

# Friends of Forest Farm Country Park

## Newsletter No1

### Glamorgan Canal L.N.R.

A warm welcome to all members of Friends of Forest Farm Country Park in this our first Newsletter.

We were delighted when our launch meeting at Bethel Chapel Vestry on the 14th March 1990 brought in 39 families as members.

A meeting at Forest Farm on 28th March generated much enthusiasm and a Steering Committee was established as follows.

#### OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Chairman - Mr. Steve Miles  
 Secretary - Mr. Dennis Davies  
 Treasurer - Mr. E. O. Edwards  
 Membership- Mrs. Stephanie  
 Secretary Crocker  
 Newsletter- Mr. Ken Patterson  
 Editor  
 Publicity - Dr. Dave Jennings  
 and Events  
 Assistance was kindly  
 offered by :-  
 Mrs. Sheila Kernick with typing.  
 Mr. Chris Segar with publicity.

#### TECHNICAL ADVISORS.

Dr. Mary Gillham - Natural  
 History  
 Mrs. Mairead Sutherland -  
 Ornithology  
 Mr. Chris Small - British  
 Trust for Conservation  
 Volunteers. (B.T.V.C.)

The main objective of the "The Friends" is to contribute in whatever way possible to protecting and developing, in a suburban setting, this area of countryside as a valued amenity and a nature reserve for the observation and study of flora and fauna in their natural habitat.

We trust our purpose will enhance the enjoyment and quality of life for an increasing number of members of the public.



FOR YOUR DIARY

GUIDED WALKS

Saturday 28th April, 6.00.p.m.  
Glamorgan Canal and Nature  
Reserve.  
Led by Mr.Clive Woodhead.

The walk follows last year's  
successful walk during which  
36 species of bird were  
identified.

Meet at Forest Farm Car Park  
Distance - One mile.

Monday 21th May, 7.00.p.m.  
Wildflower Walk  
Led by Dr.Mary Gilham  
Meet at Forest Farm Car Park  
Distance - Approx. 2 miles.

Sunday 1st July, 2.00.p.m.  
Glamorgan Canal Local  
Nature Reserve.  
Led by Dr.Mary Gilham.  
The walk provides a wealth of  
interest for botanists as it  
concentrates on wild flower  
meadows and aquatic vegetation.  
Meet at Forest Farm Car Park.  
Distance - 2 miles.

FUTURE MEETINGS OF  
THE FRIENDS

BEATING THE BOUNDS

Sunday 29th April, 2.00.p.m.  
at Forest Farm.  
This is a walkabout, teach-in  
to enable members to find out  
more about the area covered by  
the Country Park and Nature  
Reserve.  
It can take up to 3 or 4 hours  
with a maximum of 5 miles, but  
possibly only sections of the  
boundary may be walked.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Monday 4th June, 6.30-8.30pm  
Help required by Warden to  
plant reeds around the new  
pond.  
Contact Dave Jennings if you  
are able to help.  
tel - 0222 625021

Sunday 24th June.  
CRAFT FAYRE AT FOREST FARM

We look forward to seeing you at the above activities.  
New members of the " Friends " will be most welcome.

For more details ring Mr.E.O.Edwards Tel. 0222 626157



" BEATING THE BOUNDS " SUNDAY 29th APRIL 1990.

Start at Forest Farm Car Park at 2.00.p.m. The route will follow the Taff south to the new housing area. Here we will omit the lower section of the river path to the water wheel. ( This will be a visit for another day ) Our path will take us to the southern end of Longwood and then to the Cardiff Railway Cutting via the public footpath. In the cutting we will see the changes effected by several years of coppicing. From the cutting we will cross Long Wood Drive into the middle section and see the piers of the Cardiff Railway bridge across the canal. On passing beneath the M4, we will explore the top section of the reserve and then return to Forest Farm via the Three Castles Cycleway.

WATCH

The Junior wing of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation.

An active Watch group of 30 plus members meet at the Warden Centre usually on the third Saturday of each month. Watch nationally is aimed at 8 to 18 year olds but the Forest Farm group caters for a much wider age band. The children are actively involved in projects on the reserve. This year they have gathered information on the flora and fauna of the canal and ponds for Pondwatch - a national survey of freshwater habitats organised by the Wild fowl and Wetlands Trust. Some 20 nestboxes were constructed by the youngsters which they then sited around the reserve.

Diary of Watch events.

Saturday 21st April  
Forest Farm 10 am - 12 pm  
Inspection of Bird boxes.

Saturday 28th April  
Forest Farm 10 am - 12 pm  
Litter Pick forming part of Environment Week Tidy Britain Year activities.

Saturday POSSIBLY 19th May  
Rocks at Lavernock. Date, time and venue to be finalised.

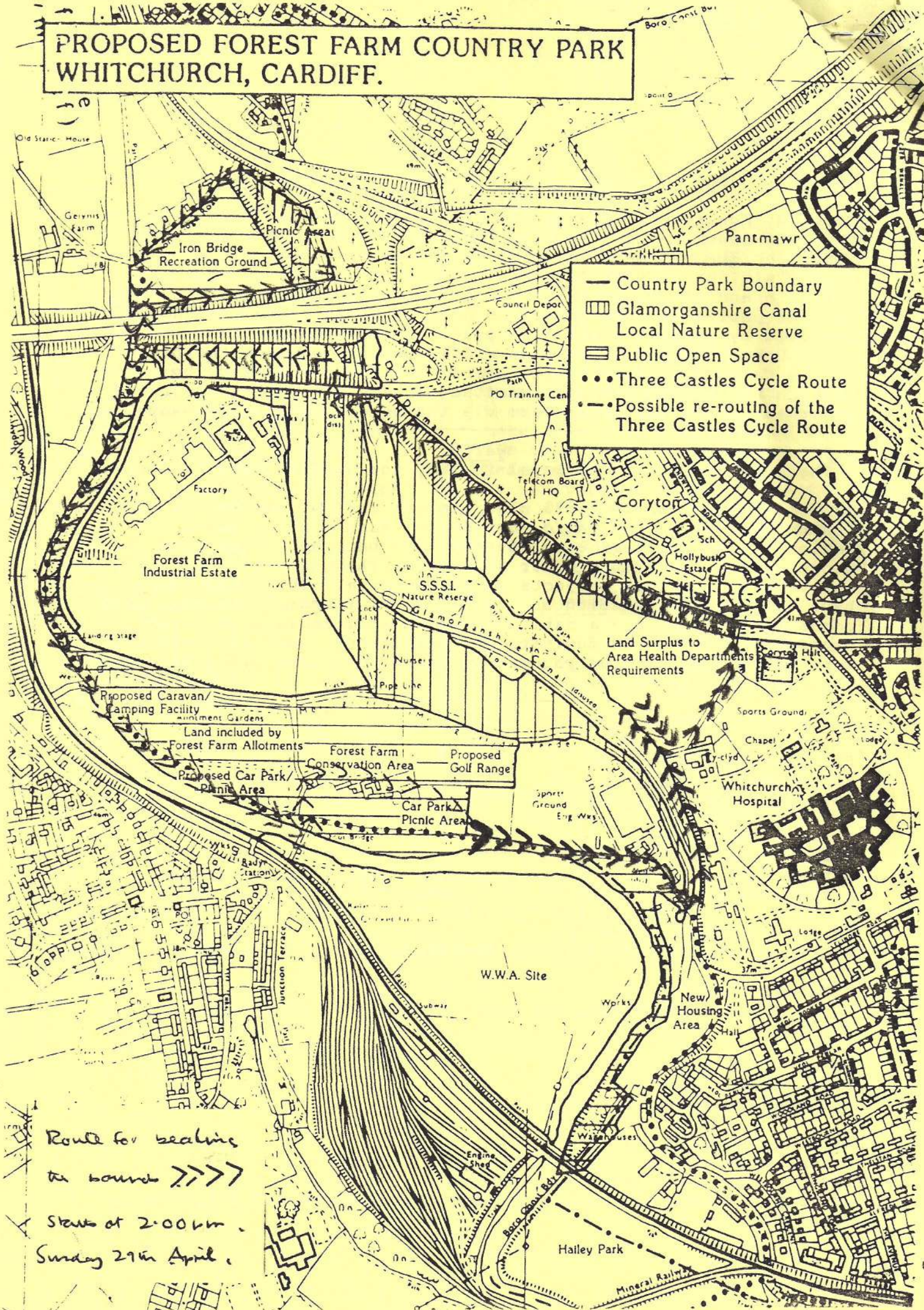
Saturday 16th June  
Coach Trip to Stackpole, all day. Places MUST be booked in advance.

Sunday 24th June  
FOREST FARM CRAFT FAYRE  
Includes Watch exhibition.

Saturday 21st July  
Forest Farm, 10 am - 12 pm.  
Insect safari and dragonfly survey.  
Other possible trips include Kenfig, Magor Marsh and Chepstow for Nightjars.



PROPOSED FOREST FARM COUNTRY PARK  
WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.



Route for sealing  
the bounds >>>>

Starts at 2.00 hr.  
Sunday 29th April.