



Newsletter May 2007

Paths

Following such a wet winter, we are delighted that our aim of improving some of the muddiest sections of path has been achieved. We are grateful to Jim Russell, a former resident of Bernards Heath who provided materials and labour at a special price, and we have been able to share the cost with St Albans District Council.

Memorial trees

We shall be planting a memorial tree in memory of Richard Rumbelow who was a committee member until his death earlier this year. He took on the project of finding the best sources for trees and was active in their planting and maintenance during the hot summer of last year. He will be sadly missed on the committee for his enthusiasm for the enhancement of the Heath.

Margaret Shafi . You may have seen the attractive memorial bench and tree planted in memory of Margaret, a long-term resident of Bernards Heath, by her husband Mir. (The council has ordered a replacement plaque to correct the spelling on the bench).

Tree Planting Day will be on 18th November when we shall plant a further 10 native trees plus memorial trees. If you wish to plant a tree, please contact Sue Swain.

Cycle Track Neither the definitive route nor the surface has yet been finalised on the section through Bernards Heath. We continue to follow developments.

Japanese Knotweed This has been all but eradicated due to our persistence that it be treated. We have notified the council of any new growth and will continue to be vigilant!

Fallen Trees Following storms earlier in the year, FOBH removed smaller trees that were obstructing paths and ensured that the council had larger trees removed.

Litter-bin emptying Following pressure from FOBH, the litter bin immediately outside the Pioneer youth club is now on John O'Conner's rota. This has greatly decreased the amount of litter in the area. Another litter bin near the dog bin on the corner of the lower field is on order by the council.

Dates for your diary

Wine Tasting Following many requests, we are holding another wine tasting evening on Saturday 29th September, 7.30pm at Maple School. A buffet supper is included and

a lively evening is assured! Tickets at £10 will be available from Sue Swain. Look out for posters later in the year.

Action Day Our Autumn clean-up session will be on Sunday 14th October from 9.30am. Again, posters will be up nearer the time.

Membership New residents are invited to join FOBH for an annual family subscription of £10. Further details from Sue Swain.

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