



The Valley Voice



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Obituary — Dianne Savage

Dianne Savage was a very well known face in our park and she loved Braidburn with a passion. A regular dog walker, she joined the Friends' committee in 2013. During her time as a trustee she held the roles of Membership Secretary and latterly Co-chair.

But her involvement was much deeper than simply membership of a committee. She took ownership of many projects and was a strong advocate for keeping the park as clean as possible with her participation in the clean-up days and getting funding for a 'Green Dog Walkers Scheme' to highlight the need for dog owners to clean up after their

pets. She also edited this newsletter and always encouraged the other trustees for action on park projects. Her determination to improve the park will live on in the community garden project which is reported below.

In addition to her energy and determination (to Dianne an obstacle was simply a challenge) she will be remembered for particular pieces of work. She was in charge of the two very successful dog shows at the Tea in the Park fun day which was at times too successful. Without her firm handling of the many dogs and their owners chaos may have ensued.

Dianne was also active in many other areas. Her successful career as a psychiatric social worker and her many voluntary activities are just a taste of her real community spirit.

Dianne fought a long illness with characteristic strength and was active with the work of the friends until the very end.

She will be sadly missed by the Trustees and our condolences go to her partner Val, who is working with the committee on the garden project.



Dianne Savage
1951-2018

Dianne's Garden—Main entrance planting scheme

In the last edition we reported on the progress of the planting scheme which was another of Dianne Savage's projects. Having acquired a £4,000 grant from Tesco Bags of Help the plants were ordered and are now in the ground and growing nicely thanks to the volun-

teers who turned up on a slightly showery day in June. Following Dianne's death it was agreed that a memorial plaque would be erected and this will be 'Dianne's Garden' as a lasting tribute to her work for the Park and the Friends.

The trustees are also

grateful to Tesco, all those who voted for the project and the volunteer planters. A formal opening is planned for the autumn.



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Important if unexciting... The General Data Protection

This will surely be the least interesting item to appear in Valley Voice, ever. But it seems right to notify members of changes in data protection regulations which came into effect on May 25th 2018. Being small and wholly benign does not allow the Friends to escape: GDPR applies to all organisations that maintain records of personal data. In the light of GDPR, the Friends' committee have reviewed and updated our data protection policies. They are summarised in a Privacy Notice which is available on our website. The essential point is this: the Friends will use membership data only in ways that members would expect - to run the



organisation and support its aims. So nothing has changed there. But there is one change of practical consequence. The revised companion legislation on electronic privacy means we (probably!) need consent to continue to contact members by email about park-related or membership matters. Those of you who have given us

an email address should already have received an email which asks you to record your consent. If you haven't yet responded, please do so: it will take you only a click on a link. If you can't find that email (it might be in your junk folder) then you can get the same result by sending an email to fobvpmembership@gmail.com with the words "Include in email" in the subject line. If you run more than one email account please make sure to send from the address registered with us. We like to use email wherever possible: it saves on pounds and trees, and makes it easy to let you know about park events. So, if you are an email-user, please make sure to do this.

"The Friends were awarded the maximum £10,000 grant for more exercise equipment. [thanks to Dianne Savage]"



A 'Proper' Outdoor Gym for the Park

The City of Edinburgh Council promotes healthy lifestyles and we previously reported the provision of an exercise bike in the park. We have been working for some time to build on this and Dianne Savage (again—did she never rest?) applied for a grant from the National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme and the Friends were awarded the maximum £10,000 grant for additional exercise equipment.

Taking account of views expressed at successive AGMs and from other consultation we agreed that the new equipment would be located at a more discreet location at the entrance on Comiston Road at Riselaw. The Council was asked if the existing cycle could be moved to this location but there are practical and budgetary difficulties at this time so it will be a

'lonesome George' in the meantime. However the Council have kindly funded one further piece of equipment to go with the grant funded pieces.

The new equipment comprises a cross trainer, leg press/bench, hand bike, pull up/assisted pull up and parallel bars.

Please encourage your friends and families to make use of this new asset.

New Committee—New look 'Tea in the Park'

We are delighted to report that a very willing volunteer in the form of Claire Jellema has come forward to co-ordinate this successful annual event.

The date is set as Saturday 1st September from 2.00 - 4.30pm and work is underway. If you can help please contact Claire on the Friends' email address on the front of this newsletter.

**Tea in the Park Annual Fun Day
Saturday 1st September 2018
2.00 - 4.30pm**

**Tea in the
Park 2018
needs YOU!**

