

The South Parker

Friends of South Park Gardens

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

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Summer Picnic

Hundreds of people gathered in the Gardens for our annual Summer Picnic. The sun shone; the traditional spread of cakes was absolutely fabulous; the kids entered enthusiastically into all the races and spent hours on the bouncy slide! A big thank you to everyone who came and of course all our cake bakers and volunteers!

The kiosk

Submissions are now being received from people wishing to run the kiosk. Details are on www.londontenders.org. The Friends are involved in the selection process. If you have any thoughts or ideas, please do email us.

Hiring out the Garden Room

We have begun a trial period to test out hiring out the Garden Room. 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. Please fill out the online form on <http://www.southparkgardens.org/garden-rental-form.html> to express an interest.

Toilets and litter

A big thank you to everyone who is helping us keep the toilets and bins in a better state! We have been having far fewer problems despite the Gardens being very busy. We are planning to replace the bins with ones which are more fox-proof. We are grateful to everyone who puts their litter in the bins, but, in the meantime, if they are overflowing, please could you take your litter home with you? Over full bins are very easy for the foxes to empty and the litter gets scattered far and wide!!

EVENTS 2015



Fireworks

After a year off we are again hoping to hold our ever popular Fireworks Event. To do so we need your help and organising skills! We have a small but committed band of volunteers but we can only do the event this year if there are more people involved in the pre-event and on-the-day organising. Please do contact us at the usual email friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com if you would like to see this wonderful community event happen this year! We are returning it to its original purpose of providing a low noise alternative for small children and a private company will be providing the Fireworks display which is currently planned for Saturday 7 November.

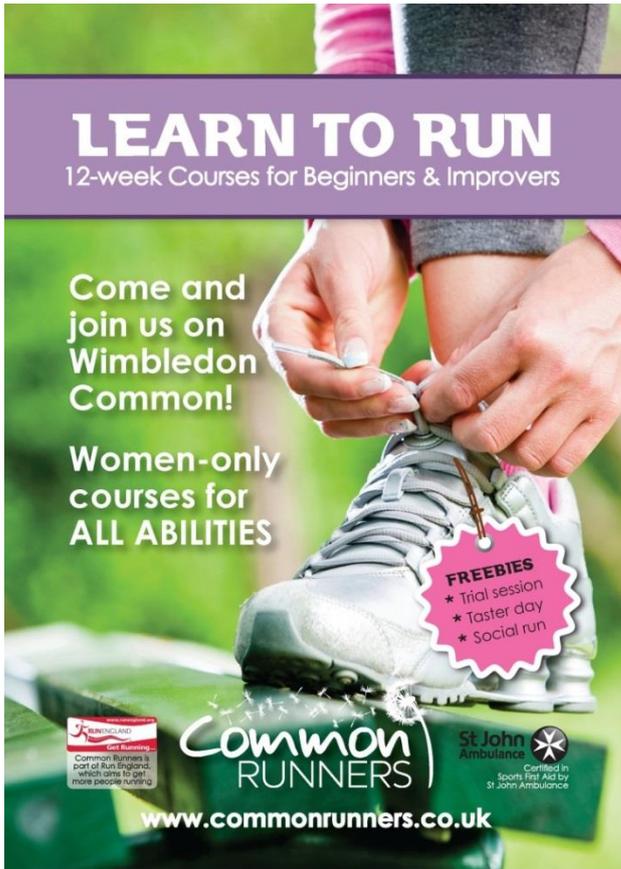
Cream Teas

We have had two very successful Over 60s' Cream Teas in our lovely new building. Demand was such that we will run another on Friday 24 July at 2.30pm for anyone who was unable to get a place at the others. Applications to Jil on 07805 729007 or via friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com.



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Gardening Club

There are some lovely raised beds behind the compound building which are ideally suited for a Gardening club producing flowers, fruit and vegetables. If there is anyone who would like to be involved (perhaps without a garden of their own) please do email us. If there is enough interest we plan to start it in the autumn.



Graphic designers

We are looking for a pool of graphic designers who might be able to help us out pro bono with newsletter and poster designs. If you are interested and could help, please get in touch.

JOIN FSPG NOW!



DON'T FORGET: Join FSPG

Many of you will have received an email from us to renew but if you have not joined us before, and would like to, please log onto our website, pick up a membership form from our noticeboard and in the Garden Room or use the one on the right.

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 and you will be able to attend our AGM.

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

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

Adult 1 Name: _____ Adult 2 Name*: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Mobile(s): _____

Email address: 1. _____ 2. _____

Payment method (please circle): Cheque (Friends of South Park Gardens), Paypal, Bank transfer (Lloyds 30-99-66, Acct Code: 02699067)

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

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 _____

Would you like to be added to our volunteers list? Yes / No

If yes, would you like to volunteer in a specific area? Please circle: All events, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween, Fireworks, newsletter delivery, behind the scenes - website, publicity, committee

* 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: _____