

VPAG News – June 2024

There was little news last month, hence no newsletter. Fortunately, there's more this month!

Feral Folk Coffee - we welcome Katie & Ali to the park as our new coffee & refreshment providers. Due to prior commitments, this month they should be in the park from 8.30am-4.30pm on Friday 7th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th, then on Thursday, Friday & Sunday for the rest of June. More about them here: <https://feralfolkcoffee.co.uk/> plus info about July opening times in the next Newsletter.

Nature Photography Walk – Boys in Bristol Photography is offering to run a 2-hour nature photography workshop in Victoria Park, free to participants and led by professional photographers and nature enthusiasts. More info here: www.bristolparks.co.uk/photography-workshops . *Please let me know if you are interested – date to be arranged.*

Lodge toilet & reporting problems – although decent toilets are high priority for many park-users, the one in our park is often closed or unpleasant. The Council staff do their best, despite restricted budgets and frequent vandalism, but please help them by reporting any problems you see via <https://digital.bristol.gov.uk/museums-parks-sports-culture/report-problem-in-park>

Festival of Nature Community Day is on **Sunday 9th June**. There's nothing specific happening in our park this year, but lots happening elsewhere. For more details, see: www.bnhc.org.uk/festival-of-nature/community-day-festival-of-nature-2024

Free Parks Volunteer Health and Safety Training – next session is on **Friday 14th June**, 9.45am–2.00pm, at Netham Pavilion, BS5 9RZ. Useful for all forms of outdoor volunteer work - includes risk assessments, tool use, hazardous plants, finding additional support. For more info & to book: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/health-and-safety-training-bristol-park-volunteers-june-2024-tickets-909858530357

Bristol Greens – we will be sad to see Bristol Greens closing on Friday 14th June. Many park-users have appreciated being able to buy such beautiful fresh produce from Eliza and her team at the top of Nutgrove Avenue. We send our thanks and wish them well in their new ventures.

VPAG Communications – we need someone who would like to look after VPAG's Facebook and Instagram pages and/or communicate with local media about events and developments in the park. It shouldn't be onerous – *please let me know if you would like to do either of these.*

Next meeting: This will be on **Monday 1st July at 7.30pm** in the Bowling Club. Come along and share ideas for improving the park - everyone is welcome!