

The South Parker



Friends of South Park Gardens

Local people working to restore, protect and improve South Park Gardens

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New building up and running



Council tendering process for the kiosk now live

There has been considerable informal interest. If anyone would like to tender, the details will be posted shortly on www.londontenders.org When a concessionaire is chosen, they will decide when to open, but we hope that will be a few weeks after their appointment. Planning conditions have stipulated the type of kiosk and food allowed to be served.

Friends Coffees 10am to 12noon

Whilst some finishing touches are made to the external landscaping, and the process for tendering and appointing the kiosk concessionaire is completed, the Friends will be running 'informal coffees' each morning from 10am to 12pm to enable you all to enjoy this new community facility. All are welcome.

Renting the space

Part of the room will be available to rent for activities which meet the terms of the planning permission. (Search for 13/P2246 at www.merton.gov.uk/planning) It is a lovely place to have a meeting or run a small group activity. Pop along to one of our coffees if you would be interested. More details to follow. As this is a community facility, paid use of the room will be balanced with community-run events. Money received will be used to defray the cost of the lease and contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the gardens.

Events 2015

Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday 29 March from 3pm. This popular event is aimed at children under 7. Tickets available on the day only.

Holy Trinity school Summer Fair – Saturday 13 June 12noon to 4pm. All are welcome.

Summer Picnic – Sunday 21 June. Once again, feel free to come along to enjoy a picnic with friends. This is a free community event for everyone, young and old. There will be entertainment for the kids and the traditional yummy tea and cakes.

Organised by local residents and kindly sponsored by

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Queeny Road
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Special guest: Easter Bunny!

EASTER
SUNDAY 29 MARCH
Egg HUNT

The South Park Gardens Easter Egg Hunt is designed for ages 7 and under. There will be a quiz for older siblings.

Tickets cost £2 - numbers are limited! Available on the day on the door ONLY.

Please come early to avoid disappointment.

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Council Garden Maintenance

Do you recall us mentioning that Merton Council needs to save £32 million over the next four years and is planning to merge and contract out garden maintenance in partnership with the London Borough of Sutton? The Council is proceeding with its exploration of using external providers. It has received nine expressions of interest, one of which is an internal bidder/community enterprise. If the Council chooses this option a contractor will start work on 1 April 2017. Please feedback direct to Merton Council.

(<http://www.merton.gov.uk/environment/environmental-service-changes.htm>)

Do you have any spare time or useful skills?

Please consider volunteering for the Friends. We have a number of opportunities ranging from delivering this newsletter, planning events, and running our coffee mornings, to name just a few. Please get in touch [via email](#), [our website](#), or pop along one morning to the new building.

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FSPG membership renewals now due

Many of you will have received an email from us but if you have not joined us before, and would like to, please log onto our website [here](#) or pick up a membership form from our noticeboard and in the new building.

Membership only costs £5 per household and your support means we can do so much more to ensure the upkeep of our lovely Gardens for the whole community. Remember members get priority booking for select events too.

<http://www.southparkgardens.org/join-FSPG.html>



Litter



We are just beginning to enter the busy time of year. Can we ask for your help in keeping our park clean and tidy!

As one of our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers has commented, 'it is amazing how much rubbish there is even during the early spring!!' If everybody just picked up a bit and put it in a bin, the park would look so much better!!!

Trees

A full tree survey was undertaken in 2014 and, as a result, some trees were pruned and a couple removed. The chippings were used on the beds to keep the weeds down. The Friends have agreed to let the Tree Manager know if we see any trees that need attention. The next full survey is due in 2017.



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