

## HENBURY CONSERVATION SOCIETY (1970 to 2014)

### Chairperson's review 2013-2014. By Christine Carroll.

Our Xmas Party ended 2013 on a high note, not only being great fun but also raising £1215 towards the Village Hall funds. A number of our multi-talented members made a huge effort, not only on the night but rehearsing for the event.

On March 9<sup>th</sup> after painstakingly digging a stony hole we planted an oak tree to commemorate Marguerite Tonkin's contribution to Henbury. It was wonderful to see such a large turnout, including Marguerite's family to honor her memory.

On a lovely summer's evening in July we had a village walk. Tim Parkinson, Charles Claxton and I talked about the historical gems in our unique village, the renovated Cottrell Seat (an interesting perspective of Blaise), the Dairy Garden and Community Garden (renovation of the old kitchen garden). The walk culminated in a contrasting 60's architectural view and interesting talk about Castle Close by Ted Moss.

Kitty and Ted Moss kindly provided refreshments afterwards.

After opening for just over a year volunteers have made huge progress in renovating and putting into production the old kitchen garden (1795), now known as Blaise Community Garden. This lies in the center of our Conservation Area. The Community Garden took place in Bristol's 'Get Growing Trail' and attracted a huge number of people from all over Bristol. Stalls were held on Crow Lane's Fun Day and Blaise Dog Show with an abundance and variety of produce. A number of our volunteers are HCS members and don't have far to go for their vegetables.

I am retiring from my position as Chairperson after 5 years in office, to spend more time on the Community Garden. I wish to thank you all for the support I have received during this time.

NEXT EVENT: Xmas Party in the VILLAGE HALL .Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm for 7.30pm. Volunteers /TICKETS LIMITED contact: Greg/Kim 01179508626