

# HILLY FIELDS BANDSTAND CONCERTS

**Presented by the Friends of Hilly Fields**

*Supported by Enfield Environment Street Scene and Parks  
Fairview New Homes and Data Connection*

## **Free Concerts**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 3~5.30 pm**

**The Ware Brass Band**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 3~5.30 pm**

**Skinner's Rats Folk Band**

Children's entertainment with Colin the Clown,  
face painting and Charity stalls.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 3~6.00 pm**

**Jazz in the Park**

with the Colin Peters Quartet, Kelly Dickson (singer) and  
guest star Digby Fairweather.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 3~5.15 pm**  
**Salsa in the Park with the Merengada Band**

Nearest rail station to Hilly Fields is Gordon Hill or buses W8 & 191,  
Car Park at Whitewebbs Golf Course (Beggars Hollow, next to  
the Rose and Crown P.H.)

All donations will go to the Nightingale Hospice and the Wildlife Ambulance and Rescue Service (Trent Park)  
For further information please contact The Friends of Hilly Fields  
020 8363 5837 or visit [www.hillyfields.info](http://www.hillyfields.info)



# Friends of Hilly Fields

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Hilly Fields Bandstand  
Restored September 2001  
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## BRIEF HISTORY OF HILLY FIELDS, ITS BANDSTAND, AND THE FRIENDS OF HILLY FIELDS

Hilly Fields Park was formerly farmland known as Park Farm. In 1909, despite considerable local residents and builders opposition, the farm was purchased by the Enfield Council at a cost of £8k. saving the land from exploitation by developers following the opening of the new railway stations at Gordon Hill and Crews Hill. Incredible as it seems the Council's decision to purchase was carried by a majority of only one on the nine eligible votes!

By 1920 the Park had become a very popular recreation area. In the early 1920's due to the growing popularity of Brass Bands, the Council, at a cost of £400, built the Bandstand. In this period entertainment at the Bandstand attracted very large audiences reaching over 5,000 on some occasions. Although still widely popular, audiences fell to much lower levels in the 1930's due to competition from cinema, radio and other forms of entertainment and in the 1940's world conflict, Bandstand entertainment was not promoted at all. Some revival began in 1950's with entertainment being promoted largely for school children during their long summer holiday, however by the late 1970's the Bandstand again fell into disuse. Left to disrepair, dereliction reached such a level that in 1997 the Council decided that the structure should be demolished.

Faced with the prospect of the permanent loss of the Bandstand local people were stirred into action. A group was formed who collected some 3000 signatories to a petition to the Council to save the Bandstand. The Council agreed to forestall the demolition on the understanding that the group would themselves raise the finance required to restore the Bandstand.

In 1998 the group was formally established as the "Friends of Hilly Fields". Following formation, the "Friends" with the help and support of residents and sponsorship by some local firms, raised funds to promote concerts and entertainment on a regular basis at the Bandstand site. During 1999 plans were developed to restore the Bandstand. In the millennium year the "Friends" were successful in obtaining a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund of some £60k. for the Bandstand restoration project. The restoration was completed in 2001, with its first formal concert in September of that year. Also in 2001 the "Friends" secured a 25-year lease on the Bandstand from Enfield Council and were granted charitable status by the Charity Commission.

The "Friends" are an entirely voluntary and non profit making association supported by Enfield residents, sponsorship and public donations. Concerts and Fun events are organised around the Bandstand on a regular basis. However, as the concerts are free, we ask you to donate generously to the local nominated charity at each event.

### Aims and objectives of the Friends of Hilly Fields: -

To protect the preservation, restoration, maintenance of the Hilly Fields Bandstand and improvement of Hilly Fields as a public park, and to encourage both a greater recreational use by the public of the facilities available and high standards in the provision of such facilities.

Tony Claydon, Chairman of the Friends

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If you would like to be a "Friend" and support the aims of the association you are invited to join by enclosing a subscription and returning it, together with the completed slip below to Pauline Claydon, 2 St. Lukes Avenue, Enfield, EN2 0BH. Cheques should be made payable to The Friends of Hilly Fields:

#### Subscription rate

Individual Membership	£2 per annum
Family Membership	£5 per annum

#### Gift Aid

Yes/No *(Delete as necessary)*

*The Friends to treat all donations/subscriptions as a Gift Aid*

*Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and return to Pauline Claydon*

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Post Code..... Telephone Number.....(optional)

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## 'Reach Out & Play' at Hilly Fields'



The Play Development Team will be running  
'Reach Out & Play' outreach sessions in  
Hilly Fields during Summer 2006  
from 2.30pm - 4.25pm

on Tuesday afternoons from 25th July until 22nd August.  
These play activities are free and are open to anyone aged 5 -13.  
(Places are limited)

Please note that these sessions are provided as play opportunities for children and not as childcare. All children may come and go as they please. Staff are not obliged to prevent any child from leaving the sessions. For further information contact 020 8350 1126.



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