



Whitchurch Millennium Green Trust

**March 2009**

**Dear Friends**

**This is the first newsletter since last September. Since then we have experienced a very harsh Winter but now the Meadow has recovered and is starting to look very Springlike.**

**It is time to ask again for your annual subscriptions; the price hasn't risen and is still £5 per family or individual. Resubscribing means that you will be kept informed about the many varied and interesting events, for adults and children, that take part in the Meadow. It really is an enjoyable way to be part of the friendly community of Whitchurch.**

**Recently we held a very successful 'Winter Summer Picnic'. Many local musicians entertained us and it was great fun. There are more 'Special Picnics' planned for the rest of the year.**

**Katya has been working very hard at improving the facilities for children. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on 12<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday) and Meadow Detectives will be running throughout the Summer. Soon we will be installing a Gathering Circle of logs for children to sit on. It is for local groups like Beavers, school visits and local families. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a very special Pond Dipping event with children being able to see magnified pictures of what they have caught. A mobile laboratory will be on site from 10am to 4pm with a break in the middle for Maypole Dancing and the Crowning of the Carnival Queen.**

**The Whitchurch Carnival takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> June and the procession will finish up again on the Meadow. Friends of the Meadow are welcome to come to the Friends Tent for refreshment.**

**The design of a Fish Tryst Seat to commemorate Gill Nethercott, Alison Wall and Anna Nason has been undertaken by Graham and Brian. It will be a beautiful reminder of these much missed friends and will be installed this Summer. An appeal is out to raise funds for this.**

**To renew your subscription please send a cheque made out to The Millennium Green Trust to either:**

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Best wishes to everyone.

Noelle Shrubsall