

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2014

There is a mixed bag of news to report in this issue which we hope you will find interesting.

Ariston Site – Herts County Council have confirmed that they plan to transfer ownership of the Lower Heath from County to District Council when the site is sold, but until it finally happens nothing is guaranteed. So we must remain vigilant until it is signed and sealed. When it does happen we look forward to announcing a celebration to mark the event on the Lower Heath.

Second Battle of St Albans Walk and Talk – Some of you may have attended the first of Peter Burley's talks earlier this year. It was so over-subscribed that a second successful one was held in September. If you missed that one too, it will possibly be repeated next year to coincide with Heritage Weekend. More details will follow in a later newsletter.

Annual General Meeting –<u>Saturday1November 10.30am</u> This will take place in The Jolly Sailor by kind permission of Paul. We hope you will be able to call in on your way to other events, have a cup of coffee and catch up with Heath activities over the last year, and future plans. Action Day – <u>Sunday 2 November from 9.30am</u> Please meet outside Heath House. We plan to do a litter pick and general tidy up of the Heath before the winter. Protective gloves and sturdy shoes are advisable and as always, accompanied children are very welcome.

Website Revamp – We are delighted to welcome a new website editor to the committee and that has coincided with an awareness that our website is looking rather tired and old fashioned. We decided that we wanted a more "hands on" approach to the content and layout and so some funds have been allocated to move our website to a different system. We hope you will see the results shortly.

Beech Bottom Dyke – We are awaiting an Action Plan for the improvement and maintenance of this important Ancient Monument. For the first time, the Dyke will be included in our November Action Day tidy up.

Social Media –We are welcoming yet another new committee member, our new social media editor. We hope you will follow us on Facebook and Twitter and keep up to date with what's going on in our area.

St Saviour's Church Christmas Tree Festival

We always welcome links with St Saviour's and so we felt that we should like to be represented at this major local event. Our third new committee member has volunteered to coordinate and lead the decoration of our own tree where we plan to represent the Heath. For details, you will have to visit the festival!

This is the last newsletter for 2014; the next edition will come out in January, when subscriptions for 2015 will become due.

Diary Dates: AGM – Saturday 1 November at 10.30 Action Day – Sunday 2 November from 09.30

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