



Friends of Mill Hill Park

Residents committed to making a difference

FMHP Chair's note - Philippa Welch

2020 - Another decade, and more challenges ahead for green spaces and especially our Park. The increase in the local population, especially now that permission has been given for high rise flats in the former Pentavia retail park site, will be large. We are aiming to increase facilities for people with no access to gardens to enjoy the benefits of the Park.



As usual FMHP have been pressing the Council for improvements in several areas with some success. We have secured funds through the Hendon Area Committee for two large recycling bins near the Café and eight new bins in other sites in the Park to help with controlling litter problems.



The Friends liaised with the Council for reuse of the Crazy Golf area as a dog-free toddler playground, complete with Wendy House, and look forward to this coming to fruition, alongside the resurfacing of the large playground area.



FMHP note with thanks the removal of the unused cricket Pavilion.

Litter Picking



The next Litter Pick is on Saturday 18 April 2020, all to meet by the Café at 10.00am to begin. This is a rewarding exercise, so do come and join us to help keep our Park in peak condition.



Activities to look forward to.....



Barnet Borough Arts Council is arranging for a company to provide Theatre in the Park, this will take place in the unused bowling green. On Sunday 7 June we will see a production of *Treasure Island*, and on Sunday 14th June, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; both performances will start at 3.00pm. Advertising will take place nearer the time



The Funfair will return this summer, dates to be notified to FMHP by the organiser.



Look out for the forthcoming events by checking the notice board especially the next **Tree Event** and the **Tea Quiz**, both now established in our calendar as focal events for friends and families, open to all.

Do also remind local neighbours of the FMHP Annual General Meeting taking place at the Bowling Club. This is an open meeting on Saturday 28 March, please arrive at 10.00am for a 10.30 start; we will showcase local information and developments and what we aim to achieve with your ideas and help.

We are looking to attract a broader membership to increase diversity and reflect the relevant range of community views and the central part access to our park green spaces facilities makes, and can make, to people's lives.



After the celebration of the Mill Hill Bowling Club 100th year (2019) we are also celebrating a milestone. This is the Millennium Tree Planting Area that is now in its 20th year. The trees are thriving and there are some interesting specimens to view, just on the left as you go through the tunnel.

We thank the bowling club for their continuing support and also encourage membership of the Bowling Club as a key activity in the Park.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofmillhillpark>

Outdoor Table Tennis Table

This is a real success with children and young people as noted by a committee member:

On Christmas Day the Keeley grand-children 'christened' the table tennis table by having a match. The new table was bought after the friends of the park obtained a grant from the council for the table and the paving required. It is beside the adult exercise machines, and we hope it will be a very well used facility. Remember to bring your own bats and balls!



Table Tennis with the lads

Come and meet us! 

FMHP Information is on the notice board by the Café

Invite your neighbours to join Friends of Mill Hill Park to make a difference and give us a strong voice with the council on a range of matters likely to impact now.

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