

# Pells Pool Community Association

## 2011 Newsletter – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

### 1861 -2011

Dear Friends and season ticket holders, the Pells Pool Community Association is delighted to present this our 2011 newsletter and offer an invitation to you and all our swimmers to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our pool, the oldest public outdoor pool in the country. There will of course be special events to mark the occasion. See below.

### Funding and improvements

As we reported last year an application for Lottery funding was being made. Alas we recently learned that the Pells Pool was judged to be ineligible for funds from Heritage Lottery. Despite this setback we are very pleased to report that thanks to the prudent financial management of Lewes Town Council, substantial improvements to the pool's infrastructure will be in place for the start of this season. Around £40,000 provided from Town Council funds, set aside over the years, will, together with £10,000 raised by the PPCA, pay for the replacement of antiquated leaking pipes, the dilapidated coping stones around the edge of the pool and tile band immediately beneath it. In addition an 'anti flood device' is being installed to prevent the river flooding of the paddling pool during exceptionally high spring tides. Some further funds are available to go towards reconfiguring the kiosk so that it can serve customers from the park as well as the pool. We will be putting on special events and making appeals for donations throughout this season in order to raise the extra funds needed to make this possible.

### Official Opening Ceremony on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May at noon

To mark our 150<sup>th</sup> year, the first 150 children to arrive at the pool from noon and be part of THE BIG SPLASH (all 150 jumping in together) will be granted free entry for the day.

There will as always be the tables laden with cakes, buns and nibbles there for everyone to help themselves.

### Birthday Weekend Events

The weekend of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June has been set aside for a series of events to celebrate the pools' 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

#### **Fri 17th June 1-3pm Schools Event for parents and children**

Ben Ward – Lewes resident and one of the writers of Horrible Histories, the first children's TV programme to win a British Comedy Award, will tell us what it's like to write about history, what goes in to creating the show and some horrible stories about what has gone on at the Pells in years gone by.

There will also be a raffle with signed copies of books by Michael Morpurgo former Children's Laureate and author of The War Horse, as prizes.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm– “Union Music Store presents”** will be an evening of bands catering for lovers of folk, country and Americana music. Already confirmed are Laish, Jamie Freeman, Early Ghost and the So Last Century String Band. Info about bands at [www.unionmusicstore.com](http://www.unionmusicstore.com)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Midday - 150th Birthday Party and cake cutting plus special guest.** Come in Fancy Dress. There will be prizes for the best outfits. Refer to the Springwater Timeline online for inspiration (see below).

**Evening - ‘Tongue and Groove’** will be headlining with their ever popular antics and craziness. [www.tongueandgrooverock.co.uk](http://www.tongueandgrooverock.co.uk)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - The Paddock Singers** will perform choral music and popular songs evoking our birth date (1861) and other times when older Pells Pool supporters would have been child swimmers. [www.thepaddocksingers.co.uk](http://www.thepaddocksingers.co.uk)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - The Pells Paddlers** will hold a special birthday party with live animals. Organised by Inside Outside. [www.insideoutside.moonfruit.com/#!/welcome/4535668136](http://www.insideoutside.moonfruit.com/#!/welcome/4535668136)

Details will be updated nearer the time on [www.pellspool.org.uk](http://www.pellspool.org.uk) and on [VivaLewes.com](http://VivaLewes.com) so watch those spaces.

## Pells Springwater Timeline – A history of the Pells

For several years Fiona Marsden, a committee member and local historian, has been researching the history of the Pells area. From noon on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June The Pells Springwater Timeline will be on display, running along the flint wall, illustrating how the springs that supply water to the pool and lake have been a significant feature since the Bronze Age! An online version of the timeline is on our website. Refer to this for inspiration and come to the Birthday Party in fancy dress – there will be prizes for the best outfits.

### Mosaic Mural “Summer sun – fun at the Pells”

**150 years of swimming at the Pells Pool** - We want to mark this milestone with a **community-made mosaic** to be sited permanently in the pool grounds. We are planning a free mosaic-making day at the pool; a creative, collaborative and fun event! For more information come and meet Nicole and Maia, our artists, at the pool opening, midday **Saturday 28th May**. We are inviting children from the community to create simple line drawings, colour paintings, collages inspired by the theme “**Summer sun – fun at the Pells**”. We will select details from these images (motifs, shapes, colour combinations) for incorporation into the final mosaic design. Artwork can be left at the pool kiosk by **1st June**, (with name and contact details on the back).

The mosaic-making day is **Tuesday 26 July**. If you have experience great – if you’ve never tried it, now’s your chance. It’s just like doing a jigsaw and you can either pop a few pieces in as you pass by, or stay all afternoon! Design, materials and equipment will be provided, along with support and encouragement. Book this date in your diary.

Also during the school holidays there will be day of activities organised in conjunction with local emergency services – date to be confirmed.

Please do come and help us with any of these events that interest you.

### Dates for your Diary

Volunteers Weekend Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May (11am to 4 pm)

We expect that swimming will start from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May provided all works have been completed

Official opening Noon Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Closing Date for submission of drawings for Community Mosaic Wed June 1<sup>st</sup>

Pells 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Weekend Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Mosaic Making day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Closing Date Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September; with the usual extension if weather is still glorious

In this 150<sup>th</sup> year we are encouraging everyone to come to special events to join in the celebration and to help us raise money for outstanding improvements to the pool – notably the kiosk which we plan to update and adapt so that it may serve customers all year round in the Pells Park. We will be encouraging everyone to become a member of PPCA; to make a donation or to consider leaving the Pells Pool a legacy.