

Friends of Bestwood Country Park

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NEWSLETTER: SUMMER 2012

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who helped us by signing our petition last year to retain a ranger team in the park. We are pleased to say that we do still have our Site Manager and Rangers, although reduced in numbers.

ABOUT US

The Friends group was formed in December 2007. We meet most months and are always looking for new members. If you are interested to know more please [email bestwoodcountrypark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bestwoodcountrypark@hotmail.co.uk) or call the **Rangers on 0115 927 3674**. We have a discussion forum website at www.bestwood-country-park.co.uk where you can register any queries and check our meeting dates, plus details of new users like Bestwood Boot Camp and Bestwood Nordic Walkers.

NEWS: BESTWOOD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Nottinghamshire County Council have established a new group, the Bestwood Development Group, to help develop and define a new vision and master plan for the park, with the aim of clear continuity in the management of the site. Amongst those represented on the group are the Winding Engine House Volunteers, the Friends group, Bestwood Village Vision and environmental teaching groups, as well as NCC, Bestwood St Albans Parish Council, Gedling Borough, Ashfield and Nottingham City Councillors. It will hold its third meeting in August.

PARK EVENTS

WINDING ENGINE HOUSE: open on Saturdays through the summer, from 10 am to 12 noon. If you have a group that would like to visit at another time the Volunteers may be able to book you in— contact them via the Rangers.

2012 / 2013 EVENTS BROCHURE: for full details of ranger-led and other park events visit <http://www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/enjoying/countryside/countryparks/bestwood> and click on the brochure.

For quick reference, events for July are:

MONDAY AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS: every Monday, except bank holiday, from 10 am to 3 pm, meet at Alexandra Lodge. With Rangers help to look after the park, learn new skills, and make new friends. All are welcome and no previous experience is necessary as all tools and training are provided. Sunday volunteers meet every first Sunday of each month, details as for Mondays. No need to book.

SUNDAY 15 JULY: ONE-DAY FIRE LIGHTING CRAFT COURSE. 10 am - 3 pm. There is a charge and booking is essential, via the Rangers on 0115 927 3674.

WEDNESDAY 18 JULY and SUNDAY 22 JULY: WELLBEING WALKS led by the Rangers to build up or recover fitness. Gentle 90-minute free event. Meet 10.30 WEH car park. These walks are held monthly. No need to book.

WEDNESDAY 18 - SUNDAY 22 JULY: GODDESS CAMP.

Celebrate the earth, appreciate our connection to it and explore what we can do to protect our environment. Includes a variety of workshops. There is a charge - for details contact Margret Vince on 07971 250616 or nottmgoddesscamp@hotmail.com

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Some events further ahead:

ARTS ON PRESCRIPTION SUMMER / AUTUMN WALK SERIES

City Arts Nottingham plan to run a series of late summer walks in the park as part of their Arts on Prescription Goes for a Walk scheme. They are recruiting now, to support adults in Gedling and Ashfield community to engage in creative activities whilst exercising through walking. For details contact Alma Cunliffe as soon as possible on 0115 978 2463 or alma@city-arts.org.uk

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER: BANDSTAND CHALLENGE:

Notts County Council is linking into a national scheme for local councils as part of the closing celebrations for the Olympics. The aim is to encourage events around music or band performances. Bestwood Black Diamonds have been booked and there will be others. It's hoped that the Winding Engine Volunteers may be able to open on that Sunday, as well as their usual Saturday opening that weekend.

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER AND SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER: PHOTO AND MEMORIES WALKS

These walks are part of a project by village resident and photographer Katja Hock to record local residents' spoken memories and visual images of the park. Meet in the Dynamo House for a cup of tea at 2 pm before setting off for the walk at 2.30.

Katja's work will preview as part of the main Djanogly Art Gallery exhibition 'Laura Knight in the Open Air' on Friday 21 September from 7 – 9 pm, and be shown later in the Angear Visitor Centre at the Djanogly Gallery, within the Lakeside Arts Centre at Nottingham University Park.

FEEDBACK

If you have queries, compliments or complaints about the park that you wish to raise with us, and

can't get to our meetings, please email us on

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or visit our website forum,

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to register and put your points.

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