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OUR COMMUNITY GREEN SPACE

NEWSLETTER

Easter Monday Eggstra Fun Day

21st April

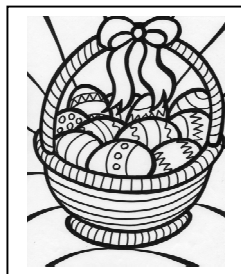
Traditional Community Events for Everyone
– particularly for those of school age

Our Plans for the Day

- 10.00am Register for the competitions in good time
- 10.30am The Egg Rolling Contest – bring your own hard boiled and decorated egg. No limit on the number of eggs you bring and it's just 50p per entry. See which egg rolls the furthest!
- 11.30am The Hunt for the Easter Chicks – a quiz to find the hidden chicks. WIN a chocolate egg or non-dairy veggie sweets. Entry ticket is 50p.

**Any profits will be donated to the
Friends of Blakers Park**

Note to parents: If you will be accompanying a child, please consider offering to help us on the day by emailing stokesfiona1@gmail.com in advance



The Committee of the Friends of Blakers Park includes Jane Carver (Secretary), Marion Clark, Marjorie Cozens, Sally Cranfield, Gerry Faulks (Treasurer), Max Glaskin, Sam Hart, Ian Lawes, Graham Preston (Vice Chair & Membership Secretary), and Marsali Stuart. Philip Smith is our Honorary Life President. Write to us at 70 Beaconsfield Villas, tel 07981 490516 or email friends@blakerspark.org.uk This newsletter is edited by Max Glaskin under the vigilant gaze of the Committee.

Thanks - to all of our newsletter deliverers, Simon Bottrell at 7Creative for the masthead, Brighton Brass Ensemble for the wonderful Christmas Carols, Fiona & Dominic for organising the Easter Funday and Wettons for cleaning the toilets.

Community Picnic – Unplugged Austerity means we won't be hiring a stage or PA for music at this year's picnic but we welcome all bands wanting to play acoustic sets. Email friends@blakerspark.org.uk to book a slot.

The Duke of Edinburgh – won't be visiting but the Friends welcome help throughout the year from all students doing HRH's awards. Email us now.

Management Plan – We've seen the first draft and now we wait for the all important action plan so it can be displayed for public consultation at the community picnic.

Life's a Picnic – You, too, can feel warm all over by helping the Community Picnic – children's games, setting up, tidying up etc Email friends@blakerspark.org.uk

Special Delivery – Get 30 mins of exercise every 3 months and a sense of wellbeing by helping to deliver this newsletter. Contact geraldine.faulks@gmail.com

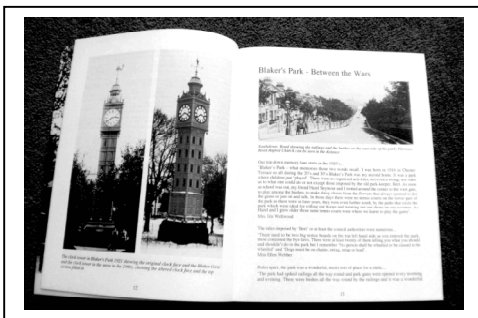
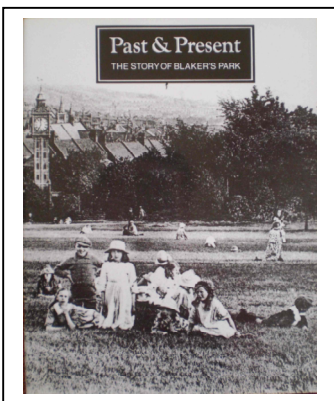
Queen Elizabeth II is another royal who has no plans to visit Blakers but she is sending us a plaque as we're now one of her Jubilee Fields. Thanks, Ma'am

Jane Carver is our new secretary. Welcome, Jane. We still need a chairperson so throw your hat in the ring and tell us what to do. Email friends@blakerspark.org.uk

Books and Bags The Friends have unearthed a stash of "Past and Present – The Story of Blaker's Park", a fine softback 42 page book which we published in 1994 to raise funds. Two boxes of the books went astray but now we have retrieved

them and are delighted to make them available once again, to raise much-needed funds. The book costs £10

and comes with a FREE Friends of Blakers Park cotton



shopping bag. Cheques (made payable to Friends of Blakers Park) or cash can be left, with your name

and address, at 70 Beaconsfield Villas or 77 Chester Terrace. We'll deliver the book and the FREE bag in a trice.

Blakers – the friendliest park in the world

Blakers Park is a gem but it would be different if the Friends hadn't protected it from unwanted changes. Now the Friends keep an eye on it all, improve it and organise free events for everyone. So please join or renew your membership now. There's no reason not to. If you feel good about Blakers Park, join the Friends. If you feel indifferent, you can still join. If you hate Blakers Park, join and we'll give you the support you clearly need.

Don't do it soon, do it now. C'mon, fair's fair. No Friends means no events or flowers.

There are **two different** ways to show you care about Blakers. The **first** is the simple form you can fill in and give to us with cash or a cheque made out to "Friends of Blakers Park".

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone _____

Please write your email address below to receive news and events by email:

_____ @ _____

I enclose payment for the following (please circle):

One year's individual membership £3.00

One year's membership students and unwaged £1.50

Three year's membership £9.00

Five year's membership £15.00

One year's household membership £5.00

One year's group membership £30.00

The **second** way to join us is to complete this standing order mandate.

Standing Order Mandate

My bank: _____

Bank address: _____ Postcode: _____

My account no: _____

Sort code: _____

My name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bank instruction: Please pay £_____ beginning with immediate effect and on the same date each year to Friends of Blakers Park

Account no: 21262734; Sort Code 40-05-27; *HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1 5EY*

This Standing Order Mandate supersedes all previous standing orders to Friends of Blakers Park

When you've filled in your name, address, phone & email details and completed **either** the membership payment panel (with payment) **or** the standing order mandate, please drop this in at 97 Chester Terrace, Brighton BN1 6GD

Book a space for your stall at the

**The 21st Blakers Park
Community Picnic & Summer Fair**
in association with Stanford Avenue Methodist Church

**Saturday 14th June 2014
11.30am to 5.00pm**

My stall is in aid of the following Charity (if any):

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On my stall will be:

.....

Please delete as appropriate:

I enclose the fee of £18 for non-members

I enclose the fee of £15 for members (membership form overleaf)

The small print: Applications should be submitted by 31st May 2014. Stall space is limited and will be allocated according to date of application. Maximum stall space: strictly 3m x 3m. In the unlikely event that there is any space left on the day, the fee will be £25.

Name:

Address:

Tel & Mob nos.:

Email:

Please send this form with cash or cheque (made payable to "Friends of Blakers Park") to: Graham Preston, 97 Chester Terrace, Brighton BN1 6GD. (Tel: 01273 565170)

**All stall holders should bring their own tables and gazebos
and are asked to take their litter home.**

<p>No vehicles will be allowed in the park between 11 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.</p>
