

BALSAM BASH

Tomorrow (27th July), meet at huts at 11 am.

Wear wellies, gloves and sunscreen.

Helpers also needed who don't go into the water!



A **FOBP Trustees' meeting** was held on June 26th at Bournville Village Primary School. We thank the School for their hospitality. Nine trustees attended and three apologized for absence.

Matt Rogers was welcomed to the Board of Trustees.

Finance

The Treasurer had previously circulated FOBP accounts, which remain healthy. £30 was donated through easyfundraising and £490 via JustGiving.

TSB are still not allowing us to change signatories on our bank account, despite our jumping through all the hoops they presented to us. We have wasted so much time on this that we are opening a new bank account elsewhere.

Maintenance

Tennis courts

Some repair work has been done on the courts but there still needs to be some painting. There are still fencing issues to be addressed. On the other hand, the large root of the fallen tree has been chipped.



Bowling hut

The old bowling hut is a condemned building with no prospect of repair. It is a magnet for vandals. This happened recently:

The roof could collapse at any time so we don't want intruders.



The Park Department had a go at making the hut secure:

There is no doubt that the hut needs to be demolished before someone gets hurt. If it is removed, the Trustees will consider how what to do with the plinth and indeed the old bowling greens in front of the hut. As always, finance will be an issue.

Activities

Tai Chi and Qi-Gong continue in the Park every Thursday noon to 1 pm.

Gardening Club

A second memory tree is to be planted in the Park.

Summer events

Tennis

There will be free tennis coaching for children, Monday 4th to Friday 8th August inclusive. Booking is required. See the noticeboards for details (QR code) or go to <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BournvilleParkTennis/Booking>

Cycling

ecoBirmingham will provide free summer cycling activities for children and families on Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th August inclusive. See the noticeboards for details (QR code) or go to www.ecobirmingham.com/events. There will be free had confirmed that they would run the holiday cycling course as they have done in previous years. It would be held on Bournville Green behind the Hub as the ground is flatter than previous locations. The funding for this year would be for cycling alone. Dr Bike, which held a session on bike maintenance last year, has regular sessions at the Hub, and it was agreed that these would be advertised on the Park's noticeboards.

Duck race and picnic

Sunday 7th September. Duck Race at 2:30 pm.

Barista Express

The "BaristaExpress" booth on the car park still sells coffee/tea/cold drinks/cakes but the opening hours have changed again. Thursdays have been dropped but you might see them there on Wednesdays instead. Best to check their Facebook page.

