

Friends of Raleigh Park Newsletter

The Friends' AGM on 2 September saw Jenny Barker, one of our founding members, stand down as Chair. She made a fine contribution to organising work sessions and liaising with Park Rangers, for which we are all very grateful. We look forward to seeing her around the Park for many years to come.

The new Committee is:

Chair Stephen Parkinson
Secretary / Webmaster David Brown
Membership Secretary Carol Kramer
Treasurer David Browning
Members Colin Hayes, Hedley Barnes
OCC Liaison Kevin Keen

The committee has space for additional members, who can be co-opted in the first instance. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us on the email addresses below.

Plans for the coming year include a talk in February, and outdoor events in Spring and Summer. We hope to restore some of the old seats (of which only the iron supports remain) and to deploy our recent purchase of waders in the clearing of the pond. The grazing of cattle in the park has had some effect on keeping down the invasive nettles and grass, and we hope to further restore the balance by sowing wild flower seeds collected in the summer (see the picture), and by continuing to combat the evil Himalayan Balsam and the spreading brambles. We are asking OCC to give us more detailed information on the cattle grazing, so that we can give local people a clearer idea of when there are cattle in the Park. We will post relevant information on the website www.raleighpark.org.uk.

David Browning of the Friends keeps us informed of what teachers at North Hinksey Primary School are doing in the Environmental Centre at 67 Yarnells Hill, to make educational use of the Park - another example of the wider use of the Park by the community.

There was a second Logs for Labour workday in the Park, organised by OCC Parks Department, on 6 December and some logs are still available by the pond. This is a good opportunity to stock up your woodstore for log-burning heaters or getting a log in for Xmas. Just take it away in a wheelbarrow, it's been sawn into lengths, see the picture.

Subscriptions for the current year (2015-16), held at their original level of £5 are now due, and should be sent to Carol Kramer, 20 Raleigh Park Road.

We can now accept subscriptions by bank transfer, to the Friends' account

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Please put your name as reference, and if possible send a copy of the payment confirmation to Carol cmstowe@hotmail.com or to David Browning (63 Yarnells Hill).

We look forward to an active year in the Park!

Stephen Parkinson
Chair, Friends of Raleigh Park

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