



# Friends of Greenhill Gardens

FOGG NEWSLETTER – No.2 – 2013

**WELCOME** to the latest Newsletter published by the Friends of Greenhill Gardens (FOGG)

## FOGG Launches the opening of New Bandstand



On Sunday 11 August crowds packed Greenhill Gardens for the opening of our new Bandstand. The opening ceremony was performed by Councillor Joy Stanley who has a keen interest in the area having operated both of the Greenhill Cafes over the years. She also rolls up her sleeves to help FOGG at our events.

The Bandstand has a decking base and the remainder of the structure is of a "Pop-Up" design. This enables the temporary sides and roof to be erected quickly and easily when needed. This element can be removed and stored securely under the Bandstand when not in use.

The original idea for the Bandstand came from the Greenhill Gardens 'Seascape' Café Lessees Ray and Penny Brown. The Bandstand was designed for FOGG by local Weymouth architect Paul Dean.

The building has been under the supervision of FOGG Committee Member Graham Dubben and the Main Carpenter was Bob Taylor who has been assisted by a number of Committee Members. John and Graham of CCH Ferndown made and supplied the light alloy tubular roof supports. Finance for the Bandstand has come from the fundraising

efforts of FOGG over some years. This has included highly successful Quiz Nights courtesy of Rob Ewing and his Team at The Lodmoor Pub, Weymouth.

The Bandstand will be a focal point and performance area for all aspects of entertainment and available for other organisations to use.

After the ceremony SWITCH SAXOPHONE QUARTET entertained on the Bandstand providing a variety of popular and exciting music. They have appeared at Windsor Castle and have performed for 4 days at The Goodwood Festival of Speed.

FOGG also held our own Summer Fayre in the Gardens with additional entertainment coming from singer Rita Ashman appearing as 1930's star Marie Lloyd. The Flying Dutchman also sang prior to the ceremony and Sainsbury's supplied GoodyBags!!!.

PHOTO OPPOSITE shows the FOGG Committee, Gardner and Councillors on the Bandstand. Front row from left to right Councillors Ian Bruce and Hazel Bruce, Pat Scarlett, Pat Lacey, Ann-Marie Collins, Barbara Dubben, Councillor Joy Stanley, Diane Bailey Councillors Jane Hall and Pam Nixon Weymouth Council Representative, Tara Gooding (hidden behind Ian Bruce) Back row: Gardener Carl Sergeant, Graham Dubben, Sue Clarke, Trevor Collins, Penny Lawrence, Tim Spooner and Iain Campbell

## The Green Flag of Excellence comes to the Gardens AGAIN!

Congratulations to the Gardeners Carl Sergeant, Derek Walker, David White and Danny Wilson in getting the Gardens looking great enough for yet another Green Flag.

Carl was in the Gardens on the day the Bandstand was opened to receive a cake in the form of the Green Flag. Thanks to Arty Party Cakes of Lodmoor Hill, Weymouth who provided the amazing cake. Check the website for more details about the Green Flag Awards. [www.greenhill-gardens.co.uk](http://www.greenhill-gardens.co.uk)



Photo shows Ian Gill of Arty Party Cakes with Gardener Carl Sergeant surrounded by FOGG Committee Members and Tara Gooding (left) from Weymouth & Portland Council with the Green Flag Cake

## 2013 has been a busy year in the Gardens

In addition to keeping a watching and active Brief on all matters in the Gardens we have had another busy and energetic year!!!

Including.....

AGM at Lodmoor Pub in May

Quiz Night at the Lodmoor Pub in April

Local Group REPLAY have played at our events and we have joined in afternoons run by Weldmar Hospice and Ray and Penny from the Cafe

Selling special Greenhill Gardens Key Rings

Children's Fancy Dress Competition in May

Bric-a-Brac Stall at Methodist Church in June

Music in the Gardens with 'Replay' in July

Summer Fayre and Bandstand Opening in August

Quiz Night at the Lodmoor Pub in October

## Check out FOGG's Website for loads of stuff about FOGG and the Gardens

FOGG launched its own website in 2012 and is clicked in to by hundreds of people. The site is regularly updated and all the current Events are listed together with reports on previous events.

Do have a look. It contains a host of facts that you may not know about the Gardens.

[www.greenhill-gardens.co.uk](http://www.greenhill-gardens.co.uk)

## Bandstand for Use

FOGG are encouraging other organisations to use the Bandstand to provide a focal point and performance area for their own events. Please contact Barbara for more details 01305 782419 or fill out the Contact Form on the website.

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The 11<sup>th</sup> Northamptonshire Boys Brigade Band, Duston Division, who had their Summer Camp at Lodmoor, Weymouth played on the Bandstand in August.

## Prizes!!

We are always in need of good raffle and tombola prizes. If you have anything suitable then please contact Barbara on 01305 782419 – Thanks so much.

### **FOGG Quiz Nights**

**FOGG hold Quiz Nights at The Lodmoor Pub, Preston Beach Road in Weymouth. They are hugely entertaining.**

**Ticket price is £8.50 which includes a Light Supper.**

**We now have a List of Members who want to be notified prior to advertising – Contact Barbara if you'd like to go on this List and for Tickets**

**The Next Quiz is on:**

**Saturday 5 October 2013 at 7.30pm**

**Contact Barbara on 782419 and see Website for more dates**

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## FOGG Key Rings

We have our own Key Rings which have a picture of Greenhill Gardens and features our logo. They are £1 each and if you'd like one then just ring Graham Dubben on 782419.

## FOGG on RADIO SOLENT

FOGG were invited to take part on the Tim Butcher Saturday morning Radio Solent programme in August to talk about the new Bandstand. Committee Member Iain Campbell was interviewed and gave details of the Gardens and its history as well.

## The Fish swim back!

The wooden fish made by local school children have made a return visit to the tennis court fencing and were erected by the Gardeners.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE GARDENS

An afternoon of singing Carols by the Bandstand in the Gardens

FREE Mulled Wine to keep away the chills....AND Mince Pies!!

Wrap up warm and bring a torch!!

**Sunday 15 December 2013 4pm**

## More Information????? --- To find out more about FOGG's future activities you can.....

1. Check out the Noticeboard in the Gardens
2. Click in to the Events Page on our Website [www.greenhill-gardens.co.uk](http://www.greenhill-gardens.co.uk)
3. Ring Barbara on 01305 782419

## Joining FOGG

COME AND JOIN FOGG AND TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES IN THE GARDENS

The Membership fee is £3 per household and includes:

1. Annual Newsletter
2. Bi Annual Open Meetings
3. Advance Notice of Events.

Membership subscriptions due on 1 April. To cut down expenses, we only send Newsletters to Members.

Contact Barbara on 01305 782419 or complete the Contact Form on our Website

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## YOUR COMMITTEE – 2013/14

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Committee Members – Diane Bailey, Iain Campbell, Jane Chandler,

Ann-Marie Collins, Sue Clarke, Graham Dubben and Pat Scarlett

Advisory Members -- Councillor Joy Stanley and Tara Gooding from Weymouth & Portland Council

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