

# Virtual Park

The Friends of Graves Park website at [www.gravespark.org](http://www.gravespark.org) is receiving an encouraging amount of traffic. It seems to be averaging around 4 visits each day. We are also receiving much interest from students who have chosen Graves Park for projects. We are happy to encourage this type of interest in the park.

# Graves Tennis Centre

Although this matter does not strictly concern Graves Park, its location will have a direct bearing on many of our members.

It has been brought to our attention that large new floodlit facilities are planned which will have a major impact on the local area and population. It is likely that the facility will result in large increases to the traffic in the area as well as causing disruption to the lives of local residents. For further information contact *Phil Mann, 101 Ormond Road, Sheffield, S8 8FS, Tel. 2378539*

We now have 209 members – the biggest Friends Group in Sheffield. Anyone wishing to join Friends of Graves Park can approach any member of the committee or the treasurer at the address below.

Fundraising ideas should be sent to the secretary at the same address.

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# Feedback

# Friends of Graves Park

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# AGM

Happily we were able to announce at the Annual General Meeting, held on 7 November 2001, that the boiler house in Norton Nurseries had been demolished. Work on the first phase of conversion to parkland has continued but is not yet complete. The new piece of parkland has been fenced off from the remains of the nursery, and the old fence separating this land from the main park will be removed shortly. More bulbs have been donated, but it will be next season before we can plant them in their final sites. It is hoped that a donated ginkgo biloba tree will be planted during the winter season. The recent rain has not helped matters, but has at least shown the potential for a water feature in this area of the park.

# Chantry Cottage



The Council has instructed its legal department to take action to replace the boundary at Chantry Cottage to its correct position. The cottage's owner, Mr Hinchliffe, has supplied documentation supposedly supporting his claim that he owns the land, and this is being examined. It is still our intention to ensure that his boundaries are moved back to the original plot, and despite the length of time this is taking, much effort has been put into this. It has also been made clear to Mr Hinchliffe that no discussions can

take place between us until his boundaries are satisfactorily marked.

## Locking park gates at Bunting Nook

The FOGP committee applied to the Council for permission to lock the Bunting Nook entrance to Graves Park in an effort to prevent car damage. Joyriders are an increasing menace in the park, damaging both land and wildlife. One car recently ended up in the top lake, killing several rare ducks and badly polluting the water. Our request was for locking up at dusk and opening at 8.00am each day, but this has caused a great deal of discussion within the Parks Department, and we are still awaiting a decision.

## Milk Churn

The controversial milk churn saga goes on. We have still received no indication from the council, that monies donated through the milk churn are not taken into account when preparing the farm's budget. We have suggested that the situation would be clarified if the takings were made over to FOGP, to be spent on projects within the farm. The council is considering the suggestion. A row over the issue has already led to the forced resignation of one of the farm's volunteer workers. It is hoped that the matter can be resolved without causing further controversy.

## Sculpture

Sculptors have been approached regarding a possible memorial to J G Graves. Details will be available in the next issue.

# Events in Graves Park

The Dutch national Circus was held in Graves Park during February and will be followed by The North of England Highland Fling on Saturday 27 April. This will be a display of how highland cattle are

prepared for showing, together with shire horses, pony rides and tractors. FOGP will have a stand there and any volunteers to supervise tractors would be appreciated.

Suggestions for fundraising activities

such as tombola, quiz sheets, balloons have been made, but if you have any ideas please let us know. (Contact details can be found on the back page).



## Fundraising

A fundraising appeal was launched at the AGM to cover over the Animal Park, and create an area to be used as a 'classroom' for visiting children and students. It is hoped that this project will receive significant amounts of fund aid, and can be named in honour of J G Graves. The Animal Farm is widely used by agricultural and veterinary colleges and it is hoped that some funding from educational sources might also be forthcoming. An application was made to B&Q for funding for local projects, but unfortunately this was turned down.