



The South Parker

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Friends Fireworks

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our sell-out Fireworks and Bonfire Event.

We are grateful to all our wonderful volunteers and supporters including the compere **Paul**, our BBQ supremo **Gary**, **Travis Perkins** and **Safestore** for the bonfire wood, our sponsor **Ellisons** and **Bliss coffee** who have recently opened on the Broadway for the fantastic donated cakes – we could not have run such a successful event without you.

We sold 1000 tickets to members and local residents who all enjoyed our specially commissioned low-noise display. The beer from the local Wimbledon brewery was hugely popular as was the home made mulled wine, BBQ and cakes! Do email any feedback to help us with planning future events.

DON'T FORGET: Join FSPG for 2016!

Membership runs from January to December and now is the time to join for 2016. Membership only costs £5 per household and

your support means we can do so much more to ensure the upkeep of our lovely Gardens. To join, you can either log onto our website; <http://www.southparkgardens.org/join-FSPG.html> , or complete the membership form overleaf. **Remember** members get priority booking and reduced prices for select events, such as the Fireworks.

Garden Room for Hire

The Garden room is a lovely place to hold a meeting or a class! For example it is currently being used successfully for yoga, children's art and pottery, and a mindfulness class is planned for the New Year. If you would like to book either half (£10/hour) or the whole room (£18/hour), the form and further details can be found on our website:

<http://southparkgardens.org/garden-room-for-hire>

Apart from hiring the Garden Room for paid activities, we would like to develop more community activities such as regular meetups for new parents, local history or gardening groups. A nominal fee (to contribute to the cost of cleaning) applies to community group activities where no charge is made for attendance. Please contact us by email if you would like to organise an activity.

Gardens' kiosk re-advertised

To secure the best possible option for our Gardens, Merton Council is re-advertising the kiosk. The closing date for applications is **14 January**. The lease

includes a six-month rent-free period over the first winter. If you are interested in tendering and would like to talk to us about it please email us.

Or do you know somebody or a group of people who might

be interested? If you do, please ask them to contact us or go to www.merton.gov.uk/environment/land/propertymanagement.htm

The plan is to have a tenant in place by the end of March.

Volunteers needed for Friends' Coffees

We are continuing to run voluntary coffees in the Garden Room from 10am to 12noon most mornings.

Feedback is that people really enjoy this facility and it's a chance to find out about local issues. However, this can only happen with YOUR help! We would welcome

more volunteers so please do get in touch if you are able to run a coffee one morning for us.

JOIN FSPG NOW FOR 2016!

Friends of South Park Gardens Membership application form. £5. Please complete* and post to 62 Kings Road or join online at www.southparkgardens.org

Adult 1 Name: _____ Adult 2 Name** : _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone Number _____ Mobile(s): _____

Email address: 1. _____ 2. _____

Numbers of children in the household (This information helps us with **event planning**)

None _____ **0-4 yrs** _____ **5-11 yrs** _____ **12-16 yrs** _____ **17-18 yrs** _____

Payment method (please circle):

Cash. £5 (no change given). **Cheque** £5 (Friends of South Park Gardens). **Bank transfer** £5 (Lloyds 30-99-66, Acct Code: 02699067). **Paypal** £5.27 (due to PayPal admin charges).

Gift aid

Would you like us to claim Gift Aid on your behalf***? (please circle) Yes /No

Would you like to be added to our volunteers list? (please circle) Yes /No

If yes, would you like to volunteer in a specific area? Please circle: All events, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween, Fireworks, newsletter delivery, Garden Room coffees, behind the scenes – website, publicity, gardening group, committee.

Notes

* The details collected on this form are solely for use by Friends of South Park Gardens

**The details of the second adult where relevant are needed to show the number of members.

***Gift Aid. If yes, I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), that I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Signature of taxpayer:.....**Date:**.....