



NEWSLETTER

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The summer is here and there are lots of super things going on at Saughton Park that you can get involved in. Read on to find out more.

IT'S BEEN A BUSY FEW MONTHS

Since our last newsletter there has been a lot happening in the park and with the development plans too!

We have been busy working with our project partners and designers on the detailed designs and trying to lever in as much added value as we can to make the park as sustainable and as welcoming as possible.



Our Saughton peonies are still in flower - get along for the show.

There has also been loads of events and activities taking place. In June we held an exhibition and talk about the 1908 Scottish Pageant of Allegory, Myth and History. Over 450 people came to the May Garden Party enabling the FoSP to make over £500. Stenhouse Primary School litter picked 27 bags of rubbish and Balgreen Nursery School held two ceilidh's in the Winter Garden. Students from Tynecastle High School carried out conservation work as part of their John Muir Award. So all in all, a great few weeks in the park!

PARKS FOR PEOPLE

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



Tynecastle High School doing their John Muir Award.



Stenhouse Primary School litter picking with Scott and Matt, our Park Rangers.



The 'Helping Britain Blossom' poster



Garden Party Home Baking!

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/

GETTING FRUITY AT SAUGHTON PARK

The Urban Orchard Project and volunteers from Heineken are excited to be working with Saughton Park to develop a community orchard as part of the UK-wide initiative *Helping Britain Blossom*. We'll be offering orchard skills training, and are looking for a small team of volunteers who would like to help research the cultural heritage of orchards in Edinburgh and select suitable fruit varieties for Saughton Park. We hope everyone in the local community will help plant the chosen trees this winter.

Helping Britain Blossom is all about helping local people create, restore and access orchards - to enjoy and use for good in their own communities. A community orchard isn't just a collection of trees, it's a powerful way to bring people together, to create green spaces and build healthier, happier and more sustainable communities. See their website www.helpingbritainblossom.org.uk for more details.

Watch this space for more information or contact Clem (Helping Britain Blossom Project Manager) if you'd like to volunteer on clementine@theurbanorchardproject.org.

DUCK THE 'FESTIVAL MADNESS' GARDEN PARTY

By Sunday the 21 August you might just have had enough of the wonder and madness that is the Edinburgh Festival, so why not come along to Saughton Park where the Friends of Saughton Park are once again putting on what promises to be a chilled and relaxed garden party with home baking, teas and coffees, traditional games, some gentle live music, our famous Bear Hunt, kids sword fencing with the Scottish Junior Fencing team and lots, lots more.

It's just a perfect way to get away from the hustle and bustle of the town! All welcome, bring a picnic and a blanket and simply sit back and take it all in.

THE FRIENDS OF SAUGHTON PARK

Our very own Friends of Saughton Park are growing. If you want to get involved with a vibrant and friendly group of local people who have a lot of fun putting on events, looking after the garden and exploring local history then please do come along to the next meeting. Everyone is made very welcome.

The next Friends meetings are Thursdays 7 July and 28 July at 7:00pm in the Winter Garden where they will be, amongst other things, planning the Festival Madness event.

SAUGHTON PARK HISTORY PROJECTS

In the last newsletter we told you about two exciting new Saughton Park projects that you can get involved in right now. We are working with the Living Memory Association (Thelma) to gather together people's oral histories of the park and its significance to the local area and we are also bringing together in one place as much as the historical information and records of the park, which includes carrying out research and uncovering the park's rich and varied past.

We are still looking for volunteers to get involved in this, so if you are interested please get in touch with the lovely people at Thelma who will welcome you warmly.

Thelma will provide you with full training and support for the next six to eight months and as part of the team not only will you meet new people and have lots of fun, but through researching and finding the hidden, unknown stories of Saughton Park you will be making a significant contribution to the way in which future generations and park visitors will be able to learn about park as the information that you gather will be used in the new interpretation panels and the educational resources for schools and community groups.



Thelma and the volunteer group meet monthly at Saughton Winter Gardens. The next meeting is at 10:00am on Monday 4 July. At this meeting, they will be organising training sessions, deciding on specific areas of research and planning oral history recording sessions.

Thelma will also be in the Walled Garden for our 'Festival Madness' event on 21 August and you can bring along any pictures and memorabilia of the park as well as have your memories recorded.



Vikings from the 1908 Scottish Pageant at Saughton Park. Over 1000 players took part watched by an audience of 53,000.



A member of the 'Celtic Group' who were part of the Pageant of Scottish Myth, Allegory and History" which took place in June 1908 at Saughton Park.

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Visit their website
www.livingmemory.org.uk

Email them on
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(with Saughton Park
Volunteers in the subject
line)

Call Rosalind on
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Last year's Green Welly with a small person wearing green wellies!



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GREEN WELLY PROJECT — LOVE PARKS WEEK

As part of Love Parks Week our third Green Welly project at Saughton Park kicks off on Thursday 7 July from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for six weeks.

Run in conjunction with local health agency Health All Round who support people living in Gorgie Dalry, Saughton, Stenhouse and surrounding areas of Edinburgh to live longer, healthier lives and the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society (the Caley), the Green Welly project is aimed at children from 5 to 10 years old and their parents or carers.

Come along to learn about growing plants for food, gardening and using the great outdoors for play. Kids will get a chance to complete the Caley's 'Plant and Grow' award.

Book via alan@healthallround.org.uk and find out more on their webpage www.healthallround.org.uk/.

'THE TENT' RETURNS TO SAUGHTON

Once again the local churches have pulled out the stops and organised a fantastic week of activities for all the family, and it's happening right here in Saughton Park.

Great news if you're looking for some fun activities for your kids during the summer holidays! From 18 to 22 July you can bring your kids to The Tent at Saughton Park where they will be entertained from 1 to 5 p.m. with a Holiday Club and Workshops (Dance, Arts, Crafts, Games, Sports).

See their website www.thetent.eu or check out their Facebook page www.facebook.com/thetentedinburgh.

That's all for this newsletter. Please remember to contact Thelma if you want to become a Heritage Volunteer and help tell the 'Story of Saughton Park' for today's and future generations to enjoy.

Enjoy the lovely summer blooms and we really do hope to see you at the Festival Madness Garden Party on 21 August.

All the best
Linda and Pete