

Friends of the Millennium Green Newsletter

April 2018

A short update to keep you informed of events and actions on the Millennium Green in Clifton Campville.

Fruit & Nut Grove ... it's in place

Those of you who have braved the snow and bitter winds to venture up on the Green over the past couple of months will see that the Fruit and Nut Grove has now been planted and we are just seeing the leaves beginning to show. You can find out more about it if you come along to our AGM on 23rd May.

Much work has been done on the green over the last few months, with the clearing of the copse by Chestnut Lane, the cutting of the hedges and brambles and the clearing of the hedge up against the churchyard. Many thanks to all who have helped with these tasks. but there is still work to be done and the Trustees will be out again with their gloves next Saturday.

We're a friendly bunch so come along and give us a hand on

******* Saturday 14th April 2018 *******
10am - 1pm

Put your wellies on, grab your gardening gloves and bring along a pair of secateurs and some loppers if you have them. Don't worry - you don't have to be an expert gardener – bring a smile with you and we'll show you what to do.

The Green belongs to the community – so let's all work together on it.

(If you could spare an hour or so every so often to help with aspects of maintenance please contact Clive Boydell 01827 373352)

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 23rd May 7.30pm - Annual General Meeting of the Coneyberry Millennium Green Trust in the Village Hall. Come along and learn about what the Trustees have been doing, tell us your views, ask questions and make suggestions. There will be a vacancy for a Trustee so if you care about the Green come along and find out what being a trustee involves.

Saturday 9th June – Country Fair All proceeds go towards the local community including the maintenance and improvements to the Millennium Green, the Village Hall and the Church. Details are on the village website and on Facebook.

There will again be live music on the Green in the evening so come along and chill out after the fair. Feel free to camp out overnight.

Dogs on the Green

It has been noticed recently that the amount of fouling has increased over the winter months so please can we remind all dog owners to keep your eye on your dog(s) and pick up after them? This way, we can all enjoy the health benefits of the green. Indeed, not just on the green, but throughout the village. There have been several dog related incidents as well on the green recently. We would like to repeat our advice that anyone confronted with aggressive and threatening loose dogs report this to the police as well as letting the trust know by contacting Liz Ellis on 373735. We are now keeping a record of these, to monitor the situation.

If your dog has a tendency to be unfriendly towards other dogs, please keep it under control and on its lead, when others are about. Also, remember that if your dog is involved in an altercation, be civil to the other dog owner. Most of these encounters are accompanied by a lot of noise and bared teeth and look very frightening, but with very little, if any injury to the dogs involved. It's a very emotional and traumatic event for all concerned and you will find it easier to resolve the situation without shouting.

Other News from the Trustees:

We are making progress with our two other on-going projects:

- Work has begun on laying the base for a storage area for some of the Trust's equipment And we hope to have the storage ready in time for the Country fair.
- Work will commence shortly on widening the Main entrance to provide better access and improved visibility onto Chestnut Lane.

Spring has Sprung ..



Although there is still a nip in the air, Spring has definitely sprung on the Millennium Green. Early bulbs have gone back into hibernation but daffodils are still holding their own and cowslips are preening themselves for their Summer showing.

The pond is in a healthy condition and teeming with Spring wildlife activity.

On more than one occasion recently a Kingfisher has been spotted darting around the pond - a Green Woodpecker and a Tree Creeper have also been sighted. Watch out for them yourself – and do let one of the Trustees know if you see anything out of the ordinary. A clear photograph, of course, would be most welcome. What better to do on a good day – indeed any day – than go up to the Green with binoculars, camera/phone and recognition guide.



The current Trustees are:

Clive Boydell, Steve Bradley, Jason Chandler, Liz Ellis (Chair), Debbie Fulbrook, David Lodge, Bob Patchett, Lorna Robinson, Sue Wadham, Christine Warburton