



## FRIENDS OF PRIORY PARK

*preserving and protecting our park*

### Festive greetings to all our contacts

Three items of interest here - the new **petanque courts**, our **2023 calendar** and the progress of our **volunteer gardeners**.

#### **Pétanque**

You may recall Haringey Council ran a consultation in March this year as to where the proposed pétanque court should be sited. As the Friends of Priory Park, our preferred location was the bowling green which is an ideal well drained site, and a location proximal to the main path to create minimal disruption to other areas of the park. This option left plenty of space for other games and activities.

Happily, agreements and planning permission were secured for this option and that is where the two-lane pétanque court was sited late this summer. The court has disabled access.

Hornsey Petanque Club raised £5000 to support the construction of this new facility. The National Lottery donated £10,000. Haringey Council contributed the site and we thank the Parks Development Manager, David Theakston, coordinating between the Club, the Council and the contractor.

The court is intended for community use on a first-come-first-served basis. We look forward to the installation of signage showing brief rules of the game and acknowledging the National Lottery's role in funding.



## 2023 Calendar

Our Priory Park calendar for 2023 is now available to buy - at the cafe in the park, or online [www.fopp-n8.org.uk/calendar-2023](http://www.fopp-n8.org.uk/calendar-2023).



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## Volunteer gardeners

The volunteer gardeners, led by Vic Upson, had an interesting and challenging 2022. With a steady regular 5 -7 people attending most weeks, they managed to achieve a surprising amount.

Through Autumn '21 and spring of 2022, they were joined by three Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates from local schools. It proved a great success; they all worked well together, and a lot was achieved.

The volunteer gardeners put a lot of hard work into the rose beds – weeding, pruning, and mulching, resulting in a noticeable difference to the blooms.

The summer drought proved difficult and meant there was limited things they could do, but their watering efforts were a life-saver for many plants.

Recently, they made a good start on clearing the overgrown ivy along the borders near the Ashford Avenue entrance - some of the large trees and shrubs were being choked. The volunteers intend to continue this worthwhile work over the next few months.

Anyone wishing to join them would be most welcome - they meet every Sunday at 11am by the small hut between the tennis courts and work other days by arrangement. No experience needed and tools provided! You just need to wear sensible shoes and bring your own gardening gloves.

They have plenty of encouraging comments from the public; they are now looking forward to planting bulbs to give the park some more spring colour. See [www.fopp-n8.org.uk/gardening](http://www.fopp-n8.org.uk/gardening)



