

**THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF BOWRING PARK (Founded 1989)
SUMMER BULLETIN**



“Flourishing fig trees within the walled garden at Bowring Park”

Figs are great survivors, hanging on in old gardens long after the lawns and walls on which they were displayed have disappeared.

The first fig tree thought to have been planted in the UK is attributed to Cardinal Pole (later Archbishop of Canterbury) who planted a tree in the garden of the Palace at Lambeth around 1552. This tree was likely to have been brought back from Italy by Pole who had lived there for some time. Although the exact cultivar of fig he planted isn't known, 'White Marseilles' fig trees were recorded as growing in the Palace gardens in 1700's and may well have originated from Pole's original tree.

In the Biblical Book of Genesis, Adam and Eve clad themselves with fig leaves (Genesis 3:7) after eating the "forbidden fruit" from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

The biblical quote "each man under his own vine and fig tree" (1 Kings 5:5) has been used to denote peace and prosperity.

By nature, they are forgiving trees, the fact that they grow so successfully trained on the façade of the National Gallery in London's Trafalgar Square, where until the reconfiguration of the square, they were drenched by the fumes of a thousand buses. There, they were planted for their architectural foliage.

OUR BOWRING – A COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

“Our Bowring” part of the £2 Million Resoration of Bowring Park funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund being led by Daniel Pendleton, creating a comprehensive record of historical documents including archiving Friends of Bowring Park information, Bulletins and Photographs collected over the years, oral history recordings from FOBP and new recordings with lots of persons coming forward with artefacts and photographs including one of the Sundial, Part of which still remains in The Walled garden donated by John Hussey a former gardener which we are all delighted to see.

For further OUR BOWIING information Contact Daniel Pendleton KMBC 0151 443 5617 or email daniel.pendleton@knowsley.gov.uk

All current Friends of Bowring Park members who have provided an email address will automatically receive the next edition of Our Bowring Newsletter and thereafter.

HERITAGE LOTTERY UPDATE

There will be lots of additional opportunities for the local community to get involved as the project progresses; you could volunteer with the Friends of Bowring Park to assist in our well established Annual Events Programme, get involved in the restoration of the historic gardens at Bowring with support from specialist professionals employed through the grant. There will also be a host of new activities you could engage in such as heritage walks & talks, children's, family and youth activities, as well as arts and cultural activities. For further information and to register your interest please contact Philip Hurst KMBC 0151 443 2842 or email philiphurst@knowsley.gov.uk

FRIENDS OF BOWRING PARK

Friends of Bowring Park are continuing to work in partnership with Knowsley Council, Mack Trading, the Bowring Park Golf Clubs and Myerscough College to oversee the planned developments and activities to ensure the sustainability of Bowring Park for future generations. For information on Friends of Bowring Park and how to get involved, contact Lorraine by Email: prfriendsofbowringpark@hotmail.com

The Coach House will be closed for renovations from November 2017 to October 2018

Current FOBP Society Members are invited to a complimentary evening of a Buffet Dinner and Live Entertainment as a thank you for your continued and future support.

Arrive 7pm for 7.30 pm till Late

Places are limited to fit the capacity of The Coach House, 2 persons per household maximum Priority will be given to persons who regularly attend the above event; however we still have a number of places reserved for those who have not attended recently or previously.

Booking closing date Friday 8th September or when capacity is reached

PRE BOOKBABLE ONLY by email or by leaving a voice message as detailed below.

**All current Members are also invited to attend FOBP Committee Meeting on Wednesday 13th
September in The Coach House**

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