



## FRIENDS OF BUTTS CLOSE

### AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER

September 2022

#### *Bread and Circuses*

Abbotts Funfair had submitted a satisfactory sound management plan and will provide toilet facilities, and so the Council have issued them with a licence. They will set up over the weekend of 17/18 September but will maintain a respectful silence on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The fair will run from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September.

The Wonderland Circus is still anticipated for 9<sup>th</sup> October.

#### *Graffiti Again*

The 'Artist' has struck twice since the last newsletter. The latest efforts will be removed as soon as possible. We (FoBC) are also looking at ways to militate against a repeat performance. As this newsletter is a public document, we are not elaborating...

#### *Bedford Road Flooding*

It seems that the sudden storm downpour a month ago did not swamp houses on the lower end of Bedford Road, so the work carried out by Anglian Water clearing the outfall into Butts Close may have been successful. But let's see what the next deluge brings...

#### *Summer Images*

Not all Friends of Butts Close live next to it or frequent it, and so they might have missed the dramatic changes the summer months delivered.



July



August

Almost the whole of the Close was parched bare, but the 'harvest' continued nevertheless. The baled hay is used for animal bedding by a farm in Watton-at-Stone...

but sometimes it's just for fun:



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...and back to normal.

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