



# The VALLEY VOICE

Newsletter of the Friends of Braidburn Valley Park



## **“You’ll Be Having Your Afternoon Tea in the Park”**

Sitting in the sun listening to jazz; chasing a home-made raft down the Braid Burn; and hearing the story of the peacock and toad on stage were just three of the things that some 500 people enjoyed at the third annual Friends of Braidburn Valley Park summer community event.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE FRIENDS OF  
BRAIDBURN VALLEY PARK  
followed by  
AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON  
EDINBURGH’S HISTORY BY  
HAMISH COGHILL**

**Thursday 26th January 2006  
7.45pm  
Greenbank Church Hall  
Braidburn Terrace**

**All Friends are welcome  
Refreshments will be served**

The aim of the day was for as many people as possible to come to the park and enjoy themselves. With roughly twice as many people coming along as last year, it worked! Word seems to have spread that the summer event - this year entitled “You’ll be having your Afternoon Tea in the Park” - is a great afternoon’s entertainment. The Friends of Braidburn Valley Park organised a range of activities for children and adults – a duck race, model raft building, face painting, craft activities, “Stuck up a Tree” Theatre Group to name a few. We enjoyed a glass of wine care of David Henderson Wines in Comiston Road, and listened

to the newly formed jazz band – “The Braidburn Valley Stompers”. Thank you to all the Friends’ Committee and volunteers for making the day such a success.

Fingers crossed for good weather next year, as the first weekend in September seems to be a lucky one for our annual summer events.

## Braidburn Valley Park – a green space in cyber space!

The Friends have taken the first steps in organising a website to promote activities and initiatives in Braidburn Valley Park. Thanks to Mr West, ICT teacher at South Morningside Primary, a space for the park has been created on the South Morningside Primary website – [www.millenniumschoools.co.uk/pubs/edin/southmorningside](http://www.millenniumschoools.co.uk/pubs/edin/southmorningside) (not a short address, but will be worth the effort when the website is fully up and running!).

We intend to post background information about

the park; the results of the Living History initiative; dates for forthcoming events like clean-ups and the summer community event; and any relevant park information.

We are relying on volunteers to create and post the information, so if anyone can help with this task, the committee would always appreciate hearing from you. Feedback on the website once it is properly established would also be welcome.

See you in cyberspace!

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## Wildflower Meadow Project Gets Underway

If you have been walking at the south end of the park recently, on the slope down from the Friends of Braidburn Valley Park interpretation panel, you may have noticed three large kidney-shaped areas of ground that have had the turf removed. This is the start of the wildflower meadow project that was previously reported in the Valley Voice.

The Friends have been successful in attracting money from the Scottish Executive and City of Edinburgh Council to work with the Scottish

Wildlife Trust to create a wildflower meadow to promote locally important wildflower species. The beds will be sown in the spring with a mixture of colourful species such as Red Champion, Poppies and Cowslips. It is hoped that children from schools at both ends of the park will help with this project.

The three beds look bleak at the moment, but come the summer and into next year, we should see a fantastic array of wildflowers, which in turn will attract more insects and birds back into the park.

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## **WANTED** - new Friends Committee members

A new Friends committee will be elected at the next AGM and we would like to hear from anyone interested in becoming a committee member. We know that some of the existing members will not be seeking re-election and that there will be vacant positions to fill. If you are interested please contact any of the committee members listed in this newsletter for an informal chat about how the committee works.

*Henderson wines continues to thrive in the Morningside, Greenbank and Comiston catchment area. Our free local delivery service is very popular and we are always keen to assist with your requests for advice and suggestions for food and wine partnerships. Our glass lending service proves useful when expecting a few guests more than your drinks cabinet can handle. We are happy to be of assistance to our local community groups and keen to give help when requested. Our recent involvement with the Braidburn Valley Park open day was most enjoyable and we look forward to many such events in the future. All good wishes for the new year and remember, "Always drink quality, not quantity!"*

David

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