



FRIENDS OF SHREWSBURY PARK



# Newsletter

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Welcome to this Christmas edition of our newsletter.

*Wishing all the Friends of Shrewsbury Park*

*A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

### Message From the Chair

It's been a great year for the Friends, we have worked hard at encouraging people to join us, and our membership is now over 220 . Our membership has also grown in geographical areas, with Friends from Australia, as well as the USA. If you know anyone who would like to join, let them know that membership is free, and ask them to contact fspdog@hotmail.com.

Keith Aubrey continues to keep our website up to date, please have a look at it: [www.fspark.co.uk](http://www.fspark.co.uk). It has a section on flora and fauna, which is both informative and beautiful. You can also access our past newsletters. Please make sure you visit it regularly to check on activities and events. The Management Committee would like to say a big "thank you" to Keith for his continued support.

It's been great to meet our members at our Clean Up days, Summer Festival, and other activities. We welcome hearing your views and comments about the park. If you have any photographs of the Park, please let us have a copy.

We hope you have a great festive season, and look forward to meeting you in the New Year.

Best wishes

Kathy



### Our new Management Committee consists of:

Kathy Smith (Chair)

Libby Agate (Secretary)

Carol Farr, John Frankis, Kris Inglis, Tina Muddle, Sonya O'Sullivan, Ron Senkus

We were delighted that Tina and Sonya have joined the Management Committee.

We are still looking for a Treasurer. Do you have the skills to help us? If so, please contact Kathy.

*We welcome new members to join the Management Committee. If you have time and would like to get involved we would love to hear from you.*



## Friends of Shrewsbury Park: *Information and Events*



### Summer Festival

#### Cleaning the Woods

The last "cleaning of the woods event" in 2011 took place in November. Kathy, Les, Liz and Richard spent an hour cleaning the rubbish from the woods next to Dothill. Among the rubbish found were 2 TV satellite dishes, clothes and wire as well as the usual cans and plastic. It was great to see the mushrooms in the woods. The weather, although misty, kept dry. Thank you to everyone involved, including the Council. Paul from the Parks Department supplied the bags, and Larry arrived fifteen minutes after the cleaning event to clear away the rubbish and to talk to Kathy about getting rid of the barbed wire in the woods.

*You can see photos on our gallery page.*

We would like to thank all the people who gave their time to run the Summer Festival, in particular Nicolle, Jane and Lesley who gave so much of their time to put on the ever popular dog show.

We would also like to thank the people who donated items to our raffle, including:

- Dave Miller Driving School gave a voucher for driving lessons
- Paul gave a voucher for 6 photographic sessions
- Peter Burchell gave a Marks & Spencers gift set of wine, chocolates and a rose plant
- Paws & Co gave a six week training course
- Montage Beauty gave necklaces
- Bullies in need gave a bottle of sherry.

**See more photos of this year's festival on our website**

*Because of the Olympics, we have decided to skip a year and look forward to seeing you all again at our 2013 Summer Festival.*

#### Notice Board at entrance to Dothill

Ron Senkus made a notice board for the Dothill entrance (thank you Ron), and the Council erected it. We are keeping it up to date with our notices and notices of local events. If you want to advertise a local event, let us have a poster for it.

The new noticeboard on Dothill.



#### Improving the drainage in Dothill

We have had problems with flooding in Dothill for several years. The huge puddles have made it very difficult for many park users.

As the Council were unable to help solve the problem, a working party of volunteers from the Friends of Shrewsbury Park gave up time to dig a soakaway at the side of the path. We are delighted that the large puddle is no more —the soakaway is working well!



#### New steps for the Park

Thank you to Ron and Miles for their work on putting steps into the path leading down from the Green Chain Walk to the old allotment. The steps have made a huge improvement to the path.



## 2011 AGM

This was held in the Slade Community Hall on 22nd October. Richard Buchanan stepped in to give a talk on "Street Furniture" in the local area—a subject which we all found strangely fascinating!

The members came up with a number of ideas/suggestions for improvements to the Park, which the Management Committee agreed to take on board. We also agreed to hold a 'park to park' event in the summer.

Watch out for more news and we look forward to seeing you in the park sometime soon.