

The South Parker

Friends of South Park Gardens

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



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Award-winning steel band to perform at our Summer Picnic on 18 June



We are delighted to announce that the award-winning Melodians Steel Orchestra will be playing their mix of classical, jazz, calypso and pop music at this year's summer picnic. The Melodians have played their steel pans in over thirty countries, providing opportunities for young people from varied religious, ethnic and social backgrounds. Find out more by clicking <http://www.melodiansuk.co.uk/>

Past and present members of FSPG have been instrumental in getting the Gardens listed with English Heritage; persuading the Council to fund the installation of heritage style railings; securing over £1.4 million from the Council and Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the Gardens and build the Pavilion. Come and talk to the trustees and volunteers at the Summer Picnic about what you can help us to achieve in the future.

This year our summer picnic on **Sunday 18 June (2-6pm)** will also be supporting *The Great Get Together* in celebration of murdered MP Jo Cox's belief that we have more in common.

It's a free community event, with races, tug of war, tea and cakes and cash bar. Just bring your picnic and enjoy the park with friends and neighbours. Anyone who can donate a cake or volunteer to help please get in touch friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com

With thanks to **Ellisons** Estate agents as sponsor and to **SPERA** for their donation towards the entertainment in honour of their former treasurer Dave Jones in honour of Dave Jones, former treasurer who passed away earlier this year. He was a founder member of the South Park Estate Residents Association.

The Gardening Club has been very busy! The Kings Road gate beds have been cleared of weeds and replanted. We are clearing the Dudley Road gate beds and they should be planted in the next few weeks. The raised beds in the compound have been planted with a whole variety of vegetable and flower seeds and the fruit bushes we put in last autumn and are doing really well. We hope the strawberries will be ripe for the Over 60s cream teas! Please do pop along on Sunday morning if you would like to join in!

Wildlife corner!

When you are in the Gardens please do keep an eye out for the pair of mistlethrushes which are nesting the Gardens. We are also really lucky to have a colony of sparrows at the Trinity Road end of the Gardens. Sparrow numbers have decreased significantly and it is great that they are thriving here



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP in 2017

Thanks to all our new members and 100s of those who have renewed. It's not too late to join! FSPG Membership is only £5 per household and easy to do online. Membership runs from January to December. Your support means we can do so much more to ensure the upkeep of our lovely Gardens.

Remember members get priority booking and reduced prices for select events, such as the Fireworks. <http://www.southparkgardens.org/join-FSPG.html> and cut-off for joining before Fireworks will be 30 September.

EVENTS 2017

Sunday 18 June 2-6pm – Summer Picnic

See overleaf

Saturday 24 June 12-4pm – Holy Trinity School Summer Fair

All welcome to join in the fun and raise money for one of our local primary schools.

All enquiries to: hotsemail@gmail.com

Friday 30 June & 14 July from 2:30pm to 4:30pm - Over 60s Cream Teas

Local residents over 60 years old are invited to the Garden Room for a free cream tea including home-made cakes. Do RSVP via our website to reserve a place – stating which day.

Saturday 16/23 & Sunday 17/24 September - Merton Arts Trail in various locations including the Pavilion in South Park Gardens

Saturday 4 November – Fireworks

Our family-friendly event returns. To be in with a chance of getting a ticket for this sold-out event, please remember to join FSPG

Saturday 2 December – Carols in the Park

POLICE REWARD

The Police are offering a £10k reward for information leading to the conviction of the person/s responsible for the killing and injury to domestic and wild animals including within Wimbledon. If you find any injured animals please take them straight to a vet for treatment or contact the Police on 101 and SNARL on 07961 030064/07957 830490 if you discover

any bodies. Please contact the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 with any information.

In the meantime, please keep your animals safe inside especially at night.

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Join Us Now!

The **Friends of Wimbledon Town Centre** was formed in 2016 to campaign against the initial proposals from Crossrail 2.

Our aims are simple: to preserve and enhance the character of Wimbledon Town Centre; and to give local people a real input into shaping Wimbledon's future.

If you share these aims, why not join us?

You will receive the latest news on Crossrail 2 and other developments affecting our town centre. And we will let you know when and how best to get your views across on what happens next.

With over 900 members, we have already succeeded in forcing Crossrail 2 to rethink their original plans and we will be making sure that local residents are fully involved when Crossrail 2 consults on revised proposals later this year.

Our members have also indicated that new development in central Wimbledon should be mainly low-rise and of high quality, in keeping with the current mix of homes, shops, restaurants and offices. We have been pressing Merton Council to adopt this approach in their new 'Masterplan' for Wimbledon.

It's easy to join – Just fill in the form on our website at www.wimbledontowncentre.com. Or email us at: friends@wimbledontowncentre.com. And please consider making a donation if you can. Details on the website

The more people sign up, the greater the difference we can make.