

Summer 2011 Bulletin

Lower Heath Latest

Lower Heath for free school playing field?

Herts County Council have said that the land is there for the school to use but it is the school's choice whether they wish to use it or not. However, a source has suggested that the school may prefer to negotiate the sharing of another city centre school field. This would obviously be a far more suitable solution and less dangerous for primary aged children than having to cross so many busy roads from the city centre.

While the Friends would not object to part of the lower heath being used as a playing field with minimal fencing to prevent dog fouling in the enclosed area, our reason for being is to have open and free access for the general public; we would fight anything that prevents this.

Where has all the grass gone?

Since the mounds were seeded a few weeks ago, there has been very little rain. After an initial burst of growth, the grass seedlings have been overtaken and smothered by rampant weeds. Can anyone tell us what this lush and green crop is that we are growing?

FoBH have been assured by the District Council that the weeds will be dealt with. They have also said that they will remove the rocks and other debris so what little grass there is, can be mown. We await developments!

Greenspace Action Plan

The greenspace action plan for the next five years has now been completed and is out for consultation. If you would like to look at it in detail the link is www.stalbans.gov.uk/bernardsheath You have until 7th June to make any comments or suggestions.

St Saviour's Talks

On 31st May at 8pm there is to be another talk given by Reverend Peter Wadsworth in the successful series. The subject of this talk is the secret diary of Herbert Wilton, the vicar at the beginning of the twentieth century. This diary, never previously published, promises to lift the lid on the more entertaining aspects of parish life.

Litter!

We are so grateful to the many people who regularly collect the increasing piles of litter that seem to be a daily occurrence during the fine weather. It contributes greatly to everybody's enjoyment of the Heath.

AGM

The AGM of FoBH will take place on Saturday 10th September, 9.30am at Heath House. All welcome. We promise not to keep you for too long!

Please contact Peter Cook at chairman@bernardsheath.org with your views on any of these subjects.