

# Friends of the Avon New Cut Newsletter 5 – Summer 2007



## A fantastic celebration!

Hundreds of people visited Vauxhall Bridge in May to admire a display of 200 clay tiles celebrating 200 years since the formation of the Avon New Cut. The tiles featured a wonderful array of birds, trees, plants, boats, bridges, buildings, history and architecture of the Cut. Each of the images was enhanced by the use of mud taken from the riverbed.

The project, led by local artist Jo Young, inspired people of all ages to make a tile in the weeks leading up to the event. Others were equally pleased to see the display. As one admirer told us:

“I just wanted to say how wonderful I think the tiles look on Vauxhall Bridge and what a great idea it was. I bet people had lots of fun creating them and they get a buzz out of seeing them on public display”.

If you missed the display, there will be another chance to see the tiles when they are exhibited on a wall outside the Create Centre later in the year.

Further details about the project – along with other news and information about the Friends of the Avon New Cut – are available on our web pages at [www.southvillecentre.org.uk](http://www.southvillecentre.org.uk)



*Some of the images on Vauxhall Bridge*

## Forthcoming events

### Colliter's Brook Trail

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Starts at the Create Centre at 10.00am finishing with a picnic at Hanging Hill Wood at around 12.00. Return the same way or you can get to the A38 across fields to catch bus. Approximately 2 miles each way. Walk organised by the Bristol Living Rivers Project in conjunction with FrANC.

### Malago Trek

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Starts in Hartcliffe (near the spring on Dundry Slopes) at 10.00am. Follows the course of the Malago, finishing in Bedminster at around 12.00. Walk organised by the Bristol Living Rivers Project.

### Trees of the Avon New Cut

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Join us for a guided walk with tree expert Tony Titchen. Starts at 6.30pm at Gaol Ferry Bridge (Coronation Road side). Finishes at around 8.30pm (or sooner if it gets dark earlier).

## FrANC general meeting

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Join us at the Southville Centre at 7.30pm to start planning events and activities for the winter and next year. There's a possibility that we might organise some events in conjunction with the Create Centre.

## FrANC Committee 2007/08

It was great to see a good turnout for our Annual General Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June. The following were elected to the Committee for 2007/08:

- Tess Green (Chair)
- Tracy Whale (Treasurer)
- John Purkiss (Secretary)
- Stephen Wickham
- Sara Worth
- Jo Young.

## Improving safety on the Chocolate Path

Our thanks go to Cllr Mark Wright (Cabot) for helping us to get new signs erected on the Chocolate Path. Hopefully cyclists will now take extra care to avoid running into pedestrians along this busy route.



## Keeping the Cut tidy

People who spot fly tipping or abandoned trolleys on the Cut are urged to report these incidents to the Council's Customer Services Centre. Telephone 0117 922 3838 or submit an online report at

[www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Rubbish-waste-and-recycling/fly-tipping---see-it-report-it-stop-it.en](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Rubbish-waste-and-recycling/fly-tipping---see-it-report-it-stop-it.en).

## Are you on our mailing list?

If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be, please send your name, address, telephone number and (if you have one) your e-mail address to John Purkiss (johnpurkiss@talk21.com) or leave a note for him at the Southville Centre.

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