year with a Gold award.

With the arrival of warmer weather, I'm sure many people will think about BBQs in the Park. While we do allow BBQ's, we do have a few simple rules to follow:

- 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 & pets away from the BBQs. No throwing or sports games near the BBQ.
- Never leave the BBQ unattended. Do not attempt to move it before it is completely cool.
- To ensure the BBQ is fully extinguished, let it burn out & go cold or pour water on: we suggest bringing water.
- Dispose of the cold BBQ responsibly: take it with you or use one of the litter bins provided.
- If your BBQ group will be more than 5 people, you must seek permission from the Parks Team.

If you have any suggestions or wish to contact the Parks Team, please email [parks@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:parks@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)

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

## In Appreciation of Fred Scales 1936-2022

We were very sad to hear that Fred had passed away this spring. When the Friends group first formed, both Fred Scales and Geoff Copus provided us with historical information on the local area. Fred and his wife Rita welcomed me into their home to explore his extensive collection of photos, and his oral memories of growing up locally.

Fred was born in Ely Lane, which is now part of Ely Court, Royal Victoria Place. He attended St Barnabas Infants School and during lunch breaks the children were taken to the British Canteen in Grosvenor Recreation Ground. After National Service, he joined Sainsburys in 1957 as a trainee butcher, before becoming a Meat Manager, working in the different branches of the store in Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge.

He retained his interest in local history through his retirement and could recall numerous historical events and characters with clarity and humour. **Carolyn Gray**



Fred Scales

## Events & Activities in the Park



The CPR & defibrillator course

### First Aid Courses

There is increasing awareness of the importance of knowing how to help someone if they stop breathing or have a cardiac arrest. With this in mind, FoGH held two first aid training courses in March. The first, on 7th March, was led by St John's Ambulance trainer Martin Steers (husband of committee member Lynda). The one hour course was very much hands-on, and attendees learnt how to perform CPR and use a defibrillator.

The second course, on 30th March, was for a full day and covered a wide range of emergency first aid. These included choking, seizures, blood loss, shock, minor injuries and burns, as

well as CPR and using a defibrillator. After completing the course, all who attended received a three year First Aid Accreditation, which is a useful skill to have and may help at FoGH events.

**Chris Hughes**



Making seed bombs

### Moth Identification & Spring Crafts

Our first moth identification event of the year was on Saturday March 19th. As it was relatively early, we did not expect to find many moths, so were happy with the four species caught. These were Oak Beauty, Common and Small Quaker and the appropriately named March Moth! The total number of moths found was also low, but as expected at this time of the year.



Two Oak Beauty moths

The craft activities on offer included making seed bombs. Pollinator-friendly seeds are mixed with compost and clay, then this mix is rolled into firm balls. This makes it easier to sow the seeds, which will encourage more pollinators into gardens.

Many thanks to Dr Ian Beavis for running the moth event and to the local Notcutts garden centre for their generosity in donating seeds for the seed bombs.

**Chris Hughes**

### FoGH Spring Clean

We held our first litter pick of the year in the afternoon of Sunday 3rd April. A group of volunteers met by the Hub, to be issued with grabbers and bin bags before heading out to scour the Park for litter.

Having a table out in a busy location seemed a good opportunity to raise some funds, so we had second-hand books available for donations. It also gave a chance to clear some of the unclaimed lost property, which has been in the park keepers compound for months. Two scooters and a football were purchased, going to new homes for a second lease of life and a small bicycle was donated to the Hospice.

We chatted to passers-by, raising awareness of the Friends group. We had back copies of the newsletter to give out, as well as membership forms in case anyone wanted to join. Our volunteers spent a couple of hours filling bin bags, getting to some of the harder to reach areas, as well as targeting the litter hotspots. Sincere thanks to the spring cleaners for their hard work and to those who donated.



Volunteers with their haul

**Mary Hughes**

## Events & Activities in the Park *contd.*



Luna with Fred's plaque

### Stumped on how to remember your dog?

Thanks to TWBC, we are now up and running with the commemorative tree stump, where dog owners can remember their canine pals. We attached the first plaque on 14th April, in memory of the Cubbon family's cherished black Labrador, Fred.

Fred is greatly missed by his family. He came home at 8 weeks old and walked in the park nearly every day until passing at 13.5 years. The gentlest of dogs, Fred was wonderful with children and a passionate ball chaser, swimmer and stick carrier. He loved opening presents (his or someone else's), and was a great fan of finding and eating baking ingredients in the kitchen. His sister Luna was there when his commemorative plaque was installed.

Subsequently, plaques remembering doggy friends Isobel, Ruby and Valentine have been added. If you'd like to remember your faithful friend here with a plaque, go to [www.fogh.org.uk/dogmemorial](http://www.fogh.org.uk/dogmemorial) or email [dogmemorial@fogh.org.uk](mailto:dogmemorial@fogh.org.uk) **Clare Kelly**

### Easter Egg Hunt

Jane, Emma and Tess Melville, Clare Kelly, and I had a super Easter Sunday afternoon in the Park at the Easter Egg Hunt. We were by the Oast House, and Tess counted 255 attendees over two hours. The weather was glorious, as families explored the Park looking for our numbered signs. At the end, they exchanged completed forms for a chocolate egg and a take home craft kit.

Early in the morning, The Church of Christ (in Commercial Road, off Camden Road) held their sunrise celebration in the Park. It was lovely to have these all events back after two lockdown Easters. Also, after a few previous rainy Easter events, it was amazing to enjoy spring sunshine surrounded by park lovers.

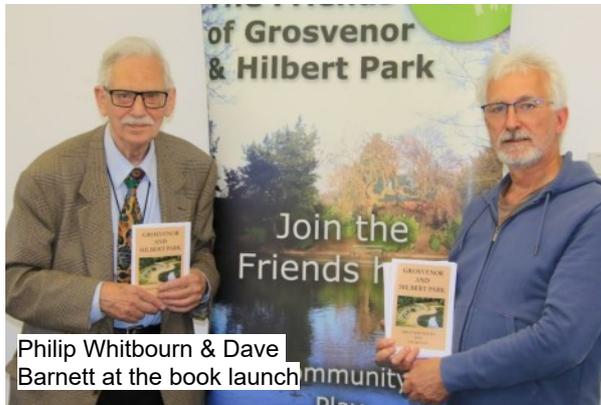
Thanks to James, Ben and Mark for their support as family members of the committee!

**Carolyn Gray**



Queues at the Easter Egg Hunt

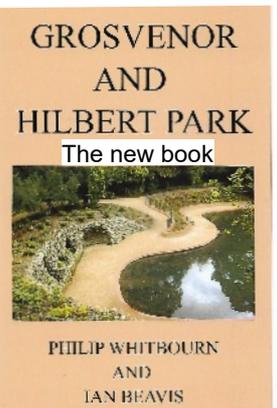
### FoGH Annual General Meeting & Book Launch



Philip Whitbourn & Dave Barnett at the book launch

Over the last two years Covid19 disrupted our AGM – in 2020 we issued a written report, and restrictions in 2021 pushed the real life meeting into September. This year we were back on track with a real meeting in May, in The Hub, with cheese and wine.

Liz Edwards gave her Chair report, and in his Treasurer's report Chris Hughes laid out plans to buy a defibrillator for The Hub. At the September AGM, funds were agreed to help repair the skate park, but TWBC met the cost. FoGH will also fund the purchase and installation of a water bottle filling station for the Park.



The committee said goodbye to Derly James and Chris Maslin, leaving two vacancies (see page 2 for more information). After the formal sections of the meeting, Dr Philip Whitbourn introduced the updated book on the Park. The original book, by Dr Whitbourn and Dr Ian Beavis, was launched in 2012, but the Park has changed over the last 10 years. Thanks to all who came to the AGM, and especially to those who bought a copy of the revised book. Further copies will be on sale at future events, priced at £5 each.

**Carolyn Gray**

### Community Basket Planting

This took place on Sunday 22nd May, as the summer planting was put into place by FoGH volunteers. On the previous day, Chris Hughes and Lynda Steers worked hard to empty the baskets, reusing the surviving plants in the nearby flower borders.

We used a mixture of trailing and upright plants, including pelargoniums, calibrachoa, petunias and fuchsia. This year experimented with three different types of foliage plant and verbenas. It's important to FoGH to be environmentally-friendly when possible, so we used peat-free compost. Sincere thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time to help! **Mary Hughes**



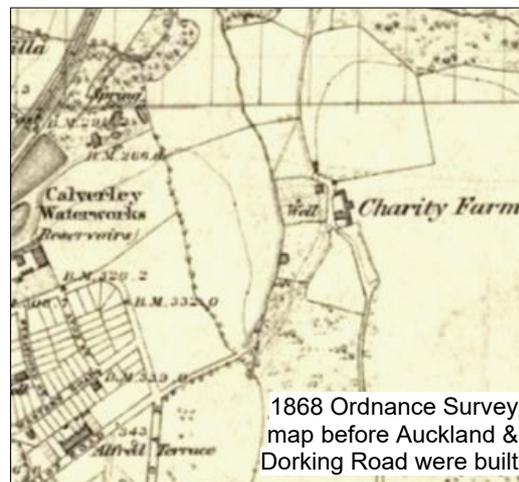
Planting by the bowls green

## Before the Park: Life on Charity Farm *contd.*

As more housing was built near the farm, the local population increased, causing more challenges for the tenant farmers.

Reports in the Kent & Sussex Courier show theft, wilful damage, trespassing, poaching and assault. Charity Farm workers were often the culprits: in 1873 labourer Thomas Peddles was caught carrying a basket of potatoes from the farm by the police. More were found at his house. George Eastwood was employed to dry hops in the oast house in 1874, but his accomplice George Richards was caught with potatoes and mangold wurzels, both stolen from the farm by Eastwood.

The tenant, Mary Ann Copper, caught her employee Charles Wheeler stealing a chicken in October 1906, and commented that she had lost 40 hens since January. In 1908 another worker was charged with stealing eggs on two occasions. Thomas Jenkins was selling them on to a shopkeeper in Camden Road, who believed that Jenkins' wife kept up to 30 hens.....



1868 Ordnance Survey map before Auckland & Dorking Road were built



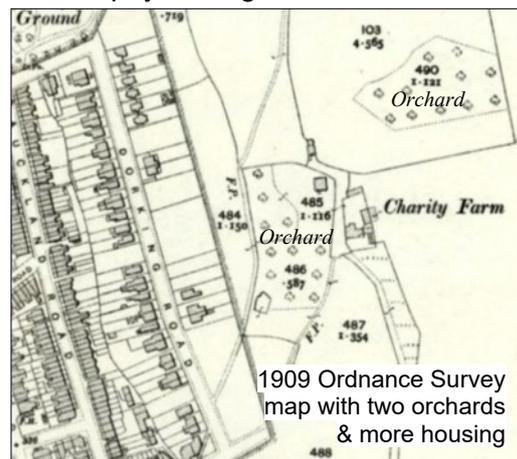
Growing cabbages

In 1880 Frank Martin was summoned for unlawful damage. He was one of about 20 youths who knocked a quantity of cabbages about with sticks, after being warned off the land earlier. Fences and hedges were damaged in the 1880s, and in early 1884 there were frequent problems with boys throwing stones around the farm buildings, breaking windows.

One persistent problem was stealing apples from the two areas of orchard (shown on the 1909 map below). The offenders were either boys or young adults, who climbed up or threw stones to get the fruit down, which damaged the trees. Occasional prosecutions were aimed as a deterrent, with the perpetrators cautioned or made to pay damages.

In 1896 the tenant George Copper was assaulted, "causing his nose to bleed profusely", after he ordered a trespasser to leave. An advert in the August 1901 Courier read "Notice – All persons mushrooming, poaching or trespassing on Charity Farm, Tunbridge Wells, will be prosecuted." Similar notices appear frequently during autumn in the early 20th-century, with variations including breaking hedges or stealing apples.

Another issue was animal disease, with Charity Farm affected by foot-and-mouth in 1883 and 1924. Before the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act of 1892, infected animals and possible contacts were isolated, with no livestock movement in affected areas. The 1892 Act introduced slaughter of infected animals and compensation payments.



1909 Ordnance Survey map with two orchards & more housing



Children at play

It wasn't all hard work on the farm. Once hay was harvested, the fields were an ideal place for events, with annual summer treats for children from local schools and Sunday Schools. In 1884, about 300 children from St Barnabas had games, afternoon tea and music from the town band on one of the fields. From 1904, High Brooms Cricket Club used a levelled and turfed field for practice. This field was also used for quoits and cricket matches.

In April 1901, Charity Farm hit the headlines all over the country, when the tenant George Copper accidentally

shot his brother-in-law Mr Kemp in the thigh with a shotgun! As the Kemps were spending their honeymoon on the farm, the headline "Bridegroom Shot" was irresistible! Exaggerated accounts appeared in many national papers and in several London dailies. Happily, once Dr Perry had extracted the pellets, the patient made a full recovery.

When the last tenant left in 1936, a long tradition of farming on the site came to an end. The oast house provides a link to this agricultural past and a future article will look at growing and processing hops.

**Mary Hughes**

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

Maps: Kent County Council heritage ordnance survey maps website & the National Library of Scotland historic maps collection.



The farmhouse – honeymoon haven?

Oak trees  
in the Park



## The Amazing Oak Tree

Among all the trees in the Park, oaks support the most wildlife – some 2300 species (not including bacteria and other microorganisms). As well as shelter and places to breed, they are a generous source of food. All parts of an oak tree have value, from the canopy to the roots.

Oak leaves are about 10 cm long, with smooth edges and deep lobes, appearing from April onwards. Many caterpillars eat oak leaves, some exclusively. New growth attracts other insects, like aphids, which produce the sugary substance honeydew. Various insects, including ants and some adult butterflies, feed on this. All these invertebrates attract predators, from spiders to birds.

Oaks are monoecious: they have both male and female flowers on the same tree. These appear between April and May, with male flowers in long clusters, releasing pollen into the air. The tiny red/pink female flowers grow between the stem of the leaf and the main stem of twigs. The flowers are eaten by squirrels and many insects, including some moth and butterfly caterpillars. The pollen is also a popular food source for bees.



Male oak  
flowers



Female oak  
flowers



Green acorns

After pollination, the female flowers develop into acorns: a large shiny nut 2-2.5 cm long, held in a scaly wooden cup. Acorns are green when young, maturing to brown, before falling in autumn. They are a favourite food of many woodland creatures, from badgers to wood mice. A number of birds enjoy them, including woodpeckers, rooks and nuthatches. Jays and squirrels bury acorns they can't eat at once, to store for later: a jay can hoard up to 5000 acorns in a year. They remember where many of them are, but forget others, which grow into new trees.

One insect which relies solely on the oak is the attractive Purple Hairstreak butterfly. The caterpillars eat oak leaves and flower buds, and the adults feed mainly on honeydew. Although widely distributed in southern England, they are rarely seen, as the adults live high in oak trees. A single tree can support a whole colony.

**Mary Hughes**

*Information from various internet sources, including The Woodland Trust & Butterfly Conservation.*



Male Purple  
Hairstreak



Female Purple  
Hairstreak



Measuring during a match

## Sport Report Bowls

The start of the outdoor bowling season is always an exciting time for Grosvenor Bowls Club, with a summer of friendlies, matches, competitions and socialising to look forward to! Our first game of the season (away at Wadhurst) was at the end of April. It was lovely to get on the green again, and although the result didn't go our way, we had great fun, renewing friendships and playing bowls in the sunshine.

Two home games followed, with Grosvenor coming out

on top against Culverden and Bidborough. We also secured an away victory against Bayham & Lamberhurst. All of us in the team are now well into the swing of things and ready to attempt to retain our Tunbridge Wells Triples League title from early June.

We are keen to encourage as many people as possible to give our sport a try. If you would like to see what bowls is all about, come down and meet us, and have a go during our Wednesday evening practice from 6pm. All you need is flat-soled shoes! Alternatively, you can contact us via our website [www.grosvenorbowls.co.uk](http://www.grosvenorbowls.co.uk) or ring secretary Norman to arrange a time to suit you (07944 697061).



A sunny practice night

**Jo Cartwright**

## Meet the Park Volunteer



Daisy with filled bags

Every weekend for the past three months I have been volunteering to clear litter in Grosvenor & Hilbert Park, as a part of my Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. You've probably seen me about with either my Mum or Dad – looking a bit tired on a Saturday morning!

I used to live on Dorking Road so giving a helping hand to make this Park look even better was a really easy decision to make. It's such a nice feeling when people come up to you and say thank you for clearing up – particularly when it's younger people (who are often blamed for the mess in the first place – we're not all bad!!)

I am looking forward, now that the weather is better, to coming back to the Park on Tuesday evenings and skateboarding with the girls skating club. The Park has so much to offer and it feels good to 'give something back'.

**Daisy Halford**

## Dogs in the Park

Buddy is a rescue dog from Newmarket and is aged about nine. I met him seven years ago when my friend Sally got him, and I took over when she could no longer look after him. I am happy to say we visit her regularly.



Buddy

People say he looks like a lamb, with his white curly hair. His appearance suggested Bichon Frise in his makeup, supported by his calm nature. A DNA test confirmed this, but showed surprisingly that he is half Jack Russell..... But in looks and character he is mainly Bichon Frise. Buddy has lots of fans in the Park, as he is so friendly and loves attention. He is very laid back and tolerates most things, from bouncy puppies to small children pulling his fur. He enjoys a good chase on the field or a paddle in the stream (often the rusty one!) His hobbies are sniffing, eating and sleeping, but his favourite is being made a fuss of!

**Dorothy Swann**

## Update from Kent High Weald Partnership

Following some recent staff changes here at the Partnership, I will be taking over from Cally Fiddimore in the management of Hilbert Woods local nature reserve. My name is Steph Dowling and I joined KHWP just over a year ago now. How time has flown! Since the return of our full volunteering programme last spring, lots of work has been completed on the reserve.

The removal of debris and sediment from some of our leaky dams is necessary, to help reduce water flow following heavy rainfall. Repair and maintenance of more leaky dams is planned for the coming months. We have also carried out repairs to the boardwalk and woven hazel fencing near to the Redleaf Close entrance following damage from storm Eunice.



Mending the boardwalk & hazel fencing

Whilst walking around the reserve you may also spot some new boxes up high in the trees. These bat and owl boxes have been funded by the Sussex LUND fund, and it is hoped will provide some attractive accommodation for some of our resident nocturnal birds and mammals!

Most recently we have been out with our volunteers mulching in the community orchard. This suppresses grasses from growing around the fruit trees, as well as holding and retaining moisture around the tree's roots.

Over the summer we will be installing a buddy bench in Appledore Wood, our wood pasture area. This was proposed by Imago Community organisation and kindly



Sleepy tawny owl in the Park



New wildlife box

constructed by The Men's Shed. It is hoped this will be a nice space for people to sit, chat and reflect in the nature reserve. Towards the end of summer, the volunteers will be mowing the wildflower meadow in the orchard, with the aim of helping the flowers to thrive.

If you have any questions for KHWP, or if you would be interested in joining our volunteer work parties, then please do not hesitate to get in touch via email at [Steph.dowling@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Steph.dowling@kent.gov.uk) You can learn new skills,

refresh old ones and meet people, while getting out in the fresh air!

**Steph Dowling, Partnership Officer,  
Kent High Weald Partnership**



Mulching in the orchard

## Summer Events 2022

### **Bench Installation & Building.....Wednesday 15th June 10am – 3pm**

Join the Kent High Weald Partnership volunteers for a constructive day.  
Meet at the Hilbert Road gates & wear suitable clothing & footwear.

### **Photography Walk.....Sunday 3rd July 11am – 12.30pm**

Join us in support of the RTW in Bloom "Blooming Marvellous" Photo Competition  
The theme this year is Living Water.  
Meet by the Hub & bring your camera! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **FoGH Picnic in the Park.....Sunday 17th July 12 – 4pm**

Celebrate the Great Get Together by joining FoGH for fun & games! (See below.)  
On the lower football pitch. Bring a picnic & chairs or a rug. Games & activities provided.

### **The Fun FoGH Quiz Returns!.....Saturday 6th August 7pm**

At the Hub. Tables of 6 if possible: £10 per person. Fish & chips included.  
Booking essential by phone/ text on 07972 592799 & please advise of any dietary requirements.

### **Moth Identification & Crafts.....Saturday 13th August 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Join Ian Beavis to identify the moths caught overnight in the Park.  
Free drop-in event at the Hub: children's crafts will be available.  
Suitable for all ages: children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Bird, Bat & Bug House Building.....Saturday 24th September 10.30am – 1pm**

It's Great Big Green Week! (24th September - 2nd October [www.greatbiggreenweek.com/](http://www.greatbiggreenweek.com/))  
Join in with KHWP & FoGH at this drop-in event to make homes for wildlife.  
At the Hub. All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tools & equipment provided.

### **Apple Day.....Saturday 8th October 11am – 3pm**

At the Oast House. Join FoGH for activities, games & refreshments.  
We'll be making juice with our apple press: bring bottles to take some home.  
Volunteers needed to help cut up the apples! Any clean bottles welcomed!

**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/>

To learn more about conservation volunteering days with KHWP, see <https://khwp.org.uk/>

### **The FoGH Picnic in the Park Returns!**

As part of TW Fringe Festival and The Great Get Together, FoGH are pleased to announce the return of their Picnic in the Park afternoon. We have a variety of games and activities that will be on the lower football pitch for you to share, and join in. We'll have information on what the Friends group does for the Park, and our plans for the future.



Don't forget to bring a picnic! Of course, the usual refreshments will be available at Table 8 cafe. Bring your own chairs, rugs, even musical instruments if you fancy!  
Our friends from Arty Farty Retreat in Southborough will be offering children's craft activities on the field during the Picnic. We hope many of you will join us for a fun-filled afternoon! **Carolyn Gray**

*Please note: if it is raining in the Park at 10am on the day, the event will be cancelled.*

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