

Friends of Coronation Gardens Spring/Summer 2015

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Art in the Park



All our very popular Art in the Park events will this year be on offer on the last Sunday of each month between May and September. However, we start the season with an extra date of Sunday May 10 to coincide with the

Wilson Trophy sailing event on the Marine Lake.

For exhibitors, there has always been competition for the best "ovens" which used to be offered on a first come, first served basis. However, with so many regular exhibitors, we have introduced a season ticket which reserves the chosen alcove. The rental and all details are on our website. It is still possible to



attend on a one-off basis if you do not wish to commit to a whole season.

Customer can see a range of very individual and often innovative items, with the opportunity to talk to the artist who created them. Many artists have received special commissions for works as a result. It's not just paintings - there are photographs, jewellery, fabrics, metalwork, woodwork, ceramics - the full spectrum of artistic endeavour is on display!

Besides providing a showcase for local artists and a source of pleasure to those attending, these events also give an opportunity to buy original artwork, often at bargain prices.

Spring Fair



Our first big event of the year will be the Charities and Community Fair on Sunday May 31. We will be very happy to talk to local charity and community groups who would like to take part in this. We ask only for a small donation of £10. Please get in

touch via our website www.coronationgardens.co.uk or ring 0151 625 5158.

We expect the usual variety of goods and goodies to be on offer along with stalls for the children and plenty of room for family picnics.

One item on offer at the fair will be the "Muriel mug". This was created by Barbara Singleton and depicts the mural which you can see in the passageway on to the prom. They have proved to be very popular at just £5 each and are also available at Tanskey's and Hinton's the butchers.

Travelling Light

A contribution from Marko Muller of TTWK

On 11 November, once again the annual Lantern Peace Parade, organised by Transition Town West Kirby, gathered in the Gardens.

Travelling Light brings together Armistice Day and the German St Martin's Day tradition of lanterns to celebrate sharing, peace and reconciliation. On this occasion we were graced with four "Guardian Angels" with wonderful lit-up wings.

The event is literally a shining example of local groups and individuals coming together for a more vibrant community. We offer warm thanks to the volunteers from Friends of Coronation Gardens volunteers who helped the Parade run smoothly and safely.

Originally another joint project with TTWK was the creation of our mini-orchard, and Craig Mackintosh has contributed the article shown to the right.

Tanskey's News

The final Movie Night offering for the season will be on Sat 28 March "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". For £20 you get dinner, the film and a bottle of wine each.

Wirral Tourism Awards will feature Tanskey's in 3 categories - Most Professional Waiting-on Team, Most Supportive Manager and Outstanding Young Person. To have achieved the finals in all of these is cause for congratulation and we wish them well.

Refurbishment is under way to enhance the decor and also to improve security, following recent burglaries.

Live music will feature once or twice a month during Summer, and the Twilight Time 5-7 opening extension will be starting soon.

The Orchard



After the damage caused by the tidal surge of December, 2013, we replanted bare patches with new lavender bushes, a rosemary bush and an unidentified plant that appears to thrive in the somewhat sandy soil. Wild flower seeds were sown to the left of the fruit trees and provided a very pleasing wealth of colour and form (see picture above).

For some reason, however, the Flanders poppies, set out in a cross shape within the wild flower meadow never grew. We will try again next year, using a different strategy. The apple trees produced quite a number of fruits but only eight survived the wind to grow to a decent size.

Whilst working on the plot we are sometimes approached by people interested in our labours. Last year a number of parents with young children were shown round the site. Once the flowers were in bloom there was increased awareness of this corner of the Gardens. We intend to advertise the presence of "The Orchard" more extensively in 2015.

Another crop which did very well were tomatoes, planted by Sheelagh Weir. She tells us that they did better than the ones she carefully nurtured in her own garden!

Craig and his wife, Rosemary, are not the only ones who have been busy. Some of the Friends group have planted daffodils, narcissi and croci which are now making splashes of colour as they pop up to welcome Spring.

Gardening

It is always a pleasant surprise to see people working in our little patch of land, and we quite frequently see this at times other than our first Saturday monthly clear-up. Just a word of caution, however... if you are not a member of the Friends group then you have no insurance. As membership only costs £3 a year (£5 for couples), it is a wise precaution to fill in the form which appears with this newsletter and take or send it in.

We very much admire the other local Gardens on the prom – Victoria Gardens. It is good to see that they have been awarded the Green Flag, although, like ours, the actual flag has become detached from its pole. Many of the people who live in the roads surrounding the Gardens have adopted small flower-beds and the result is delightful.

Looking back

Our Sixth Annual Christmas Craft Fair was held on 29 November at Westbourne Hall Community Centre. We are always grateful to the stallholders who go to a lot of trouble to provide a colourful and enjoyable occasion with a great variety of beautiful craft items on display. We tried offering fewer stalls this time and yet managed to make nearly as much as last year - about £550.

You will see in the Diary of Events, this year's Fair will take place on Sat 28 November.

Adopt a bench

Now that all our benches are in place, we will remind you that they are all available for "adoption". It is a very good way to remember a loved one, and... dare we say it? We ask a lot less than the Council do for the benches on the prom.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are just £3 for an individual and £5 for a couple or family. See the form below for details. Subscriptions are vital as they give us a basis of support and help fund this newsletter.

How To Help Us

You don't have to have gardening skills!

You may just wish to give us moral support or help us with fundraising. There are many ways to contact us or get involved:

- See us in the Gardens on the first Saturday of each month 10-12 noon
- get in touch via our website: www.coronationgardens.co.uk
- complete the form below
- phone **0151 625 1676**

We only ask for £3 for individual and £5 for family membership.

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Please complete and return to:

Helen Watson, 13 Mostyn Ave, West Kirby, WIRRAL CH48 3HN

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Diary Of Events

- | Date | Event & time |
|------------------|--|
| Sat 18 Apr | Wirral Symphony Orchestra
Heswall Hall 7.30 |
| Sat 25 Apr | West Kirby Farmers' Market
Saint Andrew's West Kirby 9 - 1 |
| Mon 4 May | Ashton Park Fair
Ashton Park and St Bridget's Centre 10 - 4 |
| Fri 8 May | "West Kirby, Hoylake & The Lusitania"
Talk By Heather Chapman
St Bridget's Centre 7.30 |
| Sat/Sun 9/10 May | Wilson Trophy International Sailing
Marine Lake |
| Sun 10 May | Art In The Park Coronation Gdns 12 - 5 |
| Sat 23 May | West Kirby Farmers' Market
Saint Andrew's West Kirby 9 - 1 |
| Sat 30 May | Wirral Symphony Orchestra
Hoylelake Chapel 7.30 |
| Sun 31 May | Charities & Community Fair /
Art In The Park Coronation Gdns 12 - 5 |
| Sat 27 June | West Kirby Farmers' Market
Saint Andrew's West Kirby 9 - 1
St Bridget's Fair 1.45 - 4 |
| Sun 28 June | Art In The Park Coronation Gdns 12 - 5 |
| Sat 11 July | Wirral Symphony Orchestra
Chester Cathedral 7.30 |
| Sat 25 July | West Kirby Farmers' Market
Saint Andrew's West Kirby 9 - 1 |
| Sun 26 July | Art In The Park Coronation Gdns 12 - 5 |
| Sat 22 Aug | West Kirby Farmers' Market
Saint Andrew's West Kirby 9 - 1 |
| Sun 30 Aug | Art In The Park Coronation Gdns 12 - 5 |
| Fri 25 Sept | Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning
At Various Venues |
| Sat 26 Sept | West Kirby Farmers' Market
Saint Andrew's West Kirby 9 - 1 |
| Sun 27 Sept | Art In The Park Coronation Gdns 12 - 5 |
| Sat 24 Oct | West Kirby Farmers' Market
Saint Andrew's West Kirby 9 - 1 |
| Wed 11 Nov | Travelling Light Lantern Procession
Meet At Gardens 5.30 |
| Sat 28 Nov | West Kirby Farmers' Market
Saint Andrew's West Kirby 9 - 1 |
| | Coronation Gardens Christmas Craft Fair
Westbourne Hall 10.30 - 2 |
| Sat 12 Dec | Ashton Park Fair Westbourne Hall |