

# The South Parker

## Friends of South Park Gardens

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

Registered Charity no.1097483



June 2014

## Gardeners' compound update

The Council plans to appoint a contractor to undertake the refurbishment of the Compound at the beginning of July and they anticipate work starting on site in August, with a completion date in December.

## Fireworks and Halloween

We're very sorry that, due to the compound refurbishment project, we have taken the decision not to hold the Fireworks event this year. We use the compound area extensively to store and prepare for the day and this would place serious limitations on our ability to organise it effectively.

We are, however, planning to hold a Halloween Event on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We held a very popular one a few years ago and we are pleased to bring it back as a replacement for the Fireworks this year.

## Litter



As you know we are constantly trying to improve the litter situation in the Gardens. Merton Council is also working hard on this throughout the Borough and you may have seen the signs on the notice boards about the on the spot £75 fines for people caught leaving their litter. Clearly we have a problem with foxes emptying the bins but sadly our human visitors aren't perfect either! If the small bins are full there are also the big bins at the top end of the Gardens, if the litter cannot be taken and disposed of at home.

## Protect our plants!

Our beautiful Gardens are full of amazing and expensive plants. Could you please help us, and the Council, by explaining to children that jumping on, hanging off and trampling through beds and borders, damages the plants, young trees and shrubs? Unfortunately, nobody has the money to replace them regularly especially in the current financial climate. We are very sympathetic to children's imaginative games around the boundaries of the Gardens but we would really appreciate your support in looking after the plants. Thank you.



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## The Friends' Website

We are currently rebuilding the South Park Gardens website but please do use it in the meantime to see news of events etc.

[www.southparkgardens.org](http://www.southparkgardens.org)

## The FSPG Executive Committee

Carra Kane	Peter Kenning
Frauke Freytag	Rachel Tilford
Helen Fuller	Sue Hook
Kirsty Warwick	Sylvia Lucas
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## Our new email address

Our new email address is: [friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com) so please add us to your contacts list.

We are very keen to move over to electronic communications. If you would prefer to receive this newsletter in electronic form and did not receive it from our email address on this occasion, please email us and we will add you to our circulation list.

### Events

#### Don't forget: Holy Trinity School Summer Fair – Sat 28 June

The fair will be in South Park Gardens from 12 – 4pm with lots of stalls, attractions, activities and yummy food and drink.

**Over 60s Cream Tea on Friday 4 July 2.30pm** – all over 60s are welcome to join the Friends for tea, scones, cream and jam plus cakes.

#### Teddy Bears' Picnic on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 11.30 -1.30

A fun event for under 5s. Join us and Jiggle and Jam for a picnic with teddy tombola, fun and games and music and competition for best dressed bear!

**Please use this space to ask any questions or give any feedback about the Gardens**

Your contact details: Name.....Tel No:.....

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**Drop it into: 66 Kings Road, Wimbledon, SW19 8QW**