VPAG News – February 2025

VPAG Star Party – it was a lovely clear night on Mon. 3rd Feb. and 120 children & adults enjoyed star shows in Explorer Dome's planetarium in St Mike's Church, followed by some impromptu stargazing in the park. The following night, Bristol Astronomical Society brought 4 large telescopes into the park, enabling ~100 people to view the Moon, several planets and constellations in more detail.

Wildlife update – The Wildlife Group is starting an exciting 3-year project with support from BCC and Jinny & Jon from Wild Gardeners. The project aims to 1) create wildlife friendly areas in the park incl. a wildflower meadow, 2) support volunteers to develop & maintain these habitats, and 3) teach people more about the flora and fauna in the park. They'll be needing volunteers to help with these tasks soon, so if you'd like to join them, please get in touch via hello@vpag.org.uk

Make a difference! It's always good to get new ideas and new blood in a group. If you would like to join the VPAG Committee and help make positive changes or novel events happen in the park, do get in touch and/or come to our AGM on Mon. 3rd March.

Feral Folk Coffee – Katie is back and will normally open her coffee van by the Lodge on Thurs. & Fri. from 8.30am-4.00pm and on Sat. & Sun. from 8.30am-3.00pm. She'll be opening later when the days gets longer and intends to provide some hot food in the future.

Money for community projects - There is still CIL money available for community projects, but Stage 1 forms need to be in by 28th Feb. More info. and an application form available here.

Citizen Science Showcase – 22nd Feb. to 1st Mar. A series of free online & in-person events, workshops, training & info sessions designed to help you learn about environmental data collection and how to take action to support nature. Very useful for wildlife lovers. Full programme here: https://bit.ly/CitizenScienceShowcase.

Next meeting: Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Club at the top of the park. All are welcome! The Annual General Meeting will take place after the main meeting.