

# The Restoration of Bishops Park and the Grounds of Fulham Palace

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## Bishops Park Progress

**Club House** - The new truss roof timbers have been installed and progress is now being made on the installation of the new roof tiles. The new windows have been delivered and due for installation.

**Café** - The new structural beams are complete and now support the roof and chimney structures. Repairs to the roof and externals are progressing.

**Ornamental Lake** - The reinstatement of the lake edges is in progress. Removal of the ground surfaces, paths, kerb edges and furniture are complete. Restoration of the terracotta perimeter walls is now progressing. The underground drainage and circulation pipe work installation is now progressing to the childrens fountain area.

**Central core** - Installation of the concrete and timber kerbs is nearing completion. The new soft and hard ground surfaces separating the individual areas is now being installed. Foundations to support the new childrens play equipment is progressing, with installation due for completion towards the end of the month. Railings and gates to the entire area are now progressing around the perimeter. The boundary shrubs are progressing with the planting of the new trees around the central area nearing completion.

**Pryors Bank** - Preparations are being made to commence the dismantling, removal and restoration of the fountain.

Site Manager for this area is Robert Charge.

## A Note from the Project Team

Welcome again.

This is the eighth of our regular newsletters, which will keep you and the local community informed on our progress, until the projects completion in the autumn of 2011.

The much needed rain appeared at the start of the month, and assisted us in the watering all the new planting across Bishops Park and in the Fulham Palace grounds.

We would ask as always that you all vigilant when using the pathways as we now have an increased amount of traffic movement between the sectional areas and in Bishops Avenue.

If you have any questions and comments with regards to the works in hand or would like to be put on the mailing list, then please contact me on the details at the bottom of our newsletter.

## Notices and Events



*Central core planting*

In the following weeks and as part of the restoration works, we will be carrying out installation of new street lighting along the foot paths from Putney Bridge to Stevenage Road.

Wherever possible, all paths

and access routes will remain open to the public.

However, in some instances there may be requirements to close and redirect pedestrian access for safety reasons.

These closures will be kept to a minimum at all times, and will give clear alternative pedestrian routes

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## Fulham Palace Outbuilding Progress

Bothies and vinery - We are currently restoring the brick work and coping stones to the low level walls. Installation of the new clay pan and plain tiles is progressing and due for completion this month.

The external match boarding to the tool stores is now complete. Progress has been made restoring the paths and planting in the walled garden.

Stable block - The west extension slate roof tiles are



nearing completion. The east extension is now complete.

The internal underfloor heating has been installed, and screeding to the floor areas is now complete.

Gothic Lodge - Glazing repairs are progressing to all elevations. Installation of perimeter drainage runs have been completed, with the final York stone plinths now progressing to the low level perimeter.

Moat - The excavation to the dry moat is now awaiting the relocation of the electrical services to the coachmans lodge to allow for the final clearing and reinstatement of the grass banks. Replacement railings are being installed

along the new profiles to the moat.

Moat Bridge - The access scaffold has been replaced to the north parapet, and the additional replacement stone is being reinstated. The timbers uncovered below the base of the moat, have been investigated to date and understand their possible use. They have now been wrapped in clay to preserve them.

Childrens Centre - The new edgings are complete along the pathway from the park and hoggin top coat has now been applied.

Site Manager for this area is Peter Dando.

## Programme of Works for the Next Month

### Bishops Park

- Roof works to new club house
- Perimeter repairs to ornamental lake
- Clearance of undergrowth and reduction of levels
- Path way lighting
- Railing replacements
- Terracotta wall refurbishment and repairs to ornamental lake
- Kerbs and play surfaces to north corner of central core
- Childrens play furniture
- Resin ground coverings
- General planting of shrubs
- Pryors Bank Fountain Restoration

### Fulham Palace

- Brick work repairs in the bothies and Vinery
- Internal joinery and electrical services
- Pantile replacement to bothies
- Completion of moat excavation
- Archaeological investigations
- Gothic Lodge plinth repairs
- Gothic lodge Shield repairs
- Stable block underfloor heating
- Gothic Lodge decorations
- Moat bridge restoration and repairs
- Railing replacements
- Lime render repairs

## Notification of Construction Area Closures



*West Stable block extension*

In this month we anticipate that the following areas in the park will remain closed to enable construction and alteration works to progress:

### Bishops Park

Area (01) Ornamental Lake and perimeters

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

Fielders Meadow for grass improvement works, for a minimum of 4 weeks

Bishops Meadow central avenue grass improvement and verti drainage works for a minimum of 4 weeks starting in September

**Please note that temporary toilets will be installed on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011 enable the existing toilets to be refurbished. We anticipate a 6 week period for these works to be completed.**

### Fulham Palace

Area (03) the vinery, bothies and will remain closed

The Stable block will remain closed for refurbishment

The walled garden will remain closed with minimal access to the perimeter areas

At times there will be minor diversions to enable the safe installation of gas and electricity supplies in the path areas.