



## 2009/10 Chair's Report

**17<sup>th</sup> October 09** – Wildflower Meadow Planting - Approximately 30 adults and children turned up to plant 350 plug plants, of 7 varieties, on the day. Glendale planted a further 1,050 plants the following weekend to complete two 50m x 2m strips.

**Bird's foot trefoil**, *Lotus corniculatus* - 15-30cm tall with yellow flowers  
**Oxeye daisy**, *Leucanthemum vulgare* - 30-45cm white 'moon' daisy  
**Black (lesser) knapweed**, *Centaurea nigra* - 40-60cm tall with mauve thistle flowers  
**Meadow buttercup**, *Ranunculus acris* - 40-100cm tall perennial lemon-yellow flowers  
**Field scabious**, *Knautia arvensis* - 30-60cm tall with pale blue flowers  
**Tufted vetch**, *Vicia cracca* - clambering perennial with blue-violet flowers  
**Lady's bedstraw**, *Galium verum* - groundcover with tiny yellow flowers

Some damage was caused by pecking birds and some by careless mowing but Summer saw 5 of these varieties in bloom to a greater or lesser extent. More mowing in Autumn and Spring and careful review in Summer 2011.

**November/December 09** – 100 New Trees – Planted by Glendale, we now have an additional

16 Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), 9 Willow (*Salix alba*), 6 Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*), 30 Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*), 18 Oak (*Quercus robur*), 17 Whitebeam (*Sorbus aria*), 3 Copper Beach (*Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea*) and a Mulberry (*Morus nigra*).

By no means all of the trees survived the long dry Spring period and we will assess the situation in late Autumn. Our thanks for funding both of these projects to the Crofton Park Ward Local Assembly and the Mayor's Fund.

**April/May 10** – The Playground brought back to life – Officially reopened on June 1<sup>st</sup> with a "Play and Planting Day" we have a playground to be proud of. If you haven't seen it, you should go and look. Our thanks to the DCSF (PlayBuilder), Lewisham Council, Groundworks South East, Glendale and Marks and Spencer. Commiserations to other projects thwarted by spending cuts.

**5<sup>th</sup> December 09** – Self organised Hedge Clearing event.

**6<sup>th</sup> February 10** – Glendale led Hedge planting

**3<sup>rd</sup> July 10** – Festival – Great day, music, entertainments, attendance, games, food, atmosphere, games and stalls! Just great really. Many thanks to the Crofton Park Ward Localities Fund and Lewisham Arts, "Take Part, Be More."

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2010** – Hedge clearing event organised by BTCV as part of "Earn your travel back scheme."

Alan Bailey, Chair, Friends of Blythe Hill Fields. 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010