

Spring Newsletter

March 2018



Wendell Park *Gardening Friends*

Key dates for your diaries

Friday - Saturday 6th & 7th April

Planting Up the South Border
Plants will be delivered to the park by idverde and we would love volunteers to help dig them in them. Please bring your own tools! We will supply coffee, tea and refreshments!

Wednesday 16th May, 7:30pm

WPGF presentation to the Wendell Park Community Group AGM

A date in May, tbc

Propagation workshop / plant swap in the park - an opportunity to share your cuttings and seedlings and to help and inspire others to create their own new plants.

First Saturday of each month until October, 10am till 12pm

Volunteers needed to help weed, tidy, water, prune etc. The more the merrier!

Dear Friends,

It seems strange that only a few days ago as I looked out of my window Wendell Park was covered in a blanket of snow; yet Spring is definitely just around the corner and many of the bulbs which we planted last of October are sprouting prolifically. The next weeks will also see more work being done in the park and we very much hope that you will be able to join us in some of the activities that we have planned.

- Over the course of the winter months, your committee has been busy drawing up plans for the replanting of the herbaceous border, getting approval from the council for our proposed list of plants, developing and updating the wendellparkgardeningfriends.co.uk website, and holding meetings with representatives of the LBHF parks department and idverde (the firm to whom the Council has subcontracted parks maintenance and gardening). Key developments include:
- Our lovely neighbour Sarah Heaton sarahheatongardens.com has produced a fabulous planting scheme for the South border which you will be able to look at on our website, along with the list of plants that we are bringing in.
- The Council has agreed the removal of more Snowberry bushes and this should go ahead immediately.
- We have drawn to their attention on the poor condition of the paths throughout the park, and a budget has been approved for remedial work which is also due to start this week.
- We have obtained approval for a watering point to be installed near the drinking fountain (which will have its tap mechanism reinstalled in April)
- The broken bench is due to be replaced in the next week.
- We have requested that something be done to improve soil drainage in the dog-walking area. This is complicated as it is believed that the foundations of a concrete air-raid shelter are in this area which, along with the heavy compaction of the soil, is preventing water from draining effectively. Nonetheless, idverde will endeavour to improve drainage through aeration, and the Council will look into further improvements before the autumn
- It has been agreed that the fenced area between the dog-walking zone and Cobbold Road will be made available to children at Wendell Park School. We will collectively need to spend some time improving some of the beds

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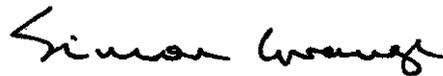
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there so that the children can get busy planting at the start of the Summer term.

- In February, Catherine Remy and Frances Fedden delivered a fantastic presentation on WPGF's origins, objectives and future plans at Askew Road Library which you can read about in Liliana Radujko's article on the website.
- Charlotte Morgan has been busy tweeting wonderful photographs of the park as it has transitioned from Winter into Spring on [@WendellParkGF](#). Please share any you have taken!
- Thanks go to Fiona John for the lovely design work that she has done on our logo, which we are looking forward to emblazoning on some fun merchandise. Hopefully you'll see a lot of it in the park soon!

We have a busy time ahead and I can't wait to see the exciting improvements that you are helping to bring about. Let's hope for some warm sun and gentle rain to get the party started!

Best Wishes



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Wendell Park in winter!