



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2014

Ariston Site latest news

Hertfordshire County Council are preparing to submit their planning application on which bids for the sale will be based. Look out for this in the press and make comments to St Albans District Council and please copy in FoBH.

Sandridge 900+

There will be eight months of celebrations of the founding of St Leonard's in Sandridge, over the spring and summer. Bernards Heath is in the historic parish of Sandridge and features in the events. By now most of you will have received a brochure setting out most of the programme – but it is still growing so keep checking their website <http://www.sandridge900.com/>

The main event for us will be a major re-enactment of the Second Battle of St Albans (17 February 1461, Wars of the Roses) on Bernards Heath on 17 and 18 May. There will be two re-enactments each day by the Medieval Siege Society, displays, a trebuchet, refreshments, demonstrations, including of archery and early firearms and a grand parade to St Peter's on the Sunday.

As a prelude, on Sunday 11 May at 1.45pm there will be a walk and talk based from St Saviour's. After the walk led by local experts, there will be an illustrated talk about the battle. The event is free but booking is essential (c/o Peter Burley on peterburley@btinternet.com).

The Friends will be manning a stall during the weekend of 17-18 May and hope to see many of you there. If anyone can help on the stall for an hour or so during those days, it would be most welcome. Please contact Mary North on maryn47@hotmail.com

Also on the stall...

Two popular items will be available at the FoBH stall on 17 and 18 May.

1. FoBH Mugs are now being restocked.
2. Chris Reynolds's History of Bernards Heath has been newly revised and reprinted.

Bernards Heath – an Asset of Community Value

We have heard that our application for nomination for Bernards Heath to be an Asset of Community Value will be decided by SADC in the first half of April.

Parking on Townsend Drive

Concerns have been expressed by residents about parking on the Heath behind the double yellow lines. FoBH will be in contact with the local council with the aim of reinstating the large logs that were in place in the past.

Local Bricks update

Following my piece in the Autumn newsletter about locally made bricks, two examples turned up. The “JR” of Jacob Reynolds manufacture was found during repairs to a house in Battlefield Rd. Shortly after, I spotted bricks being taken out of a house in Upper Culver Rd with “M” the mark of Miskin, the local building firm who took over Reynolds brickworks.

So don't mind what the neighbours think if you poke around in skips where building work is going on. Just tell them it is local history research.

Roger Miles 865735 or rogmile@compuserve.com for your brick reports.

Dates for your diary

Next Action Day will be on Sunday 27 April from 0930.

There is already a deal of litter on the Heath, despite valiant efforts from regular walkers, so any help will be most welcome.

Second Battle of St Albans Re-enactment 17 and 18 May from 10.00

Be there for the local event of the year!

And finally, if you missed joining the Friends this year, (Jan – Dec 2014), it is not too late! Please fill in the form below and send a cheque to the treasurer, Mary North, at 21 Warwick Road, AL1 4DJ

Email: maryn47@hotmail.com

Name.....
Address.....
Telephone.....

Email.....

I enclose a cheque for £10 (payable to Friends of Bernards Heath)

I enclose a cheque for £3.50 for Chris Reynolds's book (payable as above)

Signed.....

