

Friends of Valley Gardens

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News in Brief

There were just eight people at the last work day on April 16th. However we achieved quite a lot. We planted up the border below the tower at Woodend and that is maturing nicely. It was encouraging that it survived the Easter Weekend intact. We also did some litter picking and cleared the steps leading down from the Art Gallery.

I would like to thank Lucy Lambley for her donations of Snowdrops. I would estimate that there were about 500 bulbs in the green and we got them planted in the area above the circular stone bed (with the urn in the middle). They will die back quite quickly but the bulbs were fresh and should come back strongly next year to make a good display.

Residents of the Crescent Gardens are having a 'Get Together' on Sunday June 23rd. The idea is to bring a cake and share it with other people over a cup of tea or coffee. The Poster for the event is reproduced on the next page.



Red Admiral on Scabious

Friends' Meeting Tuesday May 7th 7.15pm

We will meet in the Sitwell Library at Woodend at 7.15pm on May 7th.

Representatives of Friends of Pannett Park, Whitby, Friends of South Cliff Gardens and Weaponess Valley Community Group will be joining us for the evening. The Representatives will form a panel at the front of the room and I will ask them questions about their groups and how they organise themselves. There will then be an opportunity for the audience to ask a few questions and then we will break for tea and cake.

The final part of the evening will be putting together a steering committee to move the group onto the next level.

One of the first tasks for the steering committee will be to open a bank account. To do this we need some money to pay in so there will be a collection bowl at the back of the meeting room. Any donations will be welcome

Butterfly Walk Sunday May 5th 10.30am Lower Duckpond

A reminder about the Butterfly Walk being led by Martin Dove on Sunday May 5th. If the weather is decent we should see a variety of species. Bring your cameras as Martin is offering a Butterfly Pin Badge to the best photograph taken during the walk. Afterwards Ani has invited everyone back to the Buddhist Centre for a cup of tea or coffee. If the weather is wet the walk will be postponed until May 7th.

Simon Hedges, Head of Curation, at the museum has offered us a chance to look at the museum's butterfly collection and we hope to arrange a visit in a couple of weeks' time.



The newly planted border

Toothwort

Quite an unusual flower has appeared in the park. The plant is Toothwort and it is a parasite. It can be found at the top of the steps above the mill pond where it joins the path from the Abbey Flats. The only part of the plant you can see is the flower spike. The leaves and stem are underground. The plant contains no chlorophyll and takes its nutrients from the roots of trees, in this case probably a Beech tree. It is also known as Corpse Flower as it was thought to grow from buried bodies.

The flowers are pollinated by bumble bees, but the seeds are dispersed by ants. The flower heads will die back by the end of May and the plant will disappear back below ground until next spring.

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WHAT

The Great Cake Share and Community Art Event

WHEN

1pm - 4pm Sunday 23rd June 2019

WHERE

Crescent Gardens, The Crescent, Scarborough
(if it's raining you'll find us in the market)



Join us for a cake picnic, with fun and games for all the family, including cake and art competitions around the theme of friendship. Free Soft refreshments.

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"We have more in common than that which divides us!"



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