VPAG News – October 2024

VPAG Community Bonfire – Tuesday 5th November, near Hill Ave/ Nutgrove Ave corner: Our annual bonfire will be **lit at 6.30pm**. The tradition of having one big bonfire started because of the damage caused to the park by people lighting lots of small bonfires, so do come along and enjoy the spectacle of a large safe fire. A range of refreshments will be available, plus a first aid and lost-children's point. Please note that Council regulations forbid the lighting of fireworks in the park.

Help with the bonfire is needed as follows:

- **Bring wood** (not chipboard or MDF) to the site between 3.30-5.00pm.
- **Bonfire builders** - please come along from 3.30-5.00pm.
- **Bonfire stewards** are needed to keep everyone safe from 5.00-9.00pm.
- **Informal litter-pickers** - help clean up any rubbish the next morning (in their own time).

Please let Shaun know if you can help build or steward.

VPAG Festival: The Festival was a great success last month, helped by sunny weather, and the money raised by the local groups involved was ~£7000. Our thanks go to Shaun Hennessy for organising it and making a £800 profit for VPAG, despite the high cost of running the event. Thanks go to everyone who helped in any way on the day.

Lord Mayor's Award: VPAG is honoured to be awarded a Lord Mayor's Medal for outstanding community work, in recognition of the time and energy contributed by many people in the group over the last 20 years to improve Victoria Park and its facilities.

St Mary Redcliffe Pipe Walk: The annual walk which follows the medieval water pipe that brought clean water from a spring in Knowle to near St Mary Redcliffe Church, across what is now Victoria Park, takes place on **Sat. 26th Oct**., starting at 10.00 from St Barnabas Church on Daventry Rd. Book a free space via https://www.stmaryredcliffe.co.uk/the-pipe-walk

The next VPAG meeting is on **Mon. 4th Nov.** at 7.30pm in the Bowls Club. This meeting will have a more detailed agenda, but we hope to have a presentation by My Wild Garden, who will soon be running a project to help increase wildlife in the park, and everyone is welcome to attend.