
OARA BULLETIN MARCH / APRIL 2016

The Greening Group plants 50th cherry tree!



Congratulations to Sue and all who were involved in the tree-planting event on the 29th of March at 58 Gordon Avenue. There was a remarkable turn-out despite the threatening weather, and the way the whole event was conducted generated a lovely atmosphere. The scene was set with our display boards, banner, and table set up with food and drinks. Maggie striking up with 'Tulips from Amsterdam' on the accordion (most appropriate) just added to the warmth of the occasion.

Roy Lancaster from Hilliers was the perfect guest of honour and his speech was pitched just right. Full of fun anecdotes and not too long! It was also impressive to see Stephen Barnes-Andrews there plus a representative from Posh Pads who hosted the tree on one of their properties. This all helps to foster positive relationships with local landlords and our local councillors.

Things like this don't happen without a team (The Greeners) who make a very positive contribution to the work of OARA and to improving the look of our area. We must pay special tribute to Sue and her dogged persistence in helping to make all of this happen - the 50 trees, and all of the other greening projects undertaken locally. Look out for the trees, many of which are in bloom at the moment.

COMING SOON...

...with your help!

We're fund raising now!

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Bevois Mount History Mural Project

Plans are well under-way for the production of our history mural on the wall of Bitter Virtue in Alma Road. As you can see, the mural will be extremely large and will make a big impact. We hope it will excite local interest in the fabulous history of this part of Southampton and put the whole area on the map. We are at the fund-raising stage at the moment. We aim to raise £3000 to make this mural a reality. We have held one fund-raising event and have several more planned before June when the mural is scheduled to be painted. If you would like to make a donation, or would like to help in the creation of the mural contact: allyhayes3@aol.com



Blue Door Art Exhibition

Local artists exhibited their work at The Blue Door Estate Agency on Lodge Road over the weekend of the 22nd to the 24th of April. Many had never exhibited their work before, and all donated pieces towards a fund raising effort for the Bevois Mount History mural project. The overall quality of the art was outstanding. We were amazed that over £500 was raised.

Great credit goes to Barbro and Rosy who thought of the idea and put it into action, and the artists, who so generously donated their work. The event was so successful that there is talk of putting on another one in the autumn.

Clean Streets

Working with the council we arranged for a crew to give local streets a 'mini-sparkle' during Easter when the students were away and the streets were clearer of cars. This, coupled with volunteers putting bins away meant that both men and machines were able to get at gutters and pavements. A weedkiller session will follow.

We are also teaming up with the council to audit and number bins in more streets following a successful Gordon Avenue pilot.

Litter picks continue on the first and third Sundays of the month. Meet at the Alma Road planters at 11 o'clock.

Jason Evans from the council who has been very supportive of our efforts is moving departments. He will be greatly missed by OARA.

Can You Lend A Hand?

Could you spare a bit of time to help out with OARA efforts to improve our part of Southampton? Do any of these appeal to you?

- IT design
- Photography
- Poster design / promotion
- Musical talent?
- Helping with street cleaning on a Sunday?
- Keeping your section of street litter-free?

If you can help with any of the above, please contact:

info@outeravenueresidents.co.uk

OARA Events Coming Up Soon

- Tuesday May 10th OARA OGM (7 for 7:30 Bevois Town School)
- Saturday May 14th Greening Table-Top Sale outside Portswood Church (opposite Waitrose) 11 - 1:00
- Saturday 21st May mural open-day / bazaar at Avenue St Andrews 1:00 - 4
- Sunday June 12th Big Lunch Street party 1 - 4 Alma Road

Finally.....

It was with sadness that we heard of the sudden passing of Dr Julian Jenkinson, owner of 'Student No Fee' who has many properties in our area. Julian was one of the first landlords to appreciate the work we do, by supporting us. He recognised that improvement in the environment was good for everybody, residents, students and landlords. We hope the new owners will still work with us in the same way.

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