



The sun shines on the Carrs in Warsop

Call made for new members

With a busy year planned for the Carrs in Warsop, the local Friends Group is calling for volunteers to join them.

Since launching in 2002, the group has been involved in the restoration of the mill dam and island and the creation of new fishing pegs.

With the development of a fishing club, it is hoped the dam will be restocked in the future. This is an ongoing project as more work is necessary on the weir in partnership with Mansfield District Council.

Other activities have included bulb planting, creation of an orchard and poppy field, tree planting, litter picks and the creation of picnic areas.

Planting on the island has provided a wildlife habitat and nesting sites and hedges have been restored in the park. Work is in progress to clear an old drain and open up a spring to enable vertebrates and amphibians to recolonize the stream. Further projects are being discussed including one to provide more amenities for the children's play area.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to email Mansfield District Council on parksandopenspaces@mansfield.gov.uk.

Millennium Green scoops extra funding from SITA

The Friends of the Millennium Green are all set to begin work on developing more areas of the green in Woodhouse thanks to a grant from the SITA Trust.

The funding will go towards the creation of a wildflower meadow and community orchard and enable the group to carry out hedge management work. It will also allow them to employ a tree carver to turn the old ash tree into a piece of community art.

The project follows work carried out over the winter including hedge planting and planting almost 50 hawthorns bought with money from the Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grant.

Future working parties will take place between 10am and noon on 26 March, 16 April and 21 May. The group often needs help midweek between working parties too and so would be interested to hear from anyone willing to volunteer. Anyone interested in volunteering or would like to go on the mailing list should email mwmgreen@hotmail.com or phone 07759 207550.

Group reaches award finals

Members of Oak Tree Conservation Group are on tenterhooks as they have reached the final five of the People's Projects award and eagerly await the verdict.

The Mansfield group beat off tough competition to reach the final as 95 organisations were initially shortlisted by the Big Lottery Fund for National Lottery funding. Each organisation is competing for up to £50,000 of funding to improve the lives of people in their communities. Oak Tree Conservation Group has already carried out lots of litter picking work and is combatting flytipping among other work.

The group recently made an appearance on ITV and now wait to hear the result.

Don't forget to check out the Mansfield District Council social media feeds to find out how they got on.



Pupils learn about the outdoors

Maun Conservation Group has continued to welcome local primary school classes to Mansfield's nature reserves to find out about the natural world, local wildlife and the environment on their doorstep.

Many pupils have entered a Mansfield District Council competition to design a flowerbed for Titchfield Park. The winners will be announced in the next issue of Park Life.

In December, the Conservation Group obtained a Notts County Council Greenwood Tree Grant to plant six fruit trees at The Flying High Academy, Mansfield. With spades at the ready, the children helped the group plant the trees. One day there will be apples and plums for the school kitchen. Meanwhile, over in Quarry Lane Local Nature Reserve a new interpretation board has been created for the scrape/pond dipping area. For details of forthcoming activities look at the group's Facebook page www.facebook.com/MaunConservationGroup or email maunconservation@googlemail.com.



Pupils at The Flying High Academy dig in to plant fruit trees at their school.

Fun Day lined up at Fisher Lane Park

The Friends of Fisher Lane Park are gearing up for a busy time ahead. After Storm Imogen put pay to a planting event, the group is now planning an event at a later date with an activity for children.

The group is also planning a Fun Day, which will be held on 30 May in the park. Anyone wanting to hold a stall or would like to offer help on the day are asked to call Sharon on 07971 517425.

Mansfield District Council parks team has planted six beech trees and a walnut tree on the park while a tulip tree was added using a grant from the Greenwood Community Forum. Other activities coming up include the extension of the wild flower meadow. An expression of interest has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the renovation of the Rock Houses. Anyone interested in supporting the project is asked to contact Jill Duckmanton on 07821 007451.



Work to start on meadow

The Friends of Forest Road Park group remains very active. Recent activities at the park, known as Spider Park, have included maintaining the bird feeders and carrying out pond maintenance. They have also planted 4,000 new crocus bulbs to complement the 2,500 planted last year around the community orchard and 50 broad leaf trees have been planted thanks to sponsorship from OVO Fund.

Funding has recently been secured for a wildflower meadow and work is due to start in partnership with Mansfield District Council's parks department.

The dog obedience and fly ball sessions have proved popular with members and go from strength to strength. Anyone interested in finding out more about the sessions, which are held on a Sunday afternoon on the Cricket Ground, should check out the group's website on www.friends-of-forest-road-park.org.

Orchard takes shape in Mansfield Woodhouse

There's been no time for hibernation over the winter months for the Friends of Yeoman Hill Park as they have been involved in a series of projects.

They were involved in removing the derelict tennis court in the Mansfield Woodhouse park, which will be seeded to transform it into a lawn. Meanwhile, in the lead up to Remembrance Day, the group secured the free services of Bonsers, who cleaned the cenotaph.

International Clean Up Mansfield Day proved to be a success for the group who were given the Community Group 2015 Award and a £50 prize. The money will go

towards buying an information board. The year ended on a high thanks to an event which raised a record amount for the group. This was followed by news that the group had secured a grant from Sport England.

Recently Manor Academy students helped the group to plant a copper beech. A further 30 fruit and nut trees have been planted to add to the hazelnut, plum, pear, cherry and apple trees at the top of the park. The group meet at 10am on the second Monday of the month at the Park Road Resource Centre. Anyone interested in joining them can call Linda Reilly on 01623 429334.

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