

Welcome to the latest edition of the Beddington Park Newsletter.

Read on for an update on the HLF project, what's been happening and what's to come.

## HLF Project Update



### Dredging commences!

The contractors have been on site for over a month now and work is very much underway, particularly on the lake and stock pond.

The water levels have now been lowered and the diggers are beginning the lake dredging. The river has been dammed and is currently being pumped, with a flume diversion being installed shortly.

Two locations on site have been prepared as silt drying locations. These have been fenced off for safety and the top soil temporarily stripped in accordance with the requirements from the Environment Agency. Silt will be carried to these locations by trucks. For your safety, you may be held at the fence line by the Hackbridge/London Road gate whilst vehicles enter and deposit silt. An alternative route can be found through the adjacent woodland.

The lake has also been fenced off, resulting in closure of the surrounding pathways and the green bridge. We apologise for any inconvenience this necessary closure may cause.



The work on the stock pond is very nearly complete! It will remain fenced off for a number of months to allow the new grass to become established. Planting in and around the stock pond will take place in the spring.

Work to improve the playground is scheduled to commence on the 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that the playground will be closed whilst work is carried out, but the Pavilion Café will remain open for business as usual.

For images of the work to date please see page 3.

Keep an eye on temporary boards and fencing for regular updates, drawings and information as the work progresses, as well as online and via twitter -

[@beddington\\_park](https://twitter.com/beddington_park)

## What else has been happening in the park?



### Big Bicycle Cinema

Beddington Park welcomed the Big Bicycle Cinema to Beddington Park on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The local community came together to enjoy a free screening of Grease with a difference! For 2hrs audience members took turns cycling to keep the film running, whilst others sat back and relaxed, singing along to this popular classic. Great fun was had by all and we're sure our pedalling audience slept well after! With thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding this great event.



### Rotary Club Clean Up

This month, over 60 volunteers came together for a clean-up and task day in the park. The team transformed a section of woodland ready for planting new trees next month. New spring bulbs were also planted. A massive thanks to all involved but particularly Carshalton Park Rotary Club for leading the event and the Friends of the Park who supplied the refreshments and bulbs.



HLF work progress



Stock pond



The start of dredging in the stock pond.



Completed dredging in the stock pond.

Pathways



Path repairs in The Grange Garden.

Lake



The temporary dam at the lake head.



Fish rescue – saving carp, chubb, eels & more!



Diggers at work in the nearly drained lake.

## Events – a highlight of upcoming activities & events



For more detailed information on any events please see our monthly 'What's On' guides or contact [sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.price@sutton.gov.uk)

### Community Tree Planting

Join us for our autumn community tree planting event. We'll be planting a mix of trees in the area of woodland recently cleared by volunteers, as well as spring bulbs.

Equipment is provided but please wear sturdy shoes and warm, waterproof clothing.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am**, meet at the Pavilion Café.

### Free Regular Exercise Opportunities

#### Fridays

*Melanie's Walks*, 10am, outside St. Mary's Church.

*Nordic Walking*, 1pm, outside the Pavilion Café. £3

#### Saturdays

Bootcamp (9am) and Yoga (10am) classes. Booking required at [www.ourparks.org.uk](http://www.ourparks.org.uk)

#### Every third Saturday

CTC led beginner's cycle ride through the park and surrounding area. Meet 2pm, outside the Pavilion café.

### Walks & Talks

#### TALKS:

John Phillips delivers the final lecture of the Autumn Lecture Series in November, entitled:

*The Tudors and Jacobeans in Beddington Park.*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm**, St. Mary's Church Hall. **FREE.**

Call **020 8770 6060** or email **Sarah (above)** to book a space.

#### WALKS:

*The HLF Project – a tour of the works.*

Learn more about the works that have been completed so far, and what else is happening and when, with this tour of the park and the associated work areas.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 11am, FREE.**

Call **020 8770 6060** or email **Sarah (above)** to book a space.