



## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019

Dear All, with particular welcome to new members,

"Nature give to every time and season some beauties of its own" Charles Dickens

Time to forget winter and the time of darkness, ice and cold. Bring on the spring with the warming of the sun, green growth and longer days.. Enclosed our Spring newsletter with updates on a few items relating to the park.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Melanie Healy and Rowena Vaughan**  
co-Chair Friends of Bishop's Park



### **STALL AT THE FARMERS MARKET APRIL – date to be confirmed.**

We had a stall at the Farmers Market on the 9<sup>th</sup> March where we banged the drum for people to join FoBP. We met lots of lovely people and a number joined up. We will have another stall in April, date to be confirmed.



### **ROSE GARDEN**

We are in the process of applying for funding for the Rose Garden through **Spacehive**. The link to pledge funds is now live, please donate £5, £10 whatever you think appropriate, the more people who pledge the more support we get from the council and other interested parties.

<https://www.spacehive.com/rose-garden---bishopsark?searchText=Bishops%20Park,%20Fulham>



### GARDENING TIPS

Beware the beast from the East and don't do too much until the threat of frost is over.

### GARDENING GROUP – NEXT SESSION MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL



The inaugural session of the Gardening Group was held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to do some volunteer gardening in our Park please join us on Monday morning. Tools and direction will be supplied by Ian, the park head gardener, though do bring your own gardening gloves if you prefer.

We will meet at 9.30am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, outside the Community Rooms. Please make yourself known to Melanie.

To join the WhatsApp group which has been set up for this group please email: [chair.bishparkfriends@gmail.com](mailto:chair.bishparkfriends@gmail.com) with your mobile number.



### FALLEN WILLOW

The large willow that fell this winter has damaged the pond lining, pump and wiring. The pond was drained in February while exploratory investigations are carried out to see the extent of the damage.

Once all work has been done, the pond will be refilled. This is done at a high tide and water from the Thames.

The wildlife saved from the pond (mostly goldfish) will be reintroduced and hopefully will flourish.



**Fulham Football Club** is hoping to commence work on their stadium this year. To this end part of the Fielders Meadow will be sectioned off for storage of materials, site office and ingress of large machinery.

The club is going to be making best use of its riverside situation and aims to remove most debris and bring materials to site via the river.

The council with the Church Commissioners are negotiating the lease on the land the club is going to be using for the next two years and FoBP are trying to ensure, with the Church Commissioners that the monies are ring fenced for the park.

The club will be installing bird scarers in the next couple of days to scare birds from roosting in the trees in the next few weeks. They will also begin preparations for the sectioning off of Fielders Meadow.