

Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds



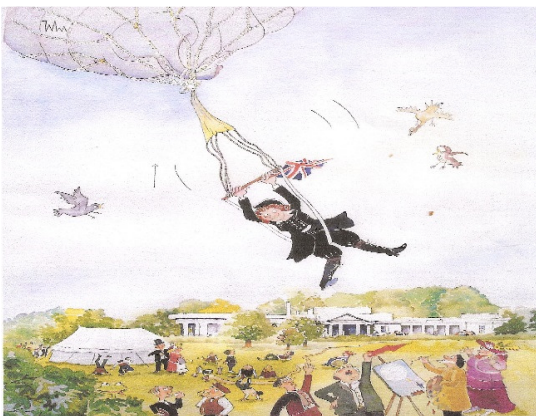
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Footpath Project Update

Heritage Lottery Funding.

We are now pursuing the remaining funding for the footpath. A presentation on the Project was given to The Heritage Lottery fund on 22 January 2015. The Heritage Lottery were very enthusiastic and have invited us to put in a full application for the remainder of the monies required for the footpath project

To be successful it will need to emphasise the fascinating history of the Bath Grounds and include a significant level of community involvement and heritage learning activities to complement the capital works. We will be including new interpretation boards for the Grounds and are currently working with the Museum and History Society on developing the educational program. Subjects we are considering covering include the history of the Ashby Spa and its association with the Bath Grounds; the exploits of Dolly Shepherd, who made many daring parachute descents into the Bath Grounds from a hot air balloon during the Edwardian period; and the long and interesting histories of the Bath Grounds Sports Clubs. Whilst we would expect these heritage activities to take place in 2016 following construction of the path itself, we need to develop and submit our proposal within the next 6 weeks.



Membership renewal

In 2015 our aims are to;

- Ensure that the development of the Royal Hotel and its new buildings is undertaken sensitively and the owners honour their promises on design and usage
- Continue to campaign to obtain the freehold of the grounds for the community
- Continue to fight antisocial behaviour on the Bath Grounds
- Work with the Town Council to improve planting and maintenance standards
- Ensure that the Bath Grounds are designated as a protected "Local Green Space" in the Neighbourhood Plan
- Develop our long term vision for the Bath Grounds as the jewel in Ashby's crown.

To achieve all our aims for this coming year we need your continued support. Your annual membership ran for the 2014 calendar year so, if you haven't renewed it yet, now is the time to renew for 2015.

Please pay your £5 renewal subscription by;

- **Bank transfer to Acc no. 30039268 sort code 77-15-13 (please provide your name so we know who sent the money), or**
- **Send a cheque payable to "Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds" to Dave Bigby, Treasurer, 16 Tower Gardens, Ashby, LE65 2GZ.**
- **Alternatively you can also pay in cash and drop your monies off to the address above. Please ensure you write your name and address on the envelope and what the payment is for.**

You can also set up a standing order to avoid future hassle.

Ashby's Big Tidy UP!

Saturday 7th MARCH (2.00 – 4.30 p.m)



Ashby's 2nd Big Tidy Up starts from 7 locations around Ashby ending with refreshment at Hood Park Leisure Centre Sports Hall. The FOABG will be leading a litter pick group around the Bath Grounds areas.

Youngsters under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. If you would like to volunteer then visit the website and register

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ashbys-big-tidy-up-2015-registration-15532541249>

or Email: info@ashbybigtidyup.org.uk

Organiser is Marie Eccleston 01530 560233 for more information

Plant Sale - 23rd May 2015

During the Ashby Arts Festival week

The Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds will be having a Plant Sale at the Ivanhoe School. We will be raising money for the Hospice Hope Charity.



As patients sadly approach the end of their lives, the NHS offers no local daycare provision to support them or their carer's, as well as offering little or no pastoral support in coping with a life limiting illness on a day to day basis. Hospice Hope Support Cafés try to fill part of this gap.

However the charity is determined to fund and provide a Day Care Centre for local patients, and is currently actively pursuing this goal. The Day Care Centre will be operational 5 days a week to offer support for patients and carers, including complementary therapies and counselling. In the long term they aim to provide hospice care at home for patients at the end of their lives, enabling them to die at home and with dignity.

Castle Field Update

The following is an update from Harry Stewart on the application for a public right of way across Castle Fields

"Dear All,

Thank you for your support with the castle grounds right of way application.

I have now made this submission to the council, including twenty completed evidence forms.

The council now have twelve months to process this application. It should be posted on their website shortly where I think you will be able to check its progress. The following link should take you there

Best regards Harry Stewart'

http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/environment/countryside/paths/maps_of_paths/modification_orders_register

Anti-Social Behaviour

If you see any anti-social incidents or criminal activity on or near to the Bath Grounds, do something about it! Make a note of what has happened, the date & time and details of any people involved (sex, age, clothing, hair etc). ASB includes litter dropping, drinking alcohol, drug taking, intimidating behaviour or wilful vandalism. The more reports the police receive and have to log, the more likely they are to take these issues seriously and increase their level of patrols through the grounds.

You can report ASB activity to the NWLDC by telephone or through their website.

https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/antisocial_behaviour

Report to Police on the non-emergency number 101 at the time the incident is happening.

<http://www.leics.police.uk/local-policing/ashby/team#.U8LioJRdWJB>