

## **FRIENDS OF WOODTHORPE GRANGE PARK**

### **Overview of the Past Year April 2019 to March 2020**

It has been a successful and eventful year for The Friends of Woodthorpe Grange Park. We are no longer just a small discussion group meeting in a rather cramped room at the Grange.

We are grateful to Julia Townsend for offering the free use of a bright new meeting room in Winwood Court. She also invited Alex and Marian to represent the Friends at the prestigious opening of Winwood Court on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

Our first meeting in the new venue was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019. It was followed by a small social gathering in the Community Room. We presented Julia with a beautiful Cyclamen plant from the Plant Shop.

On a very foggy day, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Alex and Marian attended the tree planting ceremony on the Park; three young oak trees from Sherwood Forest were planted. "Robin Hood" came along to help and the event appeared in The Nottingham Post.

Prior to Christmas, Alex, Marian, Paul and Laura manned our Exhibition Stand at the Festive Family Fun Weekends. We thank the Parks Department for allowing us to set it up in the Glasshouse.

Over the Summer, Paul, Alex and Marian set up a gazebo to meet the public and publicise the Friends Group, The Tropical House is now noticeably tidier thanks to the efforts of Janice, her husband and their friend.

We thank Leonie, Parks Department Green Spaces Development Officer, for her regular updates about work on the park.

We must not forget the officers of the committee for their work, Alex the Chairman, Marian the Minutes Secretary, Matt the Treasurer and Paul, the Vice-Chair and our Publicity Officer.

Unfortunately, we must sadly report the sudden death of a committee member. John Hackett who represented the Trevoze Gardens Neighbourhood Watch; he will be missed.

Lastly, none of us know how the Coronavirus will develop and how long it will last. Therefore, it is important for us all to stay in touch via the Website, Facebook and Twitter.

Our next meeting, which was to have been the Annual General Meeting, has had to be cancelled following discussions with Winwood Court; the safety of their residents is paramount.

Marian Staniforth

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