

**Friends of Eaton Park
Committee Meeting held in the Community Centre,
Thursday 28 May 2008 at 7pm**

1. **Minutes of last meeting**
These were accepted
2. **Matters arising**
 - a) The voucher for Peter: Christine agreed to purchase it from Waitrose, collect the card on Monday from the café and get it to Fiona. Kevin gave her a cheque for Waitrose for £50.
 - b) Skatepark update: owing to various stories going round about its progress, Christine offered to confirm the situation with Jessica Payne.
3. **Correspondence**
None
4. **Treasurer's Report**
Slightly less than £1500 in the bank after payments due.
5. **Events programme**
 - a) *Stall on 7 June*
Set up just before 12 noon. Kevin to ask Helen about renewing the lottery licence. It was decided not to ask shops for tombola prizes. There were soft toys and some bottles of wine. Liz and Glenys to arrange the tombola. Nicky to see about keys, table and history display. We should have a leaflet otherwise table a bit bare with only membership forms. Eva, Glenys and Cynthia there all day. Christine from 2 – 4.
 - b) *Moth hunt*
Harry has done three posters and these are to be hung about three days before on the top gates and the one by the boating pond. Helen had done posters as well and these have been distributed. It was confirmed that the café would be open until the end of the interval (9.30). The introductory talk will be held outside, weather permitting. Ann will get the loo key. Nicky to arrange keys to the barrier (for Peter Walton's car), and the power point key.
 - c) *Refugee week*
We will have a table again and the history display from 12 – 3 pm. No tombola.
6. **Survey**
Christine said if we don't have enough returned forms there's no point in doing it. She urged people to give out the survey forms which can be found in a basket on a table by the counter in the café. Could people take half an hour to go to the park and ask a few people to fill them in. They can be left in the yellow folder in the same basket. Nicky to ask people to fill them in. We need at least a hundred returns to make it worthwhile. We must give some out on 7 June.

There have been some returns, mainly from disabled people and the main complaint has been the state of the disabled loo bowl and dog mess

around the park. Christine will email Fiona about this and ask for the bowl to be cleaned.

7. **Litter pick**

Five turned up. Litter collected included 5-6 bags of rubbish and a bicycle frame. A tyre had been stretched between two trees and this had been cut off. There was a lot of dog mess especially down the North Park Avenue side and in the wood, where people had scooped up but dumped the bags. Kevin said it was enjoyable despite, and should definitely be repeated, perhaps every two or three months. It was asked whose job it is to pick up litter in the park but it clearly isn't being done.

8. **Any other business**

Kevin asked his dovecote proposal. This to be discussed at the next meeting. He also said we need a membership secretary as renewals were due. Christine asked what exactly we are offering members as we no longer have public meetings and there is no newsletter as promised. We need ideas for speakers (cycle speedway?). Suggested discussing at next meeting.

Ann said there was a bat walk on 4 June at 9 pm leaving from the car park at the bottom of North Park Avenue. Nicky said there was going to be a play in Eaton Park in July and he'd find out about it.

9. **Date, time and place of next meeting**

Thursday 25 June, 7 pm, Eaton Park Community Centre