

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

COMMUNITY ORCHARD AND WILDLIFE GARDEN ARUNDEL AVENUE

We are very lucky to have access to this little oasis of green space and for those people who have always wondered what was behind the gate and passage on Arundel Avenue, please come down and visit us on Sunday afternoons.

This project has been running for over five years now and the transformation has been amazing attracting many visitors. We will be having three special openings this year:



Smithdown Festival - May 6
Jo Cox Great Get-together - June 24
The National Garden Scheme - July 15

However for this garden to flourish we need more supporters. You don't have to be an expert gardener. You might like to work on the wildlife habitats in the garden or perhaps involve yourself with the social side and catering.

Students, could you spend an afternoon a month to contribute to this community project? Please come down and join us on Sunday afternoon and have a cuppa.



THE QUAKER BURIAL GROUND A BRIEF HISTORY

Originally the Quakers, The Society of Friends, had a burial ground in town but with growing awareness of the danger of burial sites in densely populated areas, the Quakers had to find an alternative site. A piece of land was purchased on the present Smithdown Road and a Meeting House was built for the purpose of conducting funeral services. However, the use of the land and meeting house declined, and in 1905 more than half their land bordering Smithdown Road was sold to expand the Smithdown Institution (workhouse). This limited access to the site and its use as a burial ground.

A new smaller Meeting House was built in 1908 and was much used as a social venue as well as a place to conduct funerals. Unfortunately, an electrical fault in 1977 caused the building to burn down. It was never replaced and the graveyard became less used except for the occasional interment of ashes. It is still officially a burial ground. It suffered considerable neglect and in 2013 The Society of Friends decided that it would be mutually beneficial if the peaceful space was made available to the public on a controlled basis. TANN was recruited and the transformation began. A fuller version of this history can be found on our website: www.tann.org.uk

DON'T DUMP!

The local Councillors have used the Ward Fund to pay for a community skip to be made available for residents on **Hartington Rd**, near Arundel Avenue on **Friday March 16**. If you are de-cluttering, spring cleaning or just throwing your past away, this is your day!

Next TANN Meeting
Monday 19 March 7:30pm

At the Unitarian Church
(Entrance on York Avenue)

All welcome

SMITHDOWN ROAD FESTIVAL GOES TO THE MYSTERY



Smithdown Road Festival is back for its 4th year, and it's bigger and better than ever! Taking place from Wed 3 to Mon 7 May, the free festival features a program of live music at the various bars and cafes along Smithdown Road, and for the first time there will be a main stage and family friendly fun on The Mystery too. With artists such as Beardyman, Krafty Kuts and Space set to rock the park, you can expect some fantastic free live music alongside a dedicated children's area, street food, market stalls, and even live wrestling!

There will be a whole host of community activities over the festival week as well, from pop-up cinema to swing dance classes, photography exhibitions and music lessons.

As always, Smithdown Road Festival is committed to raising money for The Whitechapel Homeless Centre - whom they have raised thousands of pounds for over the last few years.

There are still pitches left for stalls.

If you want to book a stall email traders@smithdownfestival.com with a bit of information, and we will send out an application form! We would like to recruit food stalls, market stalls and kids' activities for the Mystery.

FIND TANN AND QBG ONLINE

Of course you can find TANN on our website:

www.tann.org.uk

You can also follow us and contribute to our

Facebook pages:

The Avenues Neighbourhood Network

@theavenuesL17

or our Facebook Community Garden page:

The QBG Community Garden in L17



Give Nature a Home with the RSPB

Greenbank Park will play host to a range of free nature activities for the whole family organised by the RSPB.

WALKS WITH RICHIE THE RANGER

Dingle Delights - The Ancient Chapel of Toxteth

Join us as we step back in time to discover the history of this fascinating area. Includes a visit to the 15th century Ancient Chapel of Toxteth. Meet outside McDonald's, Aigburth Rd. Thursday March 15th, 1:00pm.

Tales from Toxteth Cemetery

All welcome for a tour of this Victorian Cemetery. Discover the history of this burial ground and learn the tales of its famous and infamous interms. Please note: booking only - there are only limited places. Email: richietheranger@gmail.com
Walks £2.00 per person.

TRANSITION CAFE Wednesday 14th March 6:30

for soup and a bring-and-share meal and a chance to chat with others about some of the green projects that members of our group are engaged in. The theme this month is **Make-do and Mend**. It will be a practical session so you're very welcome to join us at the Quaker Meeting House, School Lane. Bring clothes that can be mended and learn new skills such as knitting and crochet. Contact dinah.dossor@talktalk.net to receive a regular newsletter.

PARKS MAINTENANCE BACK IN-HOUSE

At the last TANN meeting, we were informed that the maintenance of the City parks would now be directly run by the council.

Also, a table of charges will apply to events using the parks, covering not only the cleaning, maintenance and repairs needed after each event, but also to contribute to the general care of our open spaces all year round, in particular when those events are for profit and which charge the public an entrance fee. In addition to the jogging and training track installed around Sefton Park, a long overdue drainage system is being put in place to render the fields usable even when the weather is very wet.

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