



The Fountain

The fountain has been removed to be cleaned and assessed for full restoration. If the HLF bid is successful, it will be restored as a working fountain. If not it will be just be cleaned and replaced as it was.

Heritage Lottery Fund Bid

The bid has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund. A lot of hard work and effort went into it and we feel we have made the best possible case for getting a grant to restore the Gardens. We should hear whether we have been successful in the New Year.

Dogs

Dog owners are reminded that dogs must be under control at all times. New legislation is about to be enacted. This may mean that they are required to be on leads at all times. In the meantime, please ensure that you are paying attention to what your dog is doing whenever you are in the Gardens and keep it under control.



Lost Property

A lot of personal items are found in the Gardens. These include items of clothing, children’s toys, keys, balls etc. There is a lost property box in the Portacabin. Please ask the gardeners or Jil, the Community Park Warden if you have lost anything.

Typo

Many of you let us know about the typo in newsletter 3 – it should have read cycling/scooting (not shooting). Thanks for that. It’s good to know that it is being read. On the subject of cycling – only children (up to 10 years old) should be cycling in South Park Gardens – adults are not permitted to cycle there.



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What fantastic weather we had for the Bookfest weekend. Lots of people came to the events in the marquee including a talk entitled The Garden as Art and

Metaphor. The attendees were able to enjoy a walk in the gardens followed by tea and home made cakes. Later Sandi Toksvig hosted a panel of experts offering advice to aspiring authors and presented the prizes to the winners of the short story competition. In the evening over 100 people sat down to a delicious three-course dinner prepared by Sree Krishna of Tooting with guest speaker Penny Vincenzi. On Sunday June Whitfield opened the Book Fair, which featured a wide range of stalls including children’s activities hosted by Golden Treasury. Many thanks to the sponsors – City Car Club and Domestic & General plc, plus Hanna Pianos and Samuel Estates.

Fireworks & Bonfire Party

A great time was had by all at the annual Fireworks and Bonfire party, which was sold out as usual. The Friends outdid themselves with a stunning display of fireworks and the hotdogs, cakes, fudge and mulled wine were all devoured with pleasure. The bonfire was a work of art and the ashes were still warm the morning after. Muddy Wellies – a regular supporter of Friends’ events – has re-turfed the bonfire area, which will remained fenced off for a couple of weeks.

Open Day

There will be an open day in the Portacabin on Sunday 9 December 10am – 12 noon and 2 – 4pm. Come and meet Jil, have a cup of tea or coffee, see the HLF bid document and buy some lovely FSPG Christmas cards (only £2.50 for 10). If you would like to order some cards, just complete the form below.



Christmas Cards – application

Send your order to: Jil Hall, 66 Kings Road, Wimbledon SW19 8QW. Your order will be sent back by return. Queries to Jil on 020 8542 0638.

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