Easter Egg Hunt 2019

Sunday 14th April

Easter falls very late this year, so there is a good chance that the weather will be set fair for the Friends’ Annual Easter Egg Hunt. As always it falls on Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter Sunday) to get children in the mood for Easter. The Easter Bunny will be there, providing children with high fives and handshakes, as well as photo opportunities for everyone. There will be the usual array of chocolate eggs, a raffle and a quiz/treasure hunt for older children.

There are no pre-sold tickets – just turn up at 3pm on Sunday 14th April to join in the fun. We have a limited availability of places for around 300 children, so please come early to avoid disappointment.

Other upcoming events:
- 19th March - our AGM, Trinity Club 7:30pm
- 9th June - annual picnic
- 14th July - Jazz in the Park
(more details are available on our website: www.southparkgardens.org)

NEW PAVING

The Gardens have many users, including those with buggies and wheelchairs. New flat stones have been installed at the entrances to the Gardens to make them more user-friendly. This fits with our goal of being dementia-friendly as well.

We are now discussing with the Highways Department whether we can tackle the outside cobbles. Thanks to Doug Napier and the Greenspaces team for helping with the improved entrance ways.

BLISS IN THE PARK

The Friends are delighted to hear that Christelle of Bliss in the Park has settled in well and is providing a wide array of tasty drinks and snacks for visitors to the Gardens. She is arranging several activities in the Garden Pavilion too.

Look out for Pancake Day on Tuesday 5th March!

COFFEE & PASTRY

WEEKDAY OFFER

MEMBERSHIP 2019

FSPG membership runs from 1st January to 31st December each year, no matter which month you join.

The fireworks are a great incentive to join/renew but this causes us a lot of work at an already busy time, so we would like to address this.

For those whose membership payment recur (PayPal or standing order) after 31st March 2019, we will be requesting that you start the membership application process (both the online form and payment) again in February. Once the new payment schedule has been set up, we will either ask you to cancel your existing standing order or we will cancel your existing recurring PayPal payment.

Remember, membership only costs £5 per household and helps to support, protect and improve South Park Gardens for everyone. The process is very easy; just follow the instructions on our website: www.southparkgardens.org.
**Timetable for the Garden Pavilion**

There is always something happening in our lovely Garden Pavilion. We have regular weekly sessions and some monthly events and one-off activities. The timetable is always subject to change as new users join us. Here is a snapshot of our current timetable. Please visit our website: [www.southparkgardens.org](http://www.southparkgardens.org) for up to date information.

If you are a group who wishes to hire the room, get in touch with us via email: [friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com).

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Councillor Paul Kohler holds a monthly surgery in the Garden Pavilion from 11:00-12:00 on the last Saturday of the month.

**Fireworks and Bonfire Party**

This popular event, which uses low noise fireworks, sells out quickly every year, as so many local people appreciate its small-scale nature and the reasonable prices charged for food, drink and glowsticks.

This year it was made members only (previously members had priority for buying tickets) and this did not dampen the enthusiasm for obtaining tickets. They sold out within a day.

The event is run by volunteers who work tirelessly in the weeks running up to the event to make it safe and enjoyable for everyone.

The Friends sold local Signal beer and mulled wine at the bar; hotdogs and burgers and home-made cakes, hot chocolate and a wide range of glowsticks (batons, windmills and swords). The DJ played music and gave information to the attendees, as well as leading the countdowns for lighting the bonfire and starting the display (by Brilliant Fireworks of Gunnersbury).

The Gardens looked magical with paths lit by hanging lanterns and happily St Johns Ambulance had nothing to do. The stewards did a great job, staffing the gates, ensuring that everyone knew where the toilets were and directing people out at the end of a very successful evening. The Friends are grateful to Ellisons Estate Agents for sponsoring the event.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out!

**Photos of South Park Gardens**

- Will Hay
  
  “Here’s a photo I took in South Park Gardens”

- Owen Thomas
  
  “I was born in June 1959 and grew up in Faraday Road. I spent as much of my childhood as possible toddling and later running around in the Gardens. It’s lovely to see that they’re being looked after so well. Keep up the good work!”