

VPAG News – September 2023

VPAG FESTIVAL – this Saturday 16 Sept near Hill Ave/ Nutgrove Ave corner.

The highlight of the year in the park!

11.00 – Dog Show

11.30 – Meet for Fun Run (starts prompt at 12.00)

12.00 – 18.00 – Festival with stalls, refreshments, music and activities.

Cakes and biscuits are welcome at the **Cake Stall** and raffle prizes at the **Raffle Table**.

The **VPAG tent** has a display of the park's history and welcomes your ideas for improving the park. Also, you can **look at the plans for the proposed all-abilities recreational space** (= accessible playground), talk to the designers and give your views.

Helpers welcome: Set up: 9am by Lodge then later downhill to put up gazebos. Clear-up: from 6pm. Contact Shaun if you are free to help steward during the day.
(If weather looks poor, look out for info on Sat. morning)

Accessibility – our website (www.vpag.org.uk) will soon have details of how best to access the park by wheelchair, with photos of each entrance - also useful for pushchairs and bicycles entering the park. As well as pursuing a new accessible playground, we are looking at ways to help visually impaired people use the park. More details soon.

Next VPAG meeting is on **Monday 2nd Oct.** at 7.30pm in the Bowling Club. Everyone is welcome!

ALSO HAPPENING LOCALLY:

WHCA's Family Fun Day - Sat 23rd Sept in their hall on Vivian St. More info here:

<https://www.whca.org.uk/2023/08/family-fun-day-sat-23rd-sept/>

BS3 Jammin' is a community harvest that runs from **Sat 30th Sept – Sun 1st Oct** with a "Pick Your Own Trail" where people can pick fruit/veg from participants' gardens or allotments and from public spaces like parks. St Paul's Church on Coronation Rd will be the hub for activities and donations of surplus fruit and veg. For more info see www.fb.com/bs3jammin and to take part email bs3jammin@gmail.com.

Art on the Hill – 7th- 8th Oct. Windmill Hill's annual showcase of creative talent! For more details see: <https://artonthehill.org.uk/> .