

# The Friends of University Park

## Public Events 2019



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## **Guided bird spotting walk with Christopher Hall**

**Sunday 3 March, 10am**

Meet at Nottingham Lakeside Arts  
Join Chris Hall from New Horizons, for a walk around University Park. Previous walks have encountered birds such as heron, goosander, great-crested grebe, peregrine falcon, buzzard, stock dove, great spotted and green woodpeckers, kingfisher, mistle thrush, goldcrest, nuthatch, tree creeper and coal tit. You might be surprised at the variety of birds here, and pick up a few bird sounds along the way.

**Fee £4 per person. Booking required.**

## **Horticultural workshop**

**Saturday 30 March, 10am**

Meet at the Millennium Garden  
Learn how to plant bulbs in a form known as Planting in the Green. In this practical workshop, with help from the Friends of University Park and the University's Grounds team, create naturalising drifts of spring colour at the back of the Millennium Garden and into the woodland.

**Fee £4 per person. Booking required.**

## **Late spring spectacular**

**National Garden Scheme (NGS)**

**Sunday 19 May, 12 noon–4pm**

Begin at the Millennium Garden  
A feast of late spring colour in the Millennium Garden, Jekyll Garden and across University Park. Free bus, plant sales, mini walking tours and

refreshments. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a lead. Free parking. Buy tickets from the Millennium Garden.

**Fee £4 charity donation to NGS.**

**Children free.**

## **Garden tour**

**Saturday 8 June, 10am–12 noon**

Enjoy a guided tour of the amazing landscape of University Park and discover its heritage, themed gardens and diverse plant collection.

**Fee £4 per person. Booking required.**

## **Wonder**

**Saturday 15 June, 10am–4pm**

A community event to amaze and inspire curious minds. Join us for a fun day of discovery around University Park and try a variety of hands-on activities.

**Free event. No booking required.**

## **Heritage character encounters**

**Saturday 22 June, 2pm**

Join us for a guided heritage tour around the grounds of some of University Park's historic houses. Discover more of the rich history of the properties and their inhabitants and gain an insight into one of the prominent and colourful individuals with a strong connection to the estate. This insight is given in the form of fun, dramatic sketches.

**Fee £4 per person. Booking required.**



## **Picnic in the park**

**Sunday 14 July, 12 noon–3pm**

Millennium Garden

Live music from the Newstead Brass Band in the Millennium Garden, University Park, and family activities. Limited café service; please bring a picnic.

**Free event. No booking required.**

## **Bat walk**

**Friday 30 August, 8pm**

Enjoy a gentle sunset walk through University Park and adore the delights of the night sky. The walk will last for between 1 to 1.5 hours, depending on what you discover. The route can be uneven and stray from the path, so attendees must be steady on their feet.

**Fee £4 per person. Booking required.**

## **Heritage character encounters**

**Saturday 5 October, 2pm**

Join us for a guided heritage tour around the grounds of some of University Park's historic houses. Discover more of the rich history of the properties and their inhabitants and gain an insight into one of the prominent and colourful individuals with a strong connection to the estate. This insight is given in the form of fun, dramatic sketches.

**Fee £4 per person. Booking required.**

## **Wild foraging for food with Charles Powell**

**Saturday 5 October,**

**10am–12 noon**

Join the Friends as they explore the University's parkland for things to pick and eat in season. We will look at edible berries, nuts and fungi, herbs and spices, roots and flowers – all found in our fields and hedgerows.

**Fee £4 per person. Booking required.**

## **Houses and their occupants with Professor John Beckett**

**Tuesday 12 November, 7pm**

B62 Law and Social Sciences Building

Did you know that Jesse Boot never actually lived on University Park! This talk looks at houses that are part of the campus, and the business and professional families who lived in them in the past.

**Fee £4 per person. Booking required.**

## **Book an event**

Early booking is advised due to limited tickets for some events.

To book, please email:  
**BW-FOUP-Events@exmail.  
nottingham.ac.uk**

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## Community food and conservation garden

### University Park

Would you like to take part in a community food growing project? Come along to University Park Conservation Society and get involved.

To find out more, please email: [consoccommittee@gmail.com](mailto:consoccommittee@gmail.com)

## Group visits and guided tours

### University Park

The Friends offer guided visits around the gardens of our award-winning University Park. You can visit the gardens or take a heritage walk around the park to discover the historic buildings and the people who lived there. Suitable for horticultural societies, social clubs and other interested organisations.

## Volunteers required

Friends of University Park are always looking for more volunteers. Would you like to get involved? Could you help with organising our events or would you like to be trained as one of our tour guides?

To find out more about visits, tours and volunteering, please email:

[BW-FOUP-Events@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:BW-FOUP-Events@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk)

## University Park map

Download a map of University Park at [nottingham.ac.uk/maps](http://nottingham.ac.uk/maps)

## Visitor information

For visitor information, visit [nottingham.ac.uk/go/visitus](http://nottingham.ac.uk/go/visitus)

For more information about the Friends of University Park:

[nottingham.ac.uk/go/friends](http://nottingham.ac.uk/go/friends)

