

Message from the Chairman

I am delighted to welcome John Doubleday to our AGM later in September. He is a fascinating person and has produced many sculptures during his career, ranging from Sherlock Holmes in Baker Street, the Beatles in Liverpool and, of course, the Child in the Park at Lake Meadows. He was equally sad, as we were, at its disappearance, and was immediately keen to find a new idea to replace it. I hope that everyone will make a special effort to come to our AGM and hear his talk.

AGM & Speaker

Do come and join us for our Annual General Meeting
Thursday September 25th at 7.45pm
at Christ Church, Perry Street

John Doubleday, our original sculptor, who designed of our Child in the Park statue is currently busy creating a new replacement piece for us. He will talk about



'The Context of Sculpture'. Do come along and meet him – we are sure that you will enjoy his talk!

It may be that some of you were involved with the sessions he held for local children in schools and a preschool in 2000 – if so, we'd particularly like to see you!

Children's Corner

Q. What did the statue say to the sculptor?

A. "I'm a chip off the old block!"

Q. What did the statue say to the pigeon?

A. Nothing, statues can't talk!

Q. Why did the statue become a lawyer?

A. It wanted to become a legal statue.

Q. What does the Statue of Liberty stand for?

A. She can't sit down.



Jazz in the Park

Once again, we held a brilliant Jazz in the Park on July 12th. The weather was the best we have ever had. Hot and sunny but not too hot and with a gentle breeze. The temperature had been extremely high during the week before the event and we even thought about cancelling for a brief moment.



Our special thanks must go to our team of helpers, who collected and erected the stage and the marquee, acted as stewards, gave out programmes, collected donations, acted as first aiders and finally tidied up after everyone had gone home.

The music was great as usual, with the Law, Brentwood Jam Factory and Nimrod Margalit and his band including some youngsters. One of them sang – what a great voice!

Thank you to everyone who gave donations, which basically cover the costs involved, plus a little left for the park. Billericay Town Rotary Club again joined us by providing Pimms for sale throughout the afternoon.

Hopefully everyone went home happy!

Photography workshop

Although it was planned to hold another workshop for young photographers this summer, everyone pulled out and Charles and Nigel were forced to enjoy a coffee and chat instead. Maybe next year?

Did you know?

- The oldest known sculpture is the Lion Man of Hohlenstein-Stadel, which is about 40,000 years old. It is made from a mammoth tusk and is in the British Museum.
- The Statue of Liberty is the largest hammered copper statue in the world, weighing 7,000 pounds. She was a gift from the people of France in 1886 to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the American Declaration of Independence.
- The site for the new national Queen Elizabeth II Memorial has been announced as St James's Park, London and will include a new statue of the Queen.
- The wonders of the world include several statues from antiquity, with the Colossus of Rhodes and the Statue of Zeus at Olympia among the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Autumn Wordsearch

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Armature	Doubleday	Monument
Art	Fig leaf	Mould
Artist	Foundry	Nameplate
Bronze	Framework	Patina
Carve	Granite	Plinth
Clay	Image	Sandcast
Create	Mallett	Sculptor
Chisel	Maquette	Statue
Design	Marble	Stone

New railings around the gardens

The railings were replaced recently thanks to funding for the project by the Friends, who bought all the wood, concrete and metal work, as well as the bitumen 'socks'.



Completed by a Parks sub-contractor, hopefully they will provide a useful delineation to the gardens, defining them as a special area.

Photography Competition 2025

A reminder about this year's competition. We look forward to receiving entries from both adults and juniors (even if you haven't done a workshop!).

Take some photos of things in the park that takes your eye. Then choose 4 different ones and send them in as your entries. It's so easy to do.

This year's competition is now open: closing date October 31st at midnight. Rules & Entry forms are now on our website. www.lakemeadows.org.uk

What can I see in the Park this month?

Keep your eyes peeled in the next month or so for Goldcrests. They are around all year but more come over from Scandinavia and Russia each autumn.



They are the UK's smallest bird, weighing just 6g – equivalent of about six paperclips! They may be small but they have striking plumage, with a gold crest on their head. They spend all of their time flitting around searching for insects, and particularly love conifers and mixed woodland. You could spot them in our park, as well as your own garden. And you might even hear their high-pitched 'tsee-tsee' call.

The Tennis Courts - In a move to encourage more tennis playing across the country, the Lawn Tennis Association resurfaced the tennis courts this summer. The scheme was joint-funded by the LTA and Basildon Council.



They certainly look very smart!

A new system is being installed for booking the courts and

admission to the courts will be by using a coded lock. A closure lock on the gate will prevent dogs from accessing the courts.

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