

A sad farewell to Lorna Titley



Hi all, I'm sure you would have all heard about the tragic news of Lorna Titley, who was killed on Wood Street on 19th January whilst crossing the road. Lorna was involved in many organisations and

groups in Ashby, she was also a Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds committee member and heavily involved in our Heritage activities for this year. Words cannot express how devastated we all are with the sudden loss of Lorna. She was a unique and wonderful lady. We will miss her enthusiasm, her passion, her dedication, her drive, her loyalty..... So many things, but most of all her friendship and her never failing sense of fun. Lorna had written the 'Ballad of the Bath Grounds' and was coordinating the big singing, playing, and musical event for the Spring Bank Holiday Heritage Event on the Bath Grounds. Wendy Freer and Clare Birch are now working hard to ensure that this event does still take place.

Books of condolence are in place for Lorna at the Vine Bar and the Ashby Library, throughout February.

We need your support for 2016

Without your membership we would not have been able to do all the great things we have done this year. We have some great ideas for 2016 and need your continued support to ensure;

- Continued protection of the Bath Grounds against building applications.
- Promoting the Ashby green corridor between the Bath Grounds and the Castle
- Ensuring the maintenance and continued improvements to the Bath Grounds to retain its countryside in the town feel and a lovely green space for everyone.
- Continuing our initiatives to reduce litter, antisocial behavior and promote responsible dog owners

To renew your membership for 2016

Email: bathgroundsfriends@gmail.com

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Free Community Activities 2016

Introductory Archaeology Talk

Ashby Museum at 7.00p.m on Tuesday 22nd March

There will be 3 weeks of archaeological activities during May, June and July.

Anyone can take part in this exciting free opportunity to 'have a go' at archaeology. Learn how to carry out geophysical and topographic surveys of the Bath Grounds and then have a go yourself and you might just find those buried archaeological remains!



There will be lots of 2½ hour sessions, morning, afternoon or evening to choose from during three weeks of archaeological activities. Just come along for one session and see how you get on. You can always sign up for more if you like it – most people do!

Each week concentrates on a different technique.

17th to 21st May will concentrate on resistance surveys, detecting and mapping high and low resistance underground anomalies

21st to 25th June will concentrate on magnetometer surveys, detecting variations in the earth's magnetic field in the ground

20th to 23rd July will concentrate on topographic surveys, using GPS and optical survey equipment to map the surface of the ground.

All the weeks will be organised and supervised by professional archaeologists. There is no need for any prior knowledge of archaeology.

It would really help if you could let us know if you're coming along to the introductory talk or would be interested in one of the sessions on the Bath Grounds during the summer. You can sign up at www.bathgroundspath.com or email us on bathgroundsfriends@gmail.com or phone 07850 053243

Lots more details on the website for other activities to sign up for including; walks/talks, community mosaics and 'The Ballad of the Bath Grounds' www.bathgroundspath.com



Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016



Volunteer weekend on the Bath Grounds!

27th/ 28th February (10am – 3.00pm)

You may have noticed during your recent visits to The Bath Grounds that the Town Council and the Friends are doing some clearing to the hedge way, beside the footpath between Prior Park Road and the cattle arch that leads to Mendip Close.



During our quarterly meetings with the Town Council we are discussing how to ensure the Bath

Grounds are a safe and welcoming place and having had wonderful feedback on the new footpath, we have taken your thoughts on board and decided that the grounds will benefit greatly from works along this footpath.

The Town Council will be working on this area with power tools until the end of February, when this will stop, to ensure there is no risk to nesting birds and wildlife. Going forward we will continue to do hand clearing throughout the year and setting it up so it is a well-managed area for wildlife

There were two main issues with the area:

1. It had become overgrown and difficult to maintain.
2. It is a dark and secluded footpath which many people have mentioned, can feel intimidating and which does attract anti-social behaviour.

PC Mark Arjoo greatly supports the area being made more open, as he believes it has been a vulnerable location in terms of public safety. By opening up the path it will give members of the public an increased sense of community safety.

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO BE INVOLVED!!!!

If you would like to support us please feel free to tog up and turn up with your gloves, ready to do some rewarding clearing. Look out for more information soon!

Please contact A. Ingram if you would like to be part of our volunteers weekend on 07525 339896

Ashby's Big Tidy UP!

Saturday 9th April (2.00 – 4.30 p.m)



The FOABG will be leading a litter pick group again around the Bath Grounds areas.

Youngsters under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. Please contact A. Ingram on **07525 339896** if you would like to take part this year.

General Meeting 8th March 2016

Ivanhoe Social Club, 1 Wilfred Place at 7.30p.m

This is a chance for members to get together and exchange ideas.

We will be telling you a bit more about our vision for the Bath Grounds and update you on some of our projects. Hope to see you there!

