

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015

Firstly, here is an update of recent events:

Heath Walks – Peter Burley will be repeating the history walks this summer – dates to be confirmed. Meanwhile, see our website for details of a self guided walk.

Annual General Meeting – This took place in The Jolly Sailor by kind permission of Paul. Following a summary of the last year's activities, future plans were outlined.

Action Day – In November, a group met to tidy up the Heath, including Beech Bottom, before the winter.

St Saviour's Church Christmas Tree Festival – Our tree was one of a hundred at this major three yearly local event and all agreed that the display was stunning.

Latest News:

Ariston Site -Planning permission for development of the site was to be completed by the end of January. Separately, Herts County Council have confirmed that they will transfer ownership of the Lower Heath to the District Council, but as yet, nothing is guaranteed. **Website Revamp** - Our tired website needed a more "hands on" approach, and our new website editor has undertaken the task. The work is ongoing, but we hope you will like the new look.

Social Media – We now have a social media editor. We hope you will follow us on Facebook and Twitter and keep up to date with what is going on in our area.

Beech Bottom Dyke –We are awaiting funding for an Action Plan for its improvement and maintenance. In the meantime we have posted information about the Dyke on the website.

Membership Reps – Our FoBH street reps are the point of contact in matters concerning the Heath. Our future website plans will include a page for the reps.

Townsend Road Verges – Following long term concerns by residents, with the agreement of the District Council, logs have been placed alongside the road to prevent illegal parking on the Heath.

Muddy Paths – We plan to improve paths west from Harpenden Road which are always so muddy every winter. **The Green Ring** – This St Albans-wide project is to be completed this spring. The Planning Inspectorate decision about the section across the Heath will be known soon. For details see the District Council website.

Action Day: From 0930 on Sunday 15 March Please meet outside Heath House, Heath Farm Lane. Litter pickers and black sacks are provided; as always, accompanied children are most welcome.

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