

Friends of Princes Park Eastbourne

Newsletter April 2007

As promised, this newsletter is published to inform members of the group, of activities in the park and actions taken by the committee. Future events are also included.

The New Arch Sign

The main event to date has been the official inauguration of the new arch sign, by the Mayor, on Saturday 24th February. The first year's committee under Glyn Burgess can be justly proud of their achievements. From the formation of the Friends in November 2005, the restoration of the sign became the top priority.

Monies raised from our events during 2006 and a contribution from the Borough Council, made the aim achievable and I am sure everybody can see the difference it has made to the



The Mayor of Eastbourne, Colin Belsey, with MP Nigel Waterson and Friends' Chair, Jacky Mullender at the inauguration ceremony.

AGM 2006

At the Annual General Meeting on 7th November 2006, a new committee was elected, with Jacky Mullender becoming Chair. Subsequent committee meetings have formulated the programme of



Cream Tea

Our first event this year was a general meeting for members to meet the new committee, combined with a cream tea, including a raffle and sale of items. The event was very successful, raising £116, so many thanks to all those members who attended, including representatives from the bowls club. There was both current and historical information available about the park and Jacky was able to give an update on future activities

Raffle prizes at the cream tea

Future Events

- We are looking forward to a quiz night, being arranged by committee member Fiona Backler, to be held at - on (date). If you could donate any prizes for future raffles, we would be very grateful.
- There will also be a general meeting, also to be held in St. Andrew's hall on (-) May at (-)
- Fun day in the park. This year it will be on the 26th August. This is a major fundraising event where volunteers are most needed. Please bear this event in mind and offer your help if you can.
- The Royal Sovereign Bowls Club are holding a coffee morning, from 10.00am to 12 noon, in their clubhouse in the park on Saturday 28th April. They have extended an invitation to all members of the Friends. There will also be an opportunity to try your hand on the greens, so please go along!
- A future possibility rather than a future event, the Tourism department has agreed to look into the possibility of providing a Princes Park stop for the popular Dotto train. This will introduce