



NEWSLETTER

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Autumn is here in all its glory and the park is displaying some fantastic colours as the leaves turn, so it's well worth a look around. There is also a lot happening on the Restoration Project so read on to find out what has been going on and what is coming up.

AVIVA FUNDING FOR A MULTI-USE SPORTS PAD

VOTE NOW! There are plans to build a unique multi-use games facility with a smooth surface based on an inline or roller hockey rink and designed to be suitable for many other sports such as basketball, netball and racket sports. It will be located beside the play park and will complement the nearby Skatepark and the planned outdoor gym which is soon to be installed. This new facility will provide quality opportunities for the local community and schools to take part in a wider range of sport and physical activity, and it will also feature interactive wall games for younger children thus appealing to a wide age range as well as being wheelchair accessible in order to offer something for everybody.

The Edinburgh Inline Hockey Club is leading on this project and they will be raising all the funding needed. They need your help now to support their bid to Aviva—so visit the link below and register your vote now and help to turn these exciting plans into reality!!

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/16-3536>



Artists impression of the proposed multi-use sports pad.

PARKS FOR PEOPLE

Find out more about the Heritage Lottery Fund 'Parks for People' programme on their website www.hlf.org.uk.



Morning Glory (Ipomoea) in the Winter Garden.



Autumn tints.

SCULPTURE IN THE PARK WORKSHOPS



Gardner with his work 'The Creel Loaders' at Dunbar.

Come along to Saughton Park Winter Garden on **Thursday 10 November** to explore ideas and opportunities for art in the park. There will be two community art workshops led by renowned local sculptor Gardner Molloy, one session in the afternoon between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and one in the evening between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. No need to book.

This is an opportunity to shape how we interpret the park's heritage and reflect and celebrate the community who love and use this park. This may involve sculptures, engravings and other types of art work, and is only limited by your imagination. With this in mind we would love anyone interested to get involved and give us their own ideas. You will also be able to get 'hands on' and try some stone carving yourself.

So, come along and tell us your thoughts over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits!

You can find out more about Gardner and his amazing work at <http://www.gardnermolloy.co.uk/>.



Members of Garvald sorting the cherry planks.

TIMBER GOES TO GARVALD GORGIE WORKSHOP

Friday 28 October saw all of the felled cherry trees to the south of the Walled Garden converted into useful planks that Garvald Gorgie will be able to turn into furniture, musical instruments and other handy things.

Garvald are a local charity who work with adults with complex needs and their joinery workshop in Gorgie provides exciting and meaningful work. Workshop products can also be made to commission. A recent example is Georgian period reproduction chairs featured in the rebuilt Botanic Cottage at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, see <http://www.garvaldedinburgh.org.uk/garvald-connected/commissions/> for details.

GARVALD EDINBURGH

Garvald Edinburgh is a Scottish Charity offering creative opportunities and support for people with learning disabilities. We are inspired by the ideas of the educator and philosopher, Rudolf Steiner and have been operating in Edinburgh since 1969.

To find out more visit www.garvaldedinburgh.org.uk/



The mobile sawmill in action.

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT!

Once again the FoSP ran their fabulous 'Spooky Saughton' Halloween event and over 300 people came along to show off their fancy dress, hunt bears, play games in the garden and eat scrummy homemade cakes.

One of the highlights of this scariest of evenings was the Ghost Walk led by Pete who told tales of bygone Saughton when Highland Bauchans followed the cattle drovers to town in order to steal their children.

We also heard all about the legendary "White Lady of Saughtonhall" who was tragically killed during a thunderstorm and who still haunts the gardens. Some visitors were adamant that they saw her drifting through the trees!!



At 'Spooky Saughton' there were ghosts and ghouls everywhere!

PROJECT UPDATE

Everything is progressing well at the moment with most of our time being taken up with finalising the finer details of the designs for both the buildings and the landscape.

It is really very exciting to see the plans, which you have all helped to shape, progress to the stage whereby we will soon be putting the work out to tender.

In the next newsletter we will be able to give you an indication of the schedule for the next few months.

CONTACT THE FRIENDS

The Friends of Saughton Park welcomes new members.

Visit their website

www.friendsofsaughtonpark.org

Email

friendsofsaughtonpark@gmail.com

Join their Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/FofSP/



'Spooky Saughton' bear hunt.

ABOUT THE FOSP

Friends of Saughton Park is a community group made up of volunteers who love Saughton Park and the benefits it brings to the community. They work closely with Edinburgh Council and play a key role in enhancing and protecting Saughton Park.

If you want to get involved then please contact them at the address above or come along to their monthly meeting in the Winter Garden at Saughton Park at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

Everyone is very welcome.



Caley members hard at work.



Lifting and dividing herbaceous plants.

THE CALEY DIGGING DAY AT SAUGHTON

Saturday 29 October saw around twenty members of the Caley (RCHS) come along to Saughton Park to sort out one of the herbaceous borders. They did a grand job dividing and replanting the plants in the South Border so we can look forward to a splendid display for years to come.

The Caley is our project partner and they will have a permanent base at the park once the works are complete so we can all look forward to lots of interesting horticultural focussed activities, lectures, shows, demonstrations and workshops in the park in the future.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Social History Project

The next Thelma (The Living Memory Association) meeting will take place on **Tuesday 29 November** at 6.30 p.m. at Saughton Park Winter Garden. Anyone with an interest in the history of the park and local area is very welcome to come along. At this meeting you can find out all about the Saughton Park history project and talk to the Thelma staff. For new volunteers this will be a nice introduction to the project.

To get involved please contact Thelma, with 'Saughton Park volunteers' in the subject line if using email comhist@googlemail.com or call 07931 374 892.

Christmas with the Friends of Saughton Park

Come along to Saughton Park Winter Garden on **Saturday 3 December** between 10am and 1pm and ease yourself into the Christmas spirit with:

- ◆ Christmas Wreath making for a fiver
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Plant Sale
- ◆ Kids activities
- ◆ And the famous FoSP pop up café with tea, coffee, scrummy homemade cakes and mince pies.

All welcome!

That's all for this newsletter.

Enjoy the glorious autumn colours and we hope to see you at one of the events over the next few weeks.

All the best
Linda and Pete

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