

Havering-atte-Bower



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Havering-atte-Bower Conservation Society

May 2012

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Village Party/Dance on the Green

Friday 1st June 2012 7.30 – 11.30p.m. (admission by ticket only)

40s/50s theme (period dress appreciated)

Pay Bar (wine and beer) and BBQ (no own food or drink)

Strictly no tickets on the night

£5.00 adults £1.00 5-12 yrs Under 5s free

All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Tickets now available, contact Nicky Gates 07919 933866 or Heather Sherry
07973 287299

Jubilee Fun Day and Fayre on the Green

Saturday 2nd June 2012 12.00 – 5.00p.m.

Stalls including: tombola, coconut shy, penny roll, apple dunking, catch a duck and many more. Jazz band and other attractions. Mini Olympics, tug-of-war and a great wealth and variety of fun competitions for all

FINAL VILLAGE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 24th May 2012
Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

This will be the last meeting before the event. We desperately need you to come along and volunteer your help. We need volunteers to run stalls on the day, to help with traffic and parking etc. etc.

Please come along and offer your support and help, no matter how great Or small, all help will be appreciated.

St Francis Hospice Open Garden Day

In parallel with our fun day on the green, the Hospice are opening their garden. Speaking personally, I am delighted to see the improvements to the garden, especially as The Hall was my home throughout my childhood and it really is worth a visit especially if you have not been before. Do try and see the cork tree, some 300 plus years old. It is real cork as you would use for a wine bottle. The Open Garden Day compliments our fun day very well, ensuring there is something for everyone, young or old, athletic or not. There will also be cream teas, plants, books and homemade cakes and preserves for sale and Ken Crowther of BBC Essex will be answering questions at 1330 and 1500

VILLAGE COMPETITIONS

(to be held on the Green - main marquee)

Details of these were shown in the March/April newsletter. If you cannot find a copy, it is on the Habcos website and you can copy the entry form from there or ask Nicky Gates. There will be plenty of fun races for children but there is one change of significance. To allow more people to join in, **the six teams required for Mini Olympics will need just 2 men and 2 women.**

For tug-of-war - 8 people to a team with a minimum of 2 women in each team. (Footwear is trainers only) Team entries to nickygates@talktalk.net

SPONSORS for our JUBILEE FAYRE

If you would like to sponsor a stall at the village fayre and advertise your business in the programme on the day, please contact Nickygates@talktalk.net 07919 933866

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

In general, the traffic and parking arrangements will be very similar to those for the village fayre in September 2010. Access across the end of the green between North Road and Bower Farm Road will be closed off with traffic diverted along Elmer Avenue. Broxhill Road will be closed from 1145 between Bedfords Park and the village green except for necessary access. Most parking will be in Bedfords Park and closing the road to vehicles is the only safe way to enable visitors to both St Francis and the village fayre to walk to the village green. Parking will be available in the Hospice car park for the disabled and infirm. There will also be some parking at The Bower House, principally for those who come into the village from the North.

Parking and Traffic control

If you don't mind exerting a little authority on the car owner, please let me (Michael Heap) know if you can assist on the day. The Hospice will have some volunteers but we also need to provide four or five people at most times. Even an hour will be very helpful.

TOMBOLA STALL

We are still looking for prizes for our Tombola stall so, if you have any unwanted gifts, toiletries, toys, drink, non-perishable foods or other items that would be suitable for our Tombola stall, we would be delighted by your donations. This is a great opportunity to make a little more space at home!

**Items can be left with Gill Copley, 14 Kilnwood (Off Orange Tree Hill)
Havering-atte-Bower 01708 755624.**

Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Egg Hunt

Although the weather could have been better, it could also have been much worse and it did not deter some 50 children joining in. And how about this for an absolutely gorgeous bonnet? Deservedly the winner even amongst many lovely creations.



Many thanks as always to the church for hot cross buns and tea which were most welcome.

History on the Habcos web site

We are slowly but surely expanding the range of articles about the village. The latest addition is some extraordinary work on a sample of paint from the Elmer Avenue railings, it is quite astonishing what can be discovered from a tiny piece of old paintwork. Many thanks to Nigel Oxley and Havering Council for instigating this.

Wells and boreholes

I have received quite a lot of information about wells and boreholes in the village. There are a lot, coming mostly in two categories – those built by and for the large houses and those dug to find out about soil conditions prior to constructing the M25, which had been planned (as the M16) to come just South of the village itself and the M12 which was proposed much more recently. Please will you let me know of any wells or boreholes you know about if you have not already done so (please don't assume someone else has told me first!). There should be one or more around the Royal Palace by the church but I have no clues as yet.

And dates for your diary:

Beacon on the Church Tower



**A beacon will be lit at 10.26pm on the tower of
St. John's Church to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee**

**The Green, Havering-atte-Bower
Monday 4th June 2012**

Start at 8pm till 10.30pm

Refreshments

Music

60 years of Scouting

Clowns

Fireworks

Organised by the
3rd Havering (St. James) Scout Group
Registered Charity Number 1079722
and St. John's Church

Havering Park Riding School

Havering Park Riding School is having an Open Day on 27th August celebrating 80 years since it was founded. Originally, of course, the stables were part of the Havering Park estate but the house was demolished long ago. We are all fortunate that the stables have endured as a riding school, especially giving opportunities to so many children to have a go. And a great number of those children remain riders with horses here in the village many years later.

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