

The South Parker

Friends of South Park Gardens

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



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This year's Annual Picnic will be on Sunday 10 June 2pm – 6pm

Preparations for this year's Picnic are well underway. We have the lovely Melodians steel band returning to entertain us, traditional races and tug of war, tea, coffee and cake. We also have the ever-popular bar serving beer, Pimms, cider and soft drinks.

It takes a lot of volunteers to put on this event. On the day, we need people to set up gazebos, help on the bar and serve tea and cake and clear up afterwards. It is a fun community event, so do volunteer if you can.



There are also sponsorship opportunities available. If you would like to sponsor us, contact the Friends at the email (below). We are grateful to Ellisons Estate Agents for their continued support.

Kiosk

We are sorry to hear that the Strawberry Tree may be closing this summer. We know that the Council is keen to ensure that this important service is not lost to the Gardens and will be seeking an alternative provider should that situation arise. If you might be interested in running this popular kiosk, do get in touch with us via the email below and we can pass your details onto the Council.

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Oak Processionary Moth



We have lots of oak trees in the Gardens. This year there are many of these oak processionary moths around. They can fall off the tree onto people and their hairs can cause a rash with extreme itching when touching the skin and breathing difficulties.

If you see any, do not touch them. Please keep an eye out for this pest and let us know if you spot any, so they can be dealt with.

Litter

Please take your rubbish home to recycle, or if the bins are full - please do not leave bags next to bins as foxes and squirrels empty these and make a mess.

2018 Events – see over for this year's events.



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EVENTS 2018

Easter Egg Hunt

The busiest ever! Magical Quest provided special fun and entertainment with a fairy and a rabbit. Thanks to them and to all our volunteers for helping, and Ellisons Estate Agents for sponsoring.



Photo – Jane Burdett and happy raffle prize winners.

Sunday 10 June – Picnic

Everyone welcome. Bring your picnic and a cake to donate!

Over 60s Cream Teas

Thursday 14th June and Tuesday 10th July from 2.30 – 4.30 in the Garden Room. All local over 60s welcome.

GDPR

We will be including a link on our website to our privacy policy, which shows how we collect, store and handle personal information. We do not share information with third parties.

idverde – how are they doing?

The Friends are keeping a close watch on *idverde*'s gardening and litter collection. Please email us if you have any concerns.

Newsletter Layout – help needed!

We have recently lost our lovely and talented newsletter editor, who was brilliant at layouts. Is there anyone out there who could give us a hand to produce this newsletter 3/4 times a year. Contact us at the email address below.

Membership

Please renew your membership for 2018. Only £5 per household. If your payment is by PayPal or standing order, please update your details on the link to our application form you will receive by email.

The Gardening Club

The Gardening Club meets on Sundays between 10 and 12pm. People are welcome to come and go and stay as long as they like during that time. We have been busy preparing the raised beds in the compound and there is now lots growing - vegetables and fruit for us and flowers for the bees and butterflies. We are also working on the herbaceous beds; weeding and planting. There is a lot of choice of activities. We may also start a weekday evening session, so watch this space.

Room Hire

Our lovely community room is getting busy this summer. We are hosting several exciting new activities in there; such as: calligraphy, boys' reading club, yoga, Pilates, paint pot parties and art classes. But no parties (children's or adults') due to planning restrictions.

We welcome community groups and charities and charge very reasonable room hire. For details, go to our website (see below)

The Wildlife Corner!

It's this time of year when eggs are hatching, and new baby birds come into the world. The Friends are putting up more bird boxes in the Gardens to help protect eggs and babies from predators. We have just welcomed a wildlife team in to search for stag beetles in the mini beast areas of the Gardens and film them. If you like wildlife, get in touch, we are always looking for more news.

