

# The South Parker

**Friends of South Park Gardens**

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



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## The Gardens' kiosk opens in April!

We are delighted that a tenant has been selected and the kiosk will be opening at the beginning of April. We hope the tenant will be able to be present on 20 March for the Easter Egg Hunt, so please do come along and say 'hello'.

## Protecting our plants and bulbs

Can we please ask all parents to encourage their children to stay outside the planted areas surrounded by the kick rails? We have just planted a lot of new bulbs in the circle in front of the building and we need your support to ensure they do not get trampled on.

## Paths

We are really pleased to report that the Council has agreed to proceed with legal action about the paths. Their poor state following so shortly after £400,000 of investment is extremely concerning. A recent survey undertaken by the Friends in preparation for the case identified more than 100 significant cracks across the surface and higher numbers of problems with the path edges.



## **DON'T FORGET: Join FSPG for 2016!**

Membership runs from January to December and now is the time to join for 2016.

Membership only costs £5 per household and 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.

To join, you can log onto our website; <http://www.southparkgardens.org/join-FSPG.html>

If you would prefer to use the paper membership form these are available in the boxes behind the large noticeboard at the entrance to the Gardens.

**Please note: our bank details have changed so please amend online banking. New sort code 30-91-97 and a/c 41115660**

## Activities in the Garden Room

We now have yoga, art, mindfulness and pottery painting classes taking place in the Garden Room. Please go to our Facebook page for further details about the classes.

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

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

## Gardening Club

We would like to start a gardening club to make the most of the sunny raised beds in the gardeners' compound. If you would be interested in growing flowers, fruit and vegetables please do get in contact with us.

## Events 2016

### **Sunday 20 March from 3pm Easter Egg Hunt**

This popular event is aimed at children under 7. Tickets available on the day only. Kindly sponsored by Ellisons.

### **Helping at the Easter Egg Hunt**

If you would like to help us run this charming event on the day or join in the fun at the egg bagging social evening please email us!

### **Friday 18 March from 2pm to 5pm Sale for Syria**

Come along to the Garden Room to buy good quality second hand children's toys and games, books, and home-made cakes and chutney.

Proceeds to go to Oxfam's fund for Syrian refugees. Donations of cakes welcome.  
Contact Jil on 07805 729007

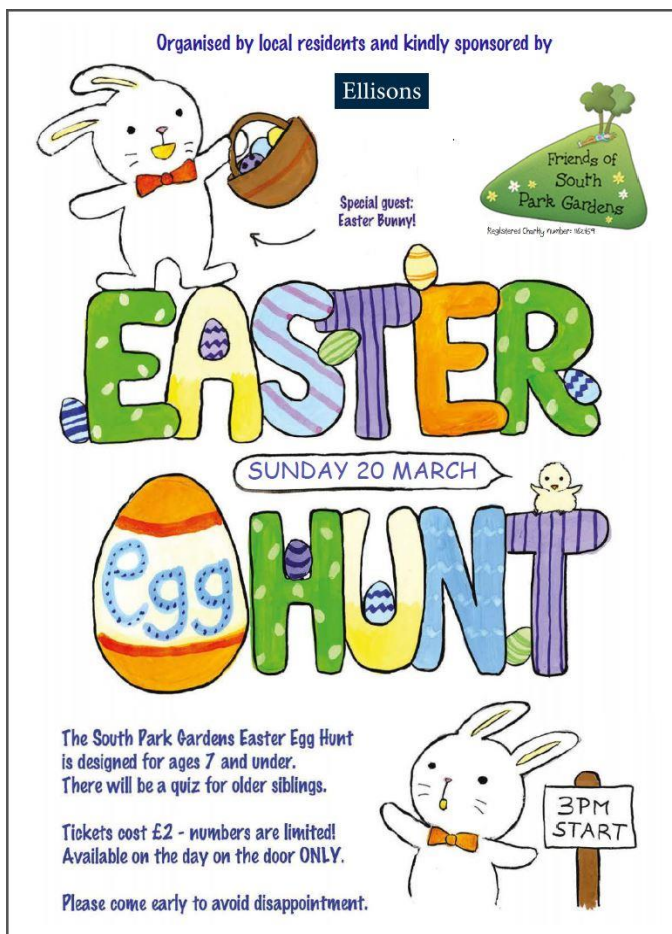
**Friday 10 June & 15 July from 2:30pm to 4:30pm - Over 60s Cream Teas.** Local residents over 60 years old are invited to the Garden Room for a free cream tea in June and July. Please RSVP at [friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com) or call Jil on 07805 729007.

**Saturday 11 June 12noon to 4pm - Holy Trinity School Summer Fair.** All are welcome. Anyone wishing to have a stall please contact the organisers: [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com)

**Sunday 26 June – Summer Picnic.** Once again, feel free to come along to enjoy a picnic with friends. This is a free community event for everyone, young and old. There will be entertainment for the kids and the traditional yummy tea and cakes.

### **Music Festival**

We have had an approach by someone wishing to revive the South Park Gardens Music Festival which ran from 2009 to 2013. What are your views - would you like to see this event take place again? Please email us.



### **Duke of Edinburgh**

If you are looking for voluntary work for your Duke of Edinburgh award then please do contact us. We would love to hear from you.

### **Flowers to look out for in March/April**

This is the season for bulbs such as snowdrops, tulips and daffodils, You will also see Forsythia and Viburnum

blossoming in the shrub borders and the flowering cherries.

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[www.southparkgardens.org](http://www.southparkgardens.org)