



# Friends of Greenhill Gardens

FOGG NEWSLETTER – No.1 – 2014

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

## Council Plans for the Gardens

Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Management Committee have approved plans to sell off part of the Gardens. They intend to sell all the Chalets, the Greenhill Play Gardens, the Putting Green, the Tennis Courts, Walkways and the Toilets on a 125 year Lease for around £700,000. After a requested review by the Scrutiny Committee their proposals are now the subject of local consultation, but it is their stated intention that they wish to pursue this course of action anyway.

Some of the actual 'green' Gardens area will be included in this sell off because the proposals includes the sale of 12, so far unbuilt chalets, which will be in the Cactus Garden.

The Council states that the income from the whole area currently £85,192 for 2013/14 shows an asset that is "underperforming." FOGG's look at the figures reveals that the income is subject to a huge "internal management levy of £36,770 pa." – Consequently with about 40% of the total income is going on the Council's own expenses there is little surprise that a loss has been posted for the year. Historically the area has made profits but always get hit by a "Re-charge or Management Charge" that seems incredibly high and makes the profits look like a loss.

There is a liability of £885,000 for refurbishing the two tier chalet block. FOGG also have concerns that this capital figure for refurbishment may also not be quite accurate.

In addition, one of the anomalies with the Council's intentions is that they are somewhat unclear. Although the written proposals impose some safeguards, the clause imposing them states that they are "not exclusively" binding on the buyers. FOGG are concerned that this is an open charter for possible development which would not be in keeping with the area.

Action is on the cards. -- A new Greenhill Residents Association has already started who are looking in to the proposals. Also at a packed public meeting in January 2014 a good deal of concern was expressed at the position. In addition, a new 'Community of Greenhill Organisation' (COG) is being formed to spearhead ideas and suggest ways that can help protect this area as a community open space. COG will be looking in to the position with regard to the original covenants imposed on the land over 100 years ago. They required that the Council had to keep it as an "ornamental garden and recreation area for the benefit of the public."

Locals in the Greenhill area are concerned that future development may not be in keeping with the covenants and the desire to keep this as an open space community area.

**If you want to keep this open space as a Community Area then please contact your Councillors and let them have your views about this historic part of Weymouth.**

## FOGG on RADIO SOLENT

FOGG were invited to contribute towards the debate on the Council's plans for the development of the Gardens. Committee Member Iain Campbell was interviewed on the top of the two tier chalets one cold January 2014 morning. His piece was followed by Councillor Peter Chapman giving details of the Council's views.

## You can use the Bandstand!

In August last year crowds packed Greenhill Gardens for the opening of our new Bandstand. A number of events were held in the Gardens using the new Bandstand.

It is available for use by other Groups. If you'd like to use the Bandstand for one of your own functions then please contact Barbara Dubben on 01305 782419 for an initial chat or fill in the Contact Form on our Website.

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Folk relaxing in the Gardens listening to music being performed on the Bandstand in July 2013

## Wedding Snapshots on the Bandstand!

FOGG's new Bandstand is available for Wedding couples. Capture some great panoramic pictures of the sea, coast and Gardens for your Album. Use is FREE but if you'd like to give us a donation we'd be delighted!

Contact Barbara to book 782419

## What did we do in 2013????

AGM at Lodmoor Pub in May  
Quiz Nights at the Lodmoor Pub in April and October  
Musical Afternoons in the Gardens with local group REPLAY  
Joint Events with 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  
Summer Fayre and Bandstand Opening in August

## FOGG's Website

FOGG's website, launched in 2012 is updated on a regular basis. Now there are pages on the Carnival, the Bandstand and the Red Arrows. Details of all the current and future Events are on there together with updated News. Do have a look. It contains a host of facts that you may not know about the Gardens.

Use the Contact Form to let us know of anything you'd like to see on the Website.

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## **SUMMER FAYRE!!**

**We are holding our Summer Fayre in  
Greenhill Gardens on:**

**SUNDAY 10 August 2014 2 - 4.30pm**

**Come along, relax in the Gardens and join in the  
FUN with live Music and Stalls**

**Check out the Website for details of the  
ENTERTAINMENT**

**Free Entrance**

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## FOGG Key Rings

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

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3. Ring Barbara on 01305 782419

4. Fill in the Contact Page on the website

## **DIARY OF FOGG EVENTS FOR 2014**

**Sunday 1 June 2-4.30pm** – Musical Afternoon in the Gardens with local Band REPLAY -- A fantastic Band playing songs from the 60's,70's and 80's – FREE (with Weldmar Hospice)

**Sunday 20 July 2- 4.30pm** – An Afternoon of great music with local Band REPLAY – FREE

**Sunday 10 August 2 – 4.30pm** – SUMMER FAYRE in the Gardens with music, stalls, fun and relaxing – FREE

**Saturday 15 November 7.30pm** – The Amazing Quiz Night at The Function Room, Lodmoor Pub, Preston Beach Road, Weymouth. Tickets £8.50 from Barbara 782419

**Sunday 7 December 4pm** – Christmas Carolling in Greenhill Gardens -- FREE

Check out the Website for any updates:

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## 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.

## Events with Weldmar Hospice

Every year we like to support Weldmar Hospice's fundraising events in the Gardens.

They have their own events in the Gardens on:

Sunday 6 July 2 – 4.30pm with local Band REPLAY – FREE TO ALL

Sunday 17 August 2 – 4.30pm with THE SILHOUETTES, featuring songs from Yesteryear – FREE TO ALL

## YOUR COMMITTEE – 2014/15

Chair -- Barbara Dubben

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Treasurer -- Tim Spooner

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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



A view of the Bandstand with some colourful begonias

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