



***NOTE - CHANGE OF DATE TO  
27 JANUARY FOR NEXT  
MEETING***

## **Friends of Hartley Park**

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Secretary: Mr Dennis Rowe

A well supported meeting of The Friends of Hartley Park were given a first sight of some possible options for the redevelopment of the Park and there were some pointed questions in a lively debate after which members were reminded that, within the bounds of practicality agreed by the Parks Services Department who had provided the drawings, it would be the active members of the Group who would have most influence on resolving differences in opinion in producing the final design after wide consultation. The meeting recognised that a great effort would now be required in Fund Raising and that small teams would need to be formed to make applications to various sources. Dennis Rowe announced that the FoHP had been accepted for membership of the Plymouth Community Partnership which meant more access to resources and advice on a wide range of topics to help in achieving results including fund raising.

Mrs' Stone, Stephens and Pope reported that their stall at Compton Primary School Christmas Bazaar, set up at their own initiative, had attracted much interest especially, of course, on the child friendly aspects of the Park and many questionnaires had been filled in to help with our research. Kerry Gibbins was thanked and congratulated on creating the excellent presentation boards of photographs of the Park, showing both the defects and potential, used by the Ladies on the stall who were all thanked by the Group for their efforts and initiative as well as developing a good liaison with the school and briefing the Headmaster on what we wanted to do which resulted in him agreeing to involve his pupils in any suitable project. Jeanine Caley reported that a Governor of the school had been asked to liaise with us.

Michelle Dunn from the PCC Leisure Department attended to give us advice and ideas on preparation for the proposal to run a Fun Day in the park next summer and made the point that the Group needed a volunteer to be the key person in a team responsible for setting up the Fun Day and promised them further help and advice on how to proceed. Suggestions were made that the local Armed Forces and other organisations could be contacted to provide one or two 'Star' Events and Martin Hibbert volunteered to talk to the Royal Navy. Peter Ford reminded us that planning a suitable date, which did not clash with other events in the area, was important especially if we wished to borrow any PCC equipment. Michelle said that she would talk to Nick Jones the Principle Park Services Manager. The Chairman, Trevor Hargreaves, asked those present to consider volunteering as the Key Person for the Fun Day.

Thanks to the last article in the Evening Herald Vina Shaddick attended the meeting and volunteered to lead the Historical Research into the Park with others who have also have said that they would help. Personal memories will still be welcomed from anyone who wishes to contribute them. John Gilmore also suggested that Chris Robinson should be contacted through the Evening Herald as a good source of information and possible contacts on this subject.

Dave Snell gave us a brief on progress on the creation of a website and asked for opinions on content and which name to choose. Opinion varied but most felt that 'hartleypark' would be recognised by more people than 'hartleypleasuregrounds' but it would be better if searches for either could lead to our prospective site.

The next meeting will take place at the PEARN TRUST DAY CARE CENTRE IN EGGBUCKLAND ROAD AT 7 PM ON 27 JANUARY 2003.

Secretary

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