



Hands update



Picture by Clive Tomman

A blast of a blitz: 150 bags of litter

Some 80 litter pickers, including 43 visiting American Girl Scouts, 20 Heath Hands volunteers plus staff from the City and English Heritage, teamed up to clean up the Heath on the June Monday morning following the *Race for Life* to benefit cancer charities. Thousands of runners and their supporters left the Heath covered in litter, but by noon of the following day, the Heath was its sparkling clean self again. The litter pickers took time out just before lunch as guests of English Heritage at Kenwood to pose with the results of their labours—150 jam-packed black bags of rubbish.

A vision for Heath management— join discussion at annual general meeting

HEATH HANDS members can join the debate about the future of Heath management at the seventh annual general meeting set for Wednesday 4 October at Kenwood House.

Starting with a reception at 6.30pm in the Orangery, the agm will follow the pattern of previous meetings, with a 7pm business session in the Lecture Theatre, followed by birthday party back in the Orangery.

A highlight of the business

session will be an open discussion between Heath Hands members and a panel from the City of London about the new Heath management plan, currently in preparation. The new plan is the subject of serious consideration by several working groups, each developing views on issues that will have an impact on management for the foreseeable future. On hand for the discussion will be Jennifer

Adams, Director of Open Spaces, Heath Superintendent Simon Lee and Alderman Bob Hall, chairman of the Hampstead Heath Management Committee.

Working groups currently involved in producing material for the plan are tackling the history, policy framework, built environment, natural environment, access and education. The firm, Land Use Consultants, is charged with the

task of translating this work along with wider consultation into a final document that will provide a long-range, comprehensive strategy for Heath management.

The agm business session will also include election of officers and committee members.

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A glorious day for partying on the lawn

The sun shone, music from the Aspidistra Drawing Room Orchestra and the Riverside Winds floated over Kenwood's Farm Cottages Lawn and some 300 Heath Hands' guests enjoyed tea on the lawn. This year's event—which raised £1,600 for Heath Hands—helped forge partnerships with the supermarket Budgens which supplies Heath Hands catering requirements, with Haverstock School whose students baked the scones and helped out on the day, Homebase the diy megastore who supplied much of the lawn furniture, students at University College London who painted little faces all afternoon and students from the Guildhall School of Music. Silent auction prizes were contributed by Homebase and Hampstead restaurants La Gaffe, Zara and Fratelli la Bufala. These pictures by Nigel Sutton and Michael Shaw capture the spirit of the day.



Haverstock School pupils the Ibrahim sisters Cleo, left, and Alexi, join with Charly Gilsean to show off the scones baked at their school under the direction of food technology teacher Janelle Cantrill.



UCL student Misbah Arif turns a young guest into a gorgeous butterfly.



Camden Cllr Mike Greene, left, and Hampstead Heath Management Committee Chairman Alderman Bob Hall check out the list of items in the silent auction. Mike won himself a bottle of House of Commons champagne, signed by David Cameron, and Bob won a meal for two at a Hampstead bistro.



City of London staff member David Moore checks out the set-up for the tea urns.



The Riverside Winds, all students at the Guildhall School of Music, entertained for part of the afternoon. Shown here are Jenny Bond, Steve Duffy, Rob Downing and Tara Martin.



Heath ranger Justin Walsh sets up the Wendy House contributed by Homebase.



Hard at work clearing tables are Haverstock School pupils, standing from left, Uttman Mohammed, George Koh and Ardlan Zeka.

It's all change for Jock and Robin



Picture by Nigel Sutton

Jock shows off an album of Heath Hands pictures to his family: wife Linda, son Brody and daughter Jordan at an informal farewell do.



Picture courtesy of the Flora London Marathon

Jock and Linda Mutschler cross the finish line of the Flora London Marathon.

For Jock Mutschler and Robin Moore, Heath Hands was a terrific way to learn the tricks of conservation and to become part of the community. Jock arrived with his family from Wisconsin four years ago; they returned to the USA in late July after Jock distinguished himself by working 325 hours on the Heath and serving as Heath Hands secretary for the past two years. He also raised £3,000 for Heath Hands by running the Flora London Marathon.

London-born Robin grew up from

aged four, in California and returned to the UK for a three-week holiday five years ago. Now 30, Robin explains: "The first time I looked over London from Parliament Hill, I had the feeling of coming alive." Last year he discovered Heath Hands and the joy of conservation work. Since then he has managed to earn an NVQ in conservation and land himself a seasonal Heath ranger job. He spends much of his time patrolling the Heath. Says Robin: "Now the Heath is a part of me and I am a part of the Heath."



Picture by Loretta Schauer

Robin Moore with his favourite scythe as a member of Heath Hands, left, and in his new role as a seasonal Heath ranger with the City of London.



Picture by Nigel Sutton

Moira Young, left, and Anne Cowking, both Heath Hands trustees, are among the first volunteers to take over a bit of the Heath to look after in their own time. Here they work on Kenwood's Kitchen Garden floral border designed by Head Gardener Paul Jackson.



Picture by Michael Shaw

At the opening of the new Heath Education Centre are standing, from left, Debbie Newbold, a Heath Hands volunteer who has become a professional part-timer; Alderman Bob Hall, chairman of the Hampstead Heath Management Committee; Community Education Officer Sam Crosby and Bob Hall's deputy, Catherine McGuinness. In front are from left, volunteers Liz Jellinek, Claude Rennert and Carol Frankel.



Picture by Heather Madill

Armenian Girl Guide Satenik Asilyan interviews a Heath visitor as part of the Heath Hands effort to help the City of London find out just what Heath users think about Heath facilities and management. Ten visiting Guides from Armenia, the Ukraine and Denmark helped launch the visitor survey carried out in August.