



St
Georges
Flower Bank **Local Nature Reserve**

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- In May I was talking about the fantastic weather – that seems a long time ago now! The summer was not the sunniest – but it was a good growing season for the grass at least. That means the 'haymaking' is particularly difficult this year. However the dedicated volunteers are getting on with it, rain or shine – slowly.
We've recruited some younger people too – particularly the Emery twins. At 16 they bring the average age way down. Welcome to all.
- The Spring blooming was followed by a lot of Orchids but there has been a change. The Marsh and Spotted Orchids are very much reduced. This is a natural occurrence and, we hope, nothing to do with our management. Pyramidal Orchids have spread and were very much in evidence. Our speciality, Bee Orchid, did well with quite a few found. We've also recorded even more types of fungus with the list now up to 150! Many thanks to Jean for monthly visits.
- Our special event – 'Verging on the Wild Fun day' was a great success thanks to a great input from a lot of younger people. Despite being really busy with families and other commitments I think they might be persuaded to get involved again.
- **All 'Friends' welcome!** Please remember that we will be having our first AGM at the Memorial Club – 7pm Wednesday 23rd October.
 - This will **not** be a formal event – it's a chance for all 'Friends of St. George's Flower Bank' (everyone who supports us in any way at all) to get together.
 - There will be a rolling slide show of images over the years since 1990.
 - Annie Morris will be exhibiting her fantastic wildflower art – she has painted many of the plants on our site. There may be a 'retail opportunity' too!

Thank you all so much for being part of the 'Friends of St. George's Flower Bank' your backing and support really does encourage us!

Sincerely
Bob

p.s. You might like to support this which calls for an immediate moratorium & legislate-ban all development on peat bogs & lowland mires

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/267755>