

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 Fireworks and Bonfire Party will be on Saturday 4 November Will you qualify for tickets? Is your membership up to date?

Preparations for this year's Fireworks and Bonfire Party are well underway and tickets will go on sale soon. Remember that priority booking preference will be given to members of the Friends and membership is only £5 per household. The cut off for joining or renewing to qualify is 30 September. Please check your eligibility now.

As ever it takes a huge number of volunteers to put on such an exciting event. There are jobs to do now to help with planning and organisation and jobs to do in the weeks before the event, such as cooking onions, baking cakes, collecting firewood and much more. On the day, we need help setting up, running stalls at the event and clearing up afterwards. It's a fun community event, so do volunteer if you can. Helping out for even an hour on the day is a great help.



There are also sponsorship opportunities available. If you would like to sponsor us, contact the Friends at their email (below).

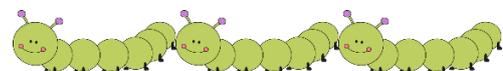
The Gardening Club

We've been rewarded for the hard work of volunteers, not to mention the sunshine and showers, with some lovely fruit and vegetables this year. We have been steadily working our way around the Gardens weeding and tidying various beds. We trust you appreciate the results. We work with the Council's team to enhance the beauty of the Gardens. Come and join us on a Sunday morning from 10am to 12 noon.

Garden Pests

In previous years we were worried about the Processionary Moth. Now the horror of Box Tree Caterpillar is sweeping through the country and is here now in Wimbledon.

If you see the caterpillar then the damage is already done. It is difficult to save your box once you can see this pest. Try spraying with a safe insecticide, such as Bug Clear, as a preventative measure.



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Lost Property

We seem to be collecting a large amount of lost property. Some are children's toys but quite alarmingly there are a lot of lost keys from a single key to big bunches - some with keyrings or lanyards as identifying features. We also have a quantity of glasses both prescription and sunglasses. Please email at the address below if you have lost any such items.



Idverde – how are they doing?

As you may know, parks maintenance is now being managed by idverde – the Council's preferred provider. The Friends are keeping a close watch on their progress and will be meeting with their representatives to ensure that we maintain standards in the Gardens.

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 just 4 times a year. Contact us at the email address below.

Events Planning

The Friends organise and run a number of events throughout the year. Many are old favourites and are very popular. If you have an idea for a new activity or event that you would like to help us to host, do get in touch. We welcome all suggestions. We are also always looking for people who like to get involved and help with planning and running our events.

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Green Flag Success – Again!

We are delighted to announce that South Park Gardens has been awarded a coveted Green Flag for 2017/18. This is a very prestigious award and only awarded to a small proportion of parks and gardens in the UK. Well done to our dedicated team of gardeners for their hard work and also to the Gardening Club which has continued to support their work and done such a good job.

EVENTS 2017

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 or renew your membership before 30 September.

Saturday 2 December – Carols in the Park

Another family-friendly event in the run up to Christmas. Come and sing carols, drink mulled wine and hot drinks, eat mince pies and raise money for charity. More details will follow.

The Wildlife Corner!

Has anyone else noticed the increased number of crows in the Gardens? We have heard from a couple of people that these large birds make them feel nervous.

On a more positive note we have been sent a lovely photo of a Mistle Thrush adult and full grown youngster seen in the Gardens. Thank you so much for this.



We have also been told that a green woodpecker has been spotted - have you heard the woodpecker?