

# The South Parker

## Friends of South Park Gardens

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



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### Looking ahead to the end of the Project.

It hardly seems five years since the Gardens were closed for restoration, but they did in November 2008; to be opened again in June 2009. That means that the Heritage Lottery Fund five-year project is nearly at an end. What this will mean for the Gardens depends on you and the Friends. The Friends will need more volunteers and more help to organise some of their events. It is possible that some of the events may not be able to continue. So do think about what you could do to help in the future to help the Gardens continue to be a busy and useful hub at the centre of the community.

### New Eco-friendly, solar-powered bins to be trialled at South Park Gardens

New bins, which crush your rubbish and are powered by the sun are to be given a trial in the Gardens. These may help deal with the piles of rubbish generated by picnics when the weather is really hot and sunny.

### Next stage of Compound Refurbishment

We have received quite a few responses to the first stage of the public consultation on the refurbishment of the gardeners' compound area. Architects have been approached and draft plans will be available shortly. Local residents will have the opportunity to see these and give their comments.

### Litter – volunteers needed

Although the council litter pickers do a good job in the time they have available, there are always bits of litter around the Gardens – especially in the undergrowth and in difficult to reach areas. If you ever feel you have a few minutes available and wish to help us keep the Gardens looking clean and tidy, please use the litter pickers, disposable gloves and litter sacks kept in the porch of no 66 Kings Road. Use them and return them to their box for others to use. That way, we can keep the park clean for everyone.

### London in Bloom

We were delighted to learn that we have again won a Silver Gilt Award from the London in Bloom committee. Many congratulations to the team of gardeners (Martin, Barry, Andy, Tom) and the litter pickers (Tony and Trevor) for helping to achieve this award for the community.

### User Survey

We carried out our last User Survey on Thursday 27 September. We gathered in a large amount of data and noted users' comments about the Gardens. These will now be collated

and sent in to the Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the organisation which collects data on behalf of the Parks Project.  
Many thanks to all who helped out on the day.

### **Fireworks and Bonfire party**

The Fireworks and Bonfire Party will be taking place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The firework display will be bigger and better than ever, but it will remain a popular and small-scale event, in contrast to the much larger Council-run displays. It is suitable for families and aimed at local residents.

Tickets will be sold in advance – no tickets will be available on the night. As previously, preference for tickets will be given to existing members of the Friends of South Park Gardens, so ensure your membership is up to date.

As always, we are on the look out for volunteers to help on the night and before. It's always lots of fun and it needn't take up much of your time. If you feel you could help us put on this great event, do call Jil on 07742 633760.

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### **Carlton Dramatic Society - Presents**

The Flint Street Nativity by Tim Firth, Directed By Gary Knight. Tuesday 20th - Saturday 24th November 2012. 7.45pm (3pm Sat Matinee ). The Wimbledon Studio Theatre, The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 1QG. Tickets £12-14 ( £12-10 Sat Mat ).

### **Telephone Booking: 0844 871 7646**

The Flint Street Nativity is a wonderfully festive black comedy that reminds us all of how it felt to be a happy little 8 year old. Think less a cute, end-of-term entertainment than a kindergarten version of the Godfather, complete with seething vendettas, emotional blackmail and severed heads.