

Dear Friends,

It's been far too long since I gave an update on the work done by the Friends of Jubilee Gardens, in part this reflects a period of my being out of circulation for a period between November and early April.

However, I'm conscious that we are almost at the end of another year and wanted to provide at least a brief update on the work of the FoJG and notification of this years' AGM.

Firstly, the AGM, because of the issue I raised above it has been decided by the committee to put back the AGM this year to the latest date allowable under the constitution – Wednesday 30th July at 6:00pm. The meeting will be held as last year at St Peter's Church Rooms Broad Street Ely.

Last year we arranged a speaker for the AGM Paul who spoke on the History of Abbey Gardens Bury St Edmunds this was well received and we are considering another talk. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for a subject.

The council continued their work on upgrading the gardens and now have two team members of their gardening team working on a very regular basis in the gardens – I hope you have noticed the general improvement.

Currently, building on the successful use of the orientation boards by visitors, we are curating the donor information for the gardens. This will be highlighted on a display board, which will direct visitors to more comprehensive information on the digital information board nearby. It will also be uploaded to our website.

We continue to research ways to deal with the old, contaminated section of the gardens near to the Eel statue and I am about to meet with a local horticultural expert who may be able to help. Additionally, we have been approached by a new member of the community recently arrived in Ely who is interested in encouraging a new volunteer group to work in the gardens. More on this shortly.

I have been asked to give an update on membership for the coming year and am happy to say the membership fees for the coming year are likely to remain at their current level of £8.00 per individual.

We always welcome feedback so please feel free to contact us using the website www.jubileegardensely.org.uk or me personally phil@mitzman.co.uk

I look forward to welcoming you to your AGM on the 30th July.

Yours sincerely

Phil Mitzman
Chairman