

JUNE 2005 NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

WILD FLOWERS WALK

Saturday 11TH June 11am

Gather opposite Post Box on
Shutlock Lane

DOG'S DAY

Part of Mozfest - Sunday 26th June

1 to 4pm - Admission £2

To take part in a session with
Wyndsend Dog Trainers,
contact an HPF committee member
or phone 07759702207

There will be other attractions of a 'doggy' nature

AGM

Thursday 22 September 2005

7.30pm

Kings Heath Community Centre
Heathfield Road, Kings Heath

AUTUMN WALKS

Saturday 17 September, 11.00am

Saturday 19 November, 11.00am

Details in next newsletter

Friends Membership

Membership - £5 per household per year (£3 unwaged). Contact Bob Blackaby 266 Moor Green Lane, B13 8QL (tel 0121 449 3498 evening and weekends) if you would like to join or if you are an existing member who has not paid for the current year.

To date, we have delivered this newsletter to around 700 local homes. This is a big drain on our funds and we may have to change to delivering to 'Friends' only. If you want to continue receiving this newsletter, please become a member.

Park Improvement

The barrier across the main footpath, close to the car park in the centre of the park, is to be modified.

At present, pedestrians are forced to step off the footpath and walk around the barrier.

This is clearly unacceptable, particularly for push chair or wheelchair users and a commitment has been made by the Parks Service to make the necessary changes.

FRIENDS EVENTS

BIRDS AND BEASTS OF Highbury Park –

APRIL 2005

About 15 of us gathered for a most enjoyable and informative walk on Saturday 2 April. The walk was lead by a local wildlife expert Paul Curry. We only covered a small fraction of the park but managed to see a wide variety of birds and also learned a lot about the habits and habitat of the birds and other wildlife of the park.

I realised that there is a lot of wildlife in the park that we are often not aware of. The walk also brought home to me how important it is that we should preserve the many habitats that exist and promote the biodiversity of our open spaces.

Among the birds we saw or heard were: song thrush, magpie, carrion crow, jackdaw, blue tit, long tailed tit, robin, nuthatch, greater spotted wood pecker and sparrow hawk - BB

USEFUL NUMBERS:

B'HAM AND DIST. BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.

TRAINING APIARY

JOHN MADGWICK TEL: 558 8623

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DISTRICT PARKS MANAGER

SIMON COOPER - TEL: 464 8728

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RANGER PATROL - TEL: 454 7810

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POLICE NUMBER NON-EMERGENCY CALLS

0845 113 5000

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ENVIRONMENT AGENCY FOR REPORTING

WATER POLLUTION

0800 80 70 60