

The South Parker

Friends of South Park Gardens

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



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New Plants in the Gardens

Next time you are in the Gardens, look out for the newly planted bed by the Pavilion. **Your support** enabled us to buy the plants for this previously empty space. Varieties include red stemmed dogwood for winter interest, a pretty star magnolia and some lilac for springtime blossom, and geraniums, agapanthus and anemones to provide summer colour.

Our next planting project is to add to the two island beds by the Kings Road and Dudley Road entrances.

Spring Bulbs

You may also have noticed how pretty the spring bulbs in front of the pavilion were this year. A generous bequest and your support helped us renew the bulbs and we will add to it again this autumn. The grass will now be left long until July to allow the bulbs to prepare for next year's flowering.

The Gardening Club is up and running and fruit, vegetables and flowers are growing in the raised beds behind the pavilion.

Members have also been helping the gardeners by tackling two particular fast growing and persistent weeds in the central flowerbeds.

If you don't have a garden of your own, or don't have space to grow fruit and vegetables or find gardening at ground level difficult why not come along on a Sunday morning? We meet from 10am and can provide gloves, tools and coffee! We would love to see you! No previous gardening experience is needed.

Saturday 5 November – Fireworks – Join us now to gain priority access and cheaper tickets

We have started planning this ever popular event. **DON'T FORGET** that members of FSPG can apply earlier and have cheaper tickets (A non-member family ticket will cost £10 more than a family member ticket).

To take advantage of this, membership applications / renewals must be received by 31 August 2016. If you are not sure whether you are currently a member, just email us.

<http://southparkgardens.org/join-us/>

Protect our flowerbeds and trees

We are so lucky to have this beautiful park on our doorstep but we also need your help to increase the respect shown for the plants and trees that make it so special.

Can we ask that all parents, schools and teachers encourage children not to tread on, pick or break flowers, shrubs and trees?

Can we particularly ask that they stay off the flower beds? Some damage is irreparable and all of it spoils the park for others.

The fountain has been repaired again at some cost. Sadly the damage can only have been caused by rough use. To help protect it one of the council staff has made and fitted a brass collar. We are very hopeful that this will save this Heritage-listed feature for the enjoyment of all.

Wildlife corner



Keep an eye out for the beautiful Goldfinches that are in the Gardens. [Download](#) our Birds leaflet to learn more.

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Garden Room activities

"The room was perfect for our workshop"
We have had some great feedback from people who have hired the Garden Room for their classes and other events. There are baby Mandarin, baby massage, adult yoga, art, mindfulness and pottery painting classes on offer. Our Facebook page has further details.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofSouthParkGardens>

or you can view the new events calendar on our website:

<http://southparkgardens.org/events-calendar/>

If you would like to book the room please go to: <http://southparkgardens.org/garden-room-for-hire>

Events 2016

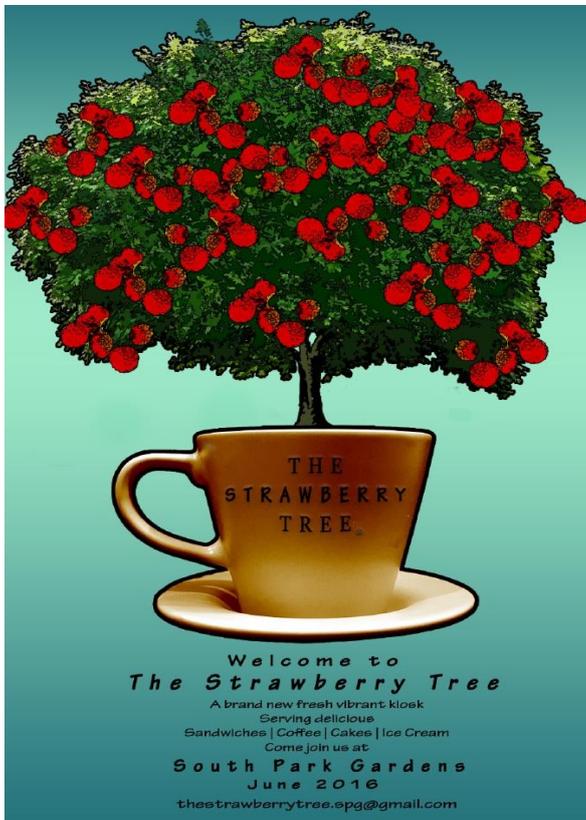
Friday 10 June & 15 July 230pm to 430pm - Over 60s Cream Teas. Local residents over 60 years old are invited to the Garden Room for a free cream tea. RSVP to friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com

Saturday 11 June 12noon to 4pm - Holy Trinity School Summer Fair. All are welcome.

Sunday 26 June 2pm to 6pm – Friends' Summer Picnic. This is a free community event for everyone, young and old. There will be entertainment for the kids, bar and the traditional yummy tea and (your donated) cakes.

Thursday 11 August – Olympic Fun Day from Merton Council, supported by FSPG

Be part of the Rio Olympic celebrations and join us for some fun family activities. Fun for all the family and the best part, it's all totally FREE!



The Art Class Wimbledon @

The Garden Room, South Park Gardens

PAINTING & DRAWING CLASSES FOR ADULTS. THURSDAYS 09.30-12.30

- Course Fee: £130
- For further details and to book email: studionicholaswyatt@gmail.com
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