



## Newsletter Spring 2019 39



**O**ur lovely mini summer seems to be over, but the Spring is just around the corner and the daffodils are out in the Park. The Children's Playground, the Outdoor Gym and Tennis Courts are being well used and dogs and their owners have been talking advantage of the recent fine weather.



**F**MHP has been busy over the last six months. Our Tea Time Quiz in the Bowls Club, ably run by Chelle and Jim Paice, was extremely well attended. All enjoyed the tea and homemade cakes at the interval. We are very grateful to the Club for allowing us to use their room on so many occasions and members who supported by prize donations and joining in.



### School Visits

**I**n November we were visited by children from St Martin's School to walk in the Park and learn about the various shrubs and trees. They also enthusiastically collected litter they found.

## Circular No 39

**T**his Autumn the Mayor of London generously donated 50 small trees (whips) to any organisation that applied to increase the greening of London. Our Committee Member Peter Keeley contacted the Mayor's office, and arranged for the whips to be delivered. Fifteen volunteers arrived and the tiny trees were planted on the hill in the Flower Lane side of the Park. Thanks to Peter for this initiative and to our volunteer planters on the day. We look forward to seeing the trees flourish in the coming years.



**I**n January FMHP applied to the Hendon Area Committee for a grant to provide an outdoor Table Tennis Table. Players will have to bring their own bats and ball, but will have free access to the table. The Parks and Open Spaces Officer met with us and agreed the location to be near the outdoor gym. We were delighted to learn recently that the grant is approved, and look forward to installation.



FMHP undertakes regular audits of the park. The Spring audit will take place soon, after which we write advising the Council of any maintenance issues that need to be addressed.



## Meet and Greet Days



A key focus of the committee is to make people aware of its work and that of associated volunteers and members towards the upkeep and improvement of park facilities. We are wishing to increase membership so more people are engaged. We wish to learn from young people, new families to the area and regular users of the park, what is important to them? We will organise more events but hope for better weather next time!

## Trees in the Park

At the present time we are arranging an afternoon to learn more about the wonderfully varied collection of trees in the Park. The event will be held at the Bowls Club on **Sunday March 17th from 2.00 to 4.00 pm.** and will include light refreshments. Aimed at both children and adults, it includes walks and a mini quiz. It is free, though a small donation would be appreciated.

 Watch the Notice Board by the Cafe for details of events



## Funfair

FMHP received notification from the Council that they are considering a funfair to be held in the Park. We have been assured that any organisation arranging such an event would be obliged to sign an indemnity to repair any damage caused, and the funfair would not interfere with regular use of the Park. Although concerned about possible damage and disruption, we recognise these events can bring new people into the area to enjoy the Park's facilities. The Council has undertaken to liaise with FMHP as the plans progress.

**REMINDER... AGM**  
**Friends of Mill Hill Park**  
**Saturday 30 March 2019,**  
**10.00 at the Bowls Club**  
*Free tea, coffee and biscuits*



## Park Audit



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