



SPRING NEWSLETTER – February 2013

Dear Friends,

Much of this newsletter is taken up with the final instalment of our history of the Upper Arboretum – Ipswich's first public park. Although the idea was first proposed in 1847, it was six years until the Arboretum's gates were first opened to everyone, monied or not. How Society has changed over the last 150 years! And yet, as shown by the original plan of the Arboretum printed later in the newsletter, how little the landscape has altered.

Sadly, the challenges facing park managers are very similar too. Last November, the *Observer* ran the headline "Battle to halt the decline of Britain's shabby public parks". The article cited Haringey in London as an example of parks under pressure: "Like all councils, Haringey has no statutory duty to maintain its parks. Last year it slashed its spending by more than half. It now employs only three full-time gardeners across its 46 parks and no maintenance budget for 43 of them." David Morris, Campaigns Officer of the National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces, then says "We have 40 friends of parks groups in Haringey, people have been doing their bit, but they can't possibly do it on their own. We need to have resources and local authorities are starved by central government of funds for non-statutory services. Parks are on a downwards trajectory. It's not just here, this is a national crisis in parks and green spaces; it's disastrous."

In Ipswich we are still very lucky to have a dedicated team who ensure that Christchurch Park is still a delight and a treasure, and a Council that understands the need for well-managed and maintained green spaces. (A recent Ipsos Mori survey found that more people want councils to protect spending on green spaces, including parks and playgrounds, than on libraries, youth clubs and getting people back to work.) But it is unrealistic to demand more and more on less and less. I am reminded of some lines of the sixteenth-century Essex poet Nicholas Breton:

I wish my deadly foe no worse
Than want of friends and empty purse.

Christchurch Park has many friends as you will see in this newsletter. We hope that you will remain one of them by renewing your subscription (just £5 per household) to the Friends of Christchurch Park (see the back page of the newsletter for full details) so that we can help to make a real difference. But as Friends we can do more, and a wide variety of volunteering opportunities is always available (telephone the RDVC on 01473 252435 for details). We must play our part so that, just as was reported of the visitor to the Arboretums in the 1890's, "he will no longer be surprised that Ipswich people should mention them with pride".

Richard Wilson

Friends' events this spring

Saturday 23 March 9.30am – Spring Bird Walk with Philip Murphy

With better weather surely just around the corner, this will be an opportunity to join our avian expert Philip Murphy to enjoy the varied birdlife of the Park before the trees come fully into leaf. Meet at the Reg Driver Visitor Centre at 9.30am and bring along binoculars if you have them (but don't worry if you don't). Free and open to all.

Monday 25 March 7.30pm – The AGM of the Friends of Christchurch Park

This year's AGM will again be held at the Reg Driver Visitor Centre. We very much hope that you can join us for a glass of wine and a discussion of what the Friends have been working on over the past year. We are absolutely delighted that Emma Roodhouse, Art Curator of the Ipswich and Colchester Museums, will be with us for a look at the fine art collections of Ipswich with a particular focus on Christchurch Mansion and the Park. She will tell us about the new Constable exhibits at the Mansion (including loans from the Victoria and Albert Museum) as well as revealing plans for future displays. Limited car parking is available at the RDVC via the Bolton Lane entrance.

Saturday 27 April 4.30am – Dawn Chorus Walk

A very early start but well worth the effort! This is a unique opportunity to experience the Park as its bats and foxes go to sleep and its birds wake up. Learn more about the Park's birds and birdsong from our expert Philip Murphy and enjoy the wonderfully varied wildlife of Christchurch Park. As last year, we will assemble at the north end of the Bridle Way, where it meets the junction of Henley Road and Park Road. The event is free to all members and prospective members.

Thursday 2 May 10.30am – Guided tour of the new Constable exhibits at the Mansion

We are particularly pleased that Emma Roodhouse, Art Curator at Colchester and Ipswich Museums (our guest speaker at this year's AGM – see above), has offered to give the Friends a special guided tour of the new Constable exhibits at the Mansion. This display includes pictures on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum for just three months, so this will be an excellent opportunity to see some wonderful works of art in the company of a real expert. The tour will last for about forty minutes. Space is limited to just twenty places which must be booked in advance by telephoning Ann Snook on 01473 251037.

What's on at the Mansion?

The Friends of the Ipswich Museums' "Peep into the Past" daily short tours of the Mansion (Tuesdays to Saturdays at 11am and Sundays at 2pm) recommence on 1 March. These tours are free (though donations are welcome), but are not suitable for large groups who can arrange tours via their website www.foim.org.uk or by calling the Mansion on 01473 433554.

Saturday 23 March 10.30am to 4.30pm – Inventive Victorians

Come and meet some "real characters" in the Mansion today and find out how Victorian inventions transformed our lives. Discover the mystery of a Victorian "talking" picture book, make your own moving toy, meet the housemaid and see if you can work out what her latest gadgets are for and much more. An action packed, fun, interactive day for all ages. Free entry with moving toy activity £1.50 per person. Drop in from 10:30am to 16:30pm. No need to book.

Trevor to the rescue

The recent snowy weather turned the Park into a winter wonderland, with visitors coming to see the beautifully frost-encrusted trees or to speed down the best tobogganing hill in town.



But the ice and snow proved treacherous for some. In this picture we see Park team member Trevor just after he transported a victim of slippery Snow Hill (pushing rather than riding on a sledge) across the Park to a waiting ambulance. Trevor's trailer is usually used for carrying leaves not people with suspected broken limbs, but the ambulance staff were delighted that Trevor was there to save a difficult trudge through the snow with a stretcher.

Should we have any more snow this winter, do come and enjoy the Park but be careful,

especially on some of the steeper paths that can become very icy.

Tree planted in memory of long-serving Borough gardener Tom Wright

Friends, family and co-workers braved the elements one Friday morning in December to plant a memorial tree to Tom Wright, who tended the grounds of Christchurch Park and other Ipswich parks for thirty-one years before his death in 2011. Tom was perhaps best known for the superb carpet-bedding displays at the Henley Road entrance to the Park, but he was always happy to stop and have a chat, and share his wealth of knowledge and experience with passers-by.



The tree, funded by the Friends of Christchurch Park, is an unusual Bhutan Pine (replacing the notable example that sadly had to be felled) and has been situated in the Arboretum near to the Arts and Crafts Shelter. Tom's widow Carol was first to put a shovelful of earth around its base before the job was completed by his former colleagues from the Borough's parks department.

This example of carpet bedding predates Tom, coming as it does from 1962. Standing next to it are then Head Gardener Tom Reed and his wife Violet. (Many thanks to David Miller for this photograph and accompanying information.)

A history of the Upper Arboretum – part five

In our last newsletter we saw how the directors of the private Arboretum that had opened (for subscribers only) in 1851, succumbed to pressure for it to be open to all by swopping it in April 1853 for some building land on the London Road. It was now the Council's responsibility to prepare the Arboretum for public access and then oversee its maintenance. But how would they pay for it? (Council expenditure was a serious concern for the good burghers of Ipswich even in the early 1850's....) They quickly came up with a plan, as revealed by the Borough Minutes for the 28 May:

It is also proposed that a house be erected on the acre of ground so to be set apart for occupation by the party keeping the ground, and that two Lodges be erected on the pleasure ground – one at an entrance to be made from the bridleway at the South East corner (nearest the Town) and the other at the entrance opposite the Grammar School.

These arrangements it is calculated can be effected without expence to the Town either present or future. Mr. W. B. Jeffreys is willing to hire the house and the acre of exclusive ground at the rent of £25 and a person [William Charles Fonnereau] is willing to undertake to enclose the ground and build the house on being secured a rental not exceeding that sum. He is also willing to build the two Lodges on receiving the rental at which they may fairly be let – either to persons in the employment of Mr. Jeffreys or otherwise – this arrangement meets the present expence – as to the future, it will be part of the terms of Mr. Jeffreys' hire that he should keep the whole of the pleasure ground in complete order free of all expence to the Town and it is calculated that the ground rent of the portion of land at the extreme end which is before mentioned as to be set apart for building purposes will be sufficient to meet the current expences of keeping up the boundary fence and the Landlord's repairs to the house and Lodges.

The man selected to take on the care of the Arboretum was William Brame Jeffries (or Jeffreys), who had been a nurseryman, florist and seed merchant on London Road and the Cornhill since at least 1844. Needless to say the negotiations took some months, and it wasn't until 29 October that this advert appeared in the *Ipswich Journal*: "W.B. Jeffries begs to inform his numerous Friends and Patrons that he has engaged a New Nursery Ground adjoining the Upper Arboretum, and that he has also undertaken the charge of the latter with the privilege of Stocking certain parts of it with Ornamental Shrubs &c. for Sale." This announcement was slightly premature, as it was not until 9 November that Jeffries, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Ipswich along with William Fonnereau signed a lease (for 50 years) and an indenture (for 75) that legalised the arrangement. Jeffries was to maintain the "11 acres, 1 rood and 24 perches of Nursery Ground and Arboretum" to a high standard, which included repairing the fences, mowing, sweeping and rolling the grass, and weeding the beds which should "always be well stocked with herbaceous and other flowering plants". He was only permitted to carry on the business of a nurseryman and was not allowed to "sell or supply or permit or suffer to be sold or supplied... any wine, spirits, ale, beer, cider, ginger beer, soda water or other liquors."

It may have taken some time to finalise these details but the home for the nurseryman, Osborne House at 8 Henley Road, appears to have been constructed very quickly: The lease of 9 November states that "Mr. Fonnereau has erected... a dwelling house" and in the accompanying plan (see later in the newsletter) the property is clearly shown, as is the Lodge at the Henley Road entrance. It is not certain who was the architect for these notable and attractive buildings, but as early as 31 August 1850 the *Ipswich Journal* had mentioned that a "Design for the Keeper's Lodge of the Intended Arboretum" had just been exhibited by

Frederick Barnes at the Suffolk Fine Arts Association (alongside his designs for the Needham Market Station), so it seems highly likely that rather than incur any further expenses, Fonnereau would have taken up these plans. Barnes (1814-1898) also designed Arboretum Terrace (37-49 Henley Road) at about the same time. The second Park Lodge (shown only in draft on the plan) was built by the south east entrance onto the Bridle Way sometime between 1853 and 1859 and was home in the 1880's and 90's to William Garnham, "police constable for the Arboretum". Sadly it was demolished around 1955 but could this, from Pawsey's *Ladies Fashionable Repository* published in 1853-54, be it?



Despite all this activity in 1853, the Arboretum was still not properly open to the public. At last, on 18 November, the Town Clerk S.A. Notcutt made the eagerly-awaited announcement "That this Arboretum, including the addition now made to it at the North end, will be open to the Public on and after MONDAY, the 5th day of DECEMBER next, *free of charge.*"

Needless to say there would be some rules:

1. That, subject to the 2nd Rule, the Arboretum be open EVERY DAY in the week except THURSDAY, during the following hours, viz.,
 - In the months of November, December, January and February from 8 o'clock in the Morning until 4 o'clock in the Afternoon.
 - March, April, September and October from 6 o'clock in the Morning until 6 o'clock in the Evening.
 - May, June, July and August from 6 o'clock in the Morning until 9 o'clock in the Evening.
2. On Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, the Arboretum to be closed during the hours of Divine Service, viz., from 11 in the Forenoon, until 1 in the Afternoon; and from 3 until 5 in the Afternoon.
3. No Dogs to be admitted, and no Smoking to be allowed within the Grounds.
4. All disorderly characters to be excluded; and any person walking on the beds, plucking the flowers, or cutting or otherwise damaging the plants, shrubs, or trees, to be deemed a trespasser, and prosecuted accordingly.

The announcement of the Arboretum's public opening elicited praise and this verse from Vox Populi in the *Suffolk Chronicle* entitled "Open to all parties – influenced by none":

The praises of the Muse,
We offer, Sir, to those
Who've kindly read and learnt so soon
To hearken to our woes.

That they were brought to know
What trouble we were in,
"Kids" having no green play-ground now,
Since Bolton was took in.

That they were led to see
They could do something well, –
Open the grounds unto us free,
And we their praises tell.

Dear Sir, this "*Chron.*" of thine
Informs us when to go,
Monday, December fifth's the time –
Advertisement says so.

There we can read and learn,
How N-t, the Town Clerk,
Has writ and sign'd the great concern,
That we may view the Park.

And when he goes above,
May the spirit not go down,
Which shows the feeling and the love,
That some have for the town.

Oh, may that spirit teach,
and make their hearts receive,
Those truths which we, the people preach,
And all who read believe.

Then shall we praise the Mayor,
In a more cheerful strain,
That he and they will hear our prayers,
And listen not in vain.



*The Fountain, Upper Arboretum, Ipswich.
The Gift of John Brett, Esq.*

Here is a sketch from 1 July 1864 of the Brett Fountain which was published by Rock & Co. of London. The Fountain was unveiled at noon on May Day 1863 (making it 150 years old this year), but without the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, Mr Edward Grimwade, who refused to attend by saying that "cold water is a cold subject to make a speech upon".

The Fountain was donated by John Brett who had written to the Mayor and the Corporation in October 1862 offering to donate a drinking fountain to Ipswich after he saw children playing in the Arboretum and noticed that there was no drinking water for them. The Fountain cost £64.

Many thanks to David Miller, who lived in the Henley Road Lodge as a child, for supplying this image and for additional information about the Arboretum.

Jeffries clearly made a success of his business which occupied almost the entire northern end of the current Arboretum down to the Henley Road entrance. It may be hard for us to picture this as a thriving nursery, but with no access to the Arboretum (or of course the main Park) higher up on Henley Road (those gates were not put in until sometime after the Arboretum lease reverted to the Council in 1928) he was ideally placed to capture passing trade – as evidenced by the above sketch from 1864. Although Jeffries handed back small parts of his domain to the Council in 1859 and 1862, it was not until December 1889 that he would surrender what we now think of as the northern part of the Arboretum to the Council "with the view of improving the Public Arboretum grounds". Despite closing the nursery, Jeffries stayed on at Osborne House until 1893.

Those early years were not all plain sailing for Jeffries. Just three years after he opened, he reported a 14 year-old at Ipswich School, Joseph Wingfield Tracy, to the Headmaster, the Revd. Stephen Jordan Rigaud. Jeffries apparently accused Tracy of behaving in “a blackguardly and ungentlemanly way in the Arboretum”, saying that he had “in the winter time, behaved improperly in throwing snowballs”. For these alleged offences Rigaud beat the boy so fiercely (“20 to 25 blows upon various parts of the body, legs, thighs and back” as the prosecutor put it) that he subsequently faced prosecution at the Ipswich Police Court, charged with excessive punishment. Although no judgement was made against him, Rigaud faced a lengthy investigation and in less than 2 years he would leave to become Bishop of Antigua, where he died soon after. An even more terrible event took place in May 1865 when 2-year old Ada Grace Quickfall from the cottage in the Lower Arboretum (her father was one of Mr. Fonnereau’s gamekeepers), was found drowned in one of the ponds.

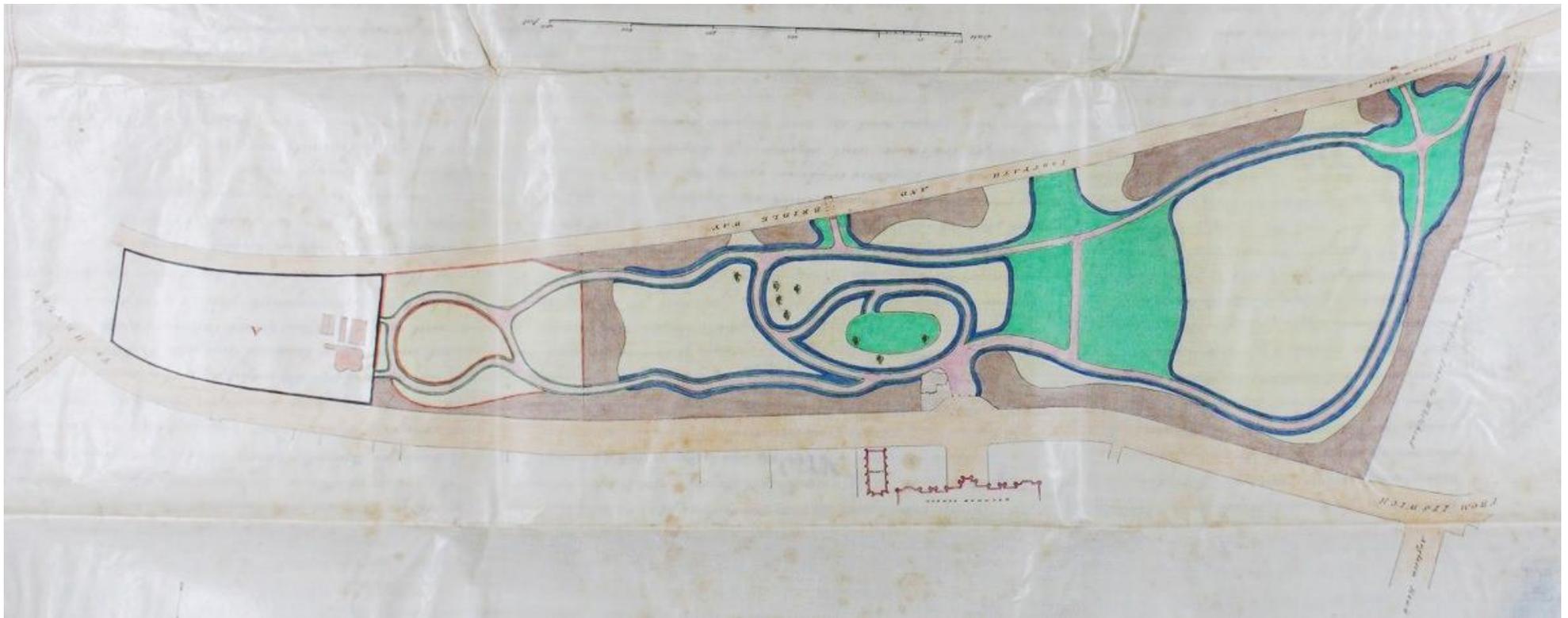
Despite these occurrences, the Arboretum was hugely enjoyed by the people of Ipswich. In April 1856 the Council was asked to offer places for visitors to sit, so it resolved that “eight iron seats be provided similar to those placed in the Dock walks”. Pawsey and Hayes’ *Illustrated Guide to Ipswich* describes the scene that they would have enjoyed:

No stranger has seen all the beauties of Ipswich who has not visited both the Upper and Lower Arboretums.... Before they were laid out with flower-beds and gravelled walks, and enclosed in their present form, these grounds formed an extensive hilly meadow, separated from Christ Church Park only by a line of palings. This meadow was called “Bolton”, and was used as a vast play-ground by all the children of the town, as a cricket-ground, and generally also as a pleasant and healthy place of resort. Here on such holidays as Easter Monday and Whit Monday, thousands of the townspeople used to congregate, and enjoy themselves as best they might.... On summer evenings the Lower Arboretum is a place of resort for the better families of Ipswich, and tennis and other games pass away the pleasant and balmy hours.... Both these Arboretums reflect the highest credit on all connected with their arrangement and management, and if the stranger pays them a visit he will no longer be surprised that Ipswich people should mention them with pride.

This piece from the 1890’s reminds us that it was still only the Upper Arboretum that was open to all. The main Park was not bought by the Council until 1895 while the Lower Arboretum was retained as a private space for the well-off. These 5 and a half acres had been leased by Fonnereau to a consortium of the great and the good at an annual rent of £80 on the same day that Jeffries took over the Upper Arboretum. Even more money was now needed to lay out these grounds – £260 in the first year alone for such things as new fencing, gravel and seats – so the annual subscription was set at one guinea. Up until 1894, when the freehold was acquired by the Trustees for £900, the grounds were well patronised and subscriber numbers were good. But when the Council acquired the Park the following year, numbers plummeted. Soon income was insufficient to meet expenditure and by April 1901 the Trustees had a debt of over £250. A plea was made for new subscribers: “The proprietors are anxious that the position of the matter should be widely known, as they feel confident there are many persons in the town who would be sorry to see the Arboretum either given up altogether or even become a part of the Park, open to the general public.”

Although the immediate crisis was averted, the tide of change couldn’t be stemmed. Ideas of both gender and class equality fuelled by the First World War meant that there was no longer a place for a private park in the Town. In 1922 the Lower Arboretum was bought by the Council for £1,568 14s 3d and its management was transferred to that of its near neighbours. Christchurch Park as we know it today was born.

Richard Wilson



This plan of the Arboretum comes from the original lease of 1853. The layout is essentially the same as we have today with the exception of the East/West path and gates at the top end. Ipswich School can be seen at the bottom of the drawing, as can the nursery house and greenhouses, and the Henley Road Lodge. In the very top right hand corner can be seen the site of the second Lodge that was not built until a little later and which was demolished around 1955.

Image courtesy of the Suffolk Records Office

Sam's Notes

2013 may sound a little unlucky to some, but it could well be a positive year for the Park – especially if the early signs are anything to go by! Those of you who use the Fonnereau Road gate (Purple Shop) will have noticed that, after several years of waiting, we now have a new fence to fill the ugly gap. It looks great, so good in fact that it puts the adjacent fence to shame! I will see if we can get to painting the old fence so that both sides look as good as each other.

Then we have some major changes taking place just outside the Soane Street entrance – a new footpath and, eventually, a new road surface. This should make a seamless journey into the Park from the town centre, allowing this entrance to be as grand as it should be. I am also pleased to announce that we have new tenants in the Soane Street Lodge. It will be great to have this place lived in again and I wish the new tenants well.

Elsewhere we are making some moves to raise the profile of where you should – and should not – cycle in the Park. Many of you will be pleased to hear that new signs are going up (hopefully up by the time you read this). The new signs reinforce where cycling is not permitted though after consultation with our Conservation Officer we will not be painting 'No Cycling' on the paths as the Friends' committee had recommended – it was reported that this was not attractive and didn't give a good impression. I would ask that all Friends keep an eye out for the new signs and for those breaking our byelaws. Regular offenders can be reported to us at the Visitor Centre and we will do our best to speak to the guilty parties.

Over the years we have been very lucky to have some excellent gardeners working in Christchurch Park, and as a result the Park has looked very good. Recently, however, we have had to tackle the issue of some overgrown shrubberies and plants which are well past their prime. There is no easy resolution to some of these problems as we either need to remove the plants or prune them back severely. Neither of these options is particularly pleasant on the eye but it is necessary and a tough job for the gardening staff. So it is made all the more pleasing when we are approached by those wanting to help. We have the Ipswich School "Green Team" (who did such splendid work on our Sensory or Butterfly Garden) assisting with design and implementation, and most recently we have been approached via the Friends by a local landscape gardener, Nick Crosby. Nick has offered his knowledge and experience in the planning side of landscape management and has also been generous in giving many quality plants to restock the rockery. His input will make a real difference, not only with the rockery, but also in how we plan to maintain and shape the older shrubberies. Alongside all these positive moves we also have the restocking with lavender of the Wolsey Gallery Garden being generously funded through by the Friends. So I can say a big thank you to you all.

All this makes me think that 2013 may well be a very lucky year for Christchurch Park and when (and if) the sun shines we will all be able to enjoy it fully.

Please don't forget that if there is anything you really want to ask about the Park (or indeed any park in Ipswich), you can contact us via email parks.services@ipswich.gov.uk or by telephone on 01473 252435.

Sam Pollard
Area Supervisor Christchurch Park & Central



A collage of images from Robert Fairchild of the Round Pond pre and post restoration



Autumn bird watching walk, Saturday 27 October 2012

The poor weather ensured that only seven hardy souls (compared with last year's splendid turnout of thirty two) braved stiff northerly winds and frequent heavy showers in order to attend this walk. In the previous week, the Suffolk coastline had witnessed the arrival of hundreds of blackbirds, song thrushes, redwings, robins and goldcrests. Unfortunately, it soon became apparent that very few of these birds had chosen to move on further inland as far as Christchurch Park! Despite much effort, the only birds of particular interest that we could locate were a male Mandarin duck, two redwings flying over, several jays and one solitary goldcrest. There was no sign of Mabel the tawny owl nor of the mute swan which had been present in recent days on the Round Pond and we decided to finish the walk after just an hour and a quarter hours because of the inclement weather. Many thanks to the gallant seven who attended! Let's hope for much better weather (and many more birds) when we meet for our next bird watching walk on 23 March.

Philip Murphy

Wolsey Gallery Garden

As many of you will have seen, the Wolsey Gallery Garden has seen some changes over the past weeks. The chestnut that dominated the space for many years has succumbed (like increasing numbers of others in the Park) to disease and had to be felled in January.

But this cloud has the silver lining of letting in increased amounts of sunlight into not only the iris beds (that should really be coming into their own this year), but also to all the other beds in the garden. This will be hugely beneficial to new lavender plants that will soon replace those that formed part of the original planting by the Friends. Those plants had grown old and tired and the new lavenders, which are being funded by the Friends, should make the garden look splendid for many years to come.



Friends' Committee

Although your committee has functioned well over the past year, **we are always looking for new members**. Duties are not onerous, but your enthusiasm and commitment to the Park would be hugely valued. If you would like to stand for election to the committee, please contact Ann Snook on 01473 251037 before 12 March.

Our current committee members are: Richard Wilson (Chairman), Ann Snook (Secretary), Rowell Bell (Treasurer), Peter Grimwade (Vice-Chairman), Robert Fairchild (Membership), David Routh, Ken Lightfoot, Richard Worman and Nicola Johnson (co-opted).

Christchurch Park opening hours in 2013

The Park opens at 7am every day. The Bolton Lane gates are unlocked first and closed last with the Arboretum gates being locked 15 minutes before all the other gates. Closing times vary seasonally through the year, as listed below:

Month	Date	Locking starts	Locking finishes
February	17	17:15	17:30
March	3	17:45	18:00
	17	18:15	18:30
	31	19:30	19:45
April	14	20:00	20:15
	28	20:15	20:30
May	12	20:45	21:00
	28	21:00	21:15
until			
August	11	20:45	21:00
	25	20:15	20:30
September	8	19:45	20:00
	22	19:15	19:30
October	13	18:45	19:00
	27	16.30	16.45
November	3	16:15	16:30 until 23 January 2014

***Portrait of an Owl* by Reg Snook**

The publication last autumn of our second book, *Portrait of an Owl* by Reg Snook, was another huge success. The book was launched on 22 November at a very well attended and hugely enjoyable evening at the Reg Driver Visitor Centre. Nearly 150 members took up the offer of a free copy, and a further 550 books have already been sold, raising over £1,000 to be spent on projects in the Park. Feedback has been very positive and the book is selling well even after the Christmas rush. A huge thank you to Reg and Ann Snook for bringing this project to fruition and for working so hard to promote both the book and the Park.

Mabel can still be seen in her tree in the Park!

New Members

We are delighted to welcome the following new members and corporate members:

Peter Scotcher, Andy & Emma Black, Penelope Duncan, Tim Leggett, Natalie Smith, Anne-Marie & Richard Stewart, Martin Hough, Anthony Cobbold, Kirsten Hubert, Mrs. Anne Ward

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Membership Subscriptions – IMPORTANT

All subscriptions to the Friends of Christchurch Park (£5 per household) are due annually on 1 March. To help reduce our costs, we would prefer all members to pay by continuous Standing Order. **IF YOU ALREADY PAY BY STANDING ORDER, NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED.** If not, and if you would like to pay by Standing Order, please send the completed Standing Order Authority **AND** the Membership Form (below) to Robert Fairchild.

Please call Robert on 01473 254255 if you are in any doubt as to whether you already pay by Standing Order.

We appreciate that Standing Orders are not always suitable and we still welcome payment by cash or cheque. In this case, please include the completed Membership Form **ONLY** with your payment and send to Robert Fairchild at the address below before 1 MARCH.

STANDING ORDER AUTHORITY

Account to be credited:	Friends of Christchurch Park
Bank:	Lloyds Bank, Cornhill, Ipswich
Account Number: 02952840	Sort Code: 30-94-55

Account name to be debited:	
Bank and Branch:	
Account Number:	Sort Code:

Amount: £5.00 (five pounds)

Please pay to the Friends of Christchurch Park annually on the 1st March until further notice

Signed:	Date:
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

I have enclosed a new Standing Order Authority

Please find enclosed a cheque for £5 made payable to Friends of Christchurch Park

Please find enclosed a cash payment of £5

(Please tick as appropriate)

Name(s):

Address and Postcode:

Please send this form to Robert Fairchild, 10 June Avenue, Ipswich, IP1 4LT