

# Friends of Friary Park

## Autumn Newsletter

### Friary Park cafe update



Following a tender process the council has appointed Katia (pictured left) to run Friary Park cafe with her sister Anna (right) and husband Omer.

Sadly the cafe opening has been delayed due to subsidence issues in Friary House. While the subsidence is being monitored Katia plans to serve a range of hot and cold drinks as well as healthy snacks from a trailer next to the house.

Katia said: “My husband, sons and I live very close to Friary Park and know it really well. As well as bringing my experience from running my own cake baking business, I’m looking forward to using my knowledge from working in the food industry into our new venture.

“We would really like to renovate the existing rundown cafe and provide high quality healthy food using free range & organic local products for park visitors, dog lovers, children and local residents. We plan to host special events including children’s birthday parties, small gatherings and various celebrations. Our menu will feature kosher and halal preferences and are enthusiastic about offering discounted meal deals, coffee cake specials as well as afternoon tea deliveries to our seniors

“We’d really like to see the cafe as a community hub where local students can exhibit their artwork within Friary House. We can’t wait to have you join us at our Cafe Shop soon, where every visit promises a delightful and inspiring experience!”

We look forward to welcoming Katia and her family to the park and enjoying some of their tasty treats!



### Blacketts Brook consultation

The designs are now live for the Thames 21/Metis/Barnet Council Friary Park flood alleviation and river restoration scheme for Blacketts Brook in the park and there are 3 ways for you to give your views on the proposals:

- Visit **Friary Park Flood Alleviation Scheme consultation** via Engage Barnet and contribute by **25th October**
- Join a ‘meet the designers’ online event **from 6-7pm, 9th October.**
- Join a face to face **consultation event** in the park on **Sat 21st October, 11am-3pm**
- **Pls sign up for the consultation & events via [linktr.ee/blackettsbrook](https://linktr.ee/blackettsbrook)**

Find the designs online and contribute to the consultation by **25th October**

Join our consultation event in the park **21st October 11am - 3pm**

Join our online 'meet the designers' event **9th October 6pm**

**FRIARY PARK FLOOD ALLEVIATION AND RIVER RESTORATION SCHEME**

Barnet Council, Metis Consultants and Thames21 have created plans to improve the Blacketts Brook in Friary Park. The scheme will:

- reduce flood risk
- improve water quality
- create wildlife habitat

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Follow the link above or scan the QR

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**BARNET TENNIS**

Sign up TODAY

We are launching a season ticket model, including a range of options to play from 4 September 2023. There will be an open and affordable pricing policy and the courts will be operated in a sustainable way. New gate access technology and booking systems will improve court accessibility.

**Annual Season Tickets**  
Holders can make two 1 hour bookings per week at no extra charge.

**Non annual season ticket holders**  
Hourly charge in line with the council's current fees and charges.

**Free to play sessions**  
Mon-Fri, 10-11am, 4-5pm and 5-6pm across all courts.

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### New Tennis booking system launches

Anyone for tennis? Now you can book a game with Barnet Council's new season ticket model using an online booking system and gate access technology.

Bookings can be made via [www.barnet.gov.uk/tennis](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/tennis) to check court availability, choose a session & pay online.

Annual season ticket holders can make two one hour bookings per week at no extra charge, with a £7 hourly charge for non season ticket holders.

Free to play sessions are available Mon-Fri 10-11am, 4-5pm and 5-6pm across all of the borough's tennis courts.

### Help us report pollution

We have been saddened to see recent episodes of pollution like this in Blacketts Brook in the park.

If you spot pollution please help us by reporting it immediately to Thames Water on 0800 3169800, the Environment Agency on 0800 807060 and also report on the Thames Pollution tracker on <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/emergencies/pollution>.

Together we can help protect the park's ecosystem and wildlife.



Finchley  
N3, N12  
Pollinator  
Project

### Buzzing about Finchley Pollinators

We're delighted to have received lots of lovely spring flowering bulbs from the Finchley Pollinator Project.

The bulbs, which will bloom in Spring and Summer 2024, will provide much needed food to bees, butterflies, moths and other pollinators. We are also in talks with the council about planting a mini meadow in the park to create a lively feeding and nesting ground for insects, birds and small animals.

You can also get a chance to plant your own 'bulb lasagne' - a selection of bulbs in a pot to take away - follow us on social media for more details.

Sign up to Finchley Pollinators' newsletter (pls see details in our Link Tree below) to find out how you can get involved in improving the diversity in the park and your local area.'

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### Goodgym cleans up

A big thanks to the fantastic five Goodgym members who ran 10km from East Finchley and back one balmy August evening to take part in a litter pick in the park.

Friends of Friary Park members Nick and Sarah joined the group to hand out litter picks and bin bags as the sun was starting to set.

We are very grateful to community minded Goodgym and thank them for getting stuck in and helping clean up our beautiful park.

### Flower bed adoptees wanted!

Do you enjoy a spot of gardening but don't have the space to do it? Do you want to help improve our park's biodiversity and meet other people?

Then why not adopt a flower bed!

Plamena adopted a bed in the Secret Garden at the top of Friary Garden this summer and it's been lovely seeing it starting to take shoot with lots of colourful perennials to attract pollinators.

If you are interesting in adopting the neighbouring bed please email [Friendsoffriarypark@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsoffriarypark@gmail.com)



### It's all in the Link!

Friends of Friary Park is made up of a group of local people who want to benefit the local community and wildlife.

To find out more about us, please visit <https://linktr.ee/friendsoffriarypark> where you'll find links to our Facebook page, website, Blacketts Brook consultation, Finchley Pollinators and more!

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