### **WORK PARTIES**

Meet at the entrance to the Hill from Troopers Hill Field, near the slide. Walk diagonally across the Field from the Summerhill Terrace entrance at BS5 8HX

Have fun, get fit and help maintain Troopers Hill at our 2 hour Work Parties. Afterwards join us for a chat over coffee or tea and biscuits. We supply gloves and tools but please wear long sleeves and suitable footwear

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month - 10am-noon 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Afternoon work parties - 3pm-5pm Sundays 19th July and 16th August

## **MEETINGS**

Friends of Troopers Hill meetings are held at Summerhill Methodist Church, 5 Air Balloon Rd BS5 8LB

Our meetings are very informal and light hearted. We welcome anyone who has an interest in the hill, its history or its wildlife.

Thursdays 7.15pm-9pm

22<sup>nd</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## Walks with the St George Strollers

2-3 mile twice monthly health walks to interesting places, usually starting in St George. To download the latest programme and view photos of previous walks visit

www.troopers-hill.org.uk/strollers or phone Kit Elliott on 0203 640 5867

## STAR GAZING with THE BRISTOL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

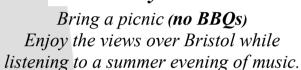
7.30 - 9.00pm in March



Numbers will be limited to 25. Email events 2015@troopers-hill.org.uk to learn more.



# **MUSIC** on The Hill Saturday 27th June 6.30pm The Fantasy Orchestra



Saturday, 8th August 4pm **Bugs and Beasties Hunt** 

with expert Rupert Higgins identifying your finds



Stay after the event to enjoy the view of Balloon Fiesta hot air balloons.



**Family Fun Dog Show** Sunday 11th October Troopers Hill Field Registration from 1.30pm

Slide Show Review of 2015 7.15 - 9.00pm

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December Summerhill Methodist Church



#### FREE GUIDED WALKS

(booking essential - details on back page)

For 2015 our walks are supported by St George Neighbourhood Partnership Bristol Green Capital Fund. Look out for a separate leaflet with more walks in St George.





April **Dundridge Park** Saturday, 18th Dawn Chorus Walk 5.30am

With Friends of A guided walk to listen to bird song Dundridge Park and spot birds led by expert, Ed

Drewitt (no need to book).

Mav Avon Valley Walk 10.00am Sunday, 17th

A walk from Troopers Hill exploring the woodland and

looking at the river and its wildlife.

Heathland Walk 7.00pm July

Thursday, 16th Join expert Rupert Higgins for an evening walk on Troopers Hill

looking at the heathland and the

creatures it supports.

September **Exploring Green Spaces** of St George 10.30am Sunday, 6th

> Explore some of the less well known green spaces in St George

November Fungi Foray 10.30am

Sunday, 1st Join John and Doreen Bailey in a

hunt for mushrooms and toadstools on Troopers Hill

November Geology Walk 2.00pm

Sunday, 29th Join expert Andrew Mathieson

exploring the geology of Troopers

Don't forget the Troopers Hill Good Friday Service, organised by local churches. The procession starts from Summerhill Methodist Church.

#### **Booking for Guided Walks & Events**

Our events are free, but we need to limit numbers on all walks and some events. Booking is essential for all walks and the star gazing night.

Please phone Judith on 0117 955 9819 from Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am -5pm or Susan at other times on 0117 947 5037 or email events2015@troopers-hill.org.uk

Meeting points will be confirmed when you book

### **Other Events**

Except as noted above our events are free and open to all. Look for our gazebos on the top of the Hill.

Bad weather may lead to events being changed or cancelled at short notice; for the latest news and updates, phone 0753 161 5983

To protect the wildlife and grassland on the hill please clean up after your dog; do not bring disposable BBQs and take your litter home.

"Leave Only Footprints, Take only Photographs"

There is **no on site car parking**, see our website for details of how to get to Troopers Hill by public transport.

#### **Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve**

Troopers Hill in St George, East Bristol, is a hillside that has been quarried and mined in the past and overlooks the River Avon. The hill contains a fascinating mix of history, wild plants and animals. With heather and broom, rocky crags and gullies, stunning views and two listed chimneys, Troopers Hill is one of the most spectacular wildlife spots in the city.

Contact Friends of Troopers Hill for your free copy of a set of three leaflets describing the hill, its wildlife, history and geology.

#### **Friends of Troopers Hill**

We aim to:

- Provide a friendly community focus for people who care about Troopers Hill
- Carry out practical conservation work to help look after Troopers Hill.
- Organise public events such as walks and talks.
- Work with Bristol Parks to make sure Troopers Hill is well looked after.

Sign up for our regular newsletter 'The Hill' or get in touch via the details below, we would be pleased to hear from you.

## **Contact Details**

Friends of Troopers Hill

Information line: 0753 161 5983 www.troopers-hill.org.uk events2015@troopers-hill.org.uk Phone Susan or Rob on 0117 947 5037

#### **Bristol Parks**

www.bristol.gov.uk/parks bristolparks@bristol.gov.uk 0117 922 3719



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