



## **Summer Newsletter 2023**

After a damp and cold spring, summer has at last arrived, but the wet weather has left problems.

### **Path Maintenance**

Some of the main paths have suffered badly due to all the wet weather. We have had funding from St Albans District Council (SADC) and are adding our own funds to have remedial work carried out. Yellow pegs are at present marking the areas and work will be done with road scalping when the paths are dry.

### **Tents on the Heath**

Following several recent observations, FoBH contacted SADC and the police. Apparently, the tent dwellers had been offered and had refused council accommodation, therefore eviction notices have been served on them.

### **Second Battle of St Albans 1461**

An exhibition to commemorate this "forgotten" battle, that was waged across Bernards Heath, still continues in the Museum and Gallery until 25 June. There you will find an exhibition newsletter relating key areas of the battle to their present day sites. Also, on our website there is an article by Peter Burley, an authority on the battle and a prime mover in setting up the exhibition.

### **Merchandise**

We still have FoBH products for sale. Our mugs can be bought for £5 from the Heath Bakery and from Little Star Café .

"A Short History of Bernards Heath" by Chris Reynolds for £3.50 is available by email from [chairman@bernardsheath.org](mailto:chairman@bernardsheath.org)

In it you can find about crimes committed on the Heath, or how many windmills stood here in the past or when the earliest recorded game of cricket was played on the Heath.

### **Sandridge Road Wastes**

Discussions continue between FoBH and SADC about enforcement of the Council's decisions regarding parking on the Wastes which are common land.

Regulations relating to the construction of crossovers and materials allowed are also under discussion. On a lighter note, the red and white cherry trees along Sandridge Road were particularly colourful this year- they are reminders of the Battles of the Roses of which "our" Battle was one.

**Playground update - "Let's Play at Bernards Heath"**

The charity recently received a grant of £25k bringing the total to £75k. In addition FoBH has pledged £1000 towards the project which will be acknowledged on a Benefactors' Board placed at the entrance to the playground. With their final "Buy -a-Brick fund-raising campaign, the charity aims to raise £100k, which will allow the works to commence very soon. The refurbishment will focus within the present perimeter, but with the possibility of a much-requested zip wire to be placed behind the hedge (as viewed from Sandridge Road).

[www.letsplayatbernardsheath.org](http://www.letsplayatbernardsheath.org) Registered charity: 1183825

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