



The Restoration of Bishops Park and the Grounds of Fulham Palace

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Bishops Park Progress

Demolition and strip out of the redundant buildings has progressed well, with the clearance of the gardener's maintenance area and compound now complete.

Scaffolding has been erected around the old Rainbow hut, changing room and bowls club to facilitate the safe removal of the roof tiles and structures prior to demolition.

The irrigation system to the bowls lawn has now been disconnected and will be upgraded and reconnected as part of the building works to the new Club House.

Further surveys have been carried out in all the retained structures to verify any requirements for timber treatment and rising damp prevention.

We are actively removing all the low level stone walls within the Central Core areas

and replacing these with our temporary safety fencing. The stone is to be set aside and reused for repairs within the park and the borough.

Applications have now been formalized and processed with the statutory service providers to the project. This will enable the disconnection and safe removal of the meters to the redundant gas and electrical supplies inside the park.

Further applications have been placed to provide new and upgraded water, gas and electrical supplies.

We will endeavour to provide notification of any path and external road closures that may be required.

Site Manager for this area is Robert Charge.

A Note from the Project Team

This is the second of our regular newsletters and the last for 2010, which will keep you and the local community informed on our progress, up to the projects completion in the autumn of 2011.

The recent poor weather and snowy conditions that affected the whole of the country also played a role in disrupting our works on site.

Thankfully some warm weather has returned again and allowed us to press on with the refurbishment and restoration works in Bishops

Park and Fulham Palace grounds.

If you have any questions with regards to the works in hand, then please contact me on the details below.

From all of the project team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Notices and Events



Rainbow Hut Roof Removal

carved inscriptions recorded and that these will be reinstated when the new benches are installed.

Wherever possible these will be in the same location from which they were removed, but where this is not possible, suitable locations close to the existing will be found.

As part of the restoration works all the benches within Bishops Park are to be replaced.

Please note however, that the locations of all memorial benches have been noted, plaques carefully removed or

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Fulham Palace Outbuilding Progress

We are currently clearing the trees and shrubs from the area to the right of the Moat Bridge. This will enable us to commence the excavation and reforming of the original Ancient Moat to both sides of

the bridge as part of the Fulham Palace restoration works.

A temporary access road has been formed into the childrens playcentre and works are on going to replace

and upgrade the area with new soft play surfaces and a children's sand pit.

An upgraded footpath and wheelchair access from the park to the playcentre will then be installed on completion of the play area.

Whilst excavating the foundations to form the new extensions to the stable block, we uncovered what is believed to be a medieval wall and several underground structures forming a cesspit

Further investigations using metal detectors have uncovered fragments of a metal material, possibly lead which we understand to be musket balls.

Our archeological team from

Pre Contract Archeology and English Heritage has now taken over the areas to carry out further excavation's by hand and to investigate, map and record their findings.

We anticipate that these works should be concluded and handed back to us by the end of this year.

Further surveys have been carried out in all the retained structures to varyify any requirements for timber treatment, beetle eradication and rising damp prevention.

Site Manager for this area is Peter Dando.



Programme of Works for the Next Month

Bishops Park

- Erection of perimeter fences
- Demolition of existing changing rooms
- Rainbow Hut roof removal
- Internal disconnection of existing services
- Tracing of underground gas, water and electrical supplies
- HP gas main investigation in Fielders Meadow
- Tree removal and crowning of branches in Bishops Meadow
- Removal of existing tarmac to central core
- Drain down of the ornamental pond

Fulham Palace

- Brick work repairs in the bothies and Vinery
- Moat excavation
- Archeological investigations
- Isolation and making safe existing services
- Dismantle stable block stairs and set aside for reuse
- Tudor gate brickwork repairs
- Tree removal
- Tracing of underground gas, water and electrical supplies
- Playcentre access paths

Notification of Construction Area Closures



Stable Block Archeology

In this month we anticipate closing the following areas in the park to enable construction and alteration works to commence:

Bishops Park

Area (02) central core, café building, changing room and bowls green club room

To enable the commencement of tree crowning, local diversions to pathways adjacent to Bishops Meadow will be put in place

Please note that the toilets off Bishops Park Road / Stevenage Road will not be affected by these closures

Fulham Palace

Area (03) the vinery, bothies and Gothic Lodge are now closed

The Stable block has now closed for strip out and archeological investigations

To enable the commencement of tree removals, local diversions to pathways adjacent to the walled garden and perimeter will be put in place