

### **Open meeting on Mon, Oct 12 at 7:00 pm – venue TBD**

The Friends are hosting an open meeting on Monday, October 12 at 7:00 pm. We invite you to attend to learn about the priorities that the Friends are focused on this and next year, our progress to date, and plans for the future of the park. We also would like this to be forum, as always, where you share your priorities, concerns and ideas, so do join us. Often, it's how we formulate our plan of action for the year. For example, at the AGM this March, members again stressed the need for toilets in the park and since then we found a short-term solution to have the changing room toilets open all summer during the hours of operation of the café (although we know there have been a few hiccups). It's vital that you know what's going on in your park and that we hear from you—even if only by email. Please send any thoughts anytime to [info@friendsofsouthpark.org.uk](mailto:info@friendsofsouthpark.org.uk).

### **Harvest Festival in South Park's Heritage Market Garden—and Wandsworth Bridge Road—on Sat, Oct 29!**

We are planning a great event to celebrate the arrival of autumn on Saturday, October 29, so mark your calendars! We'll kick off the fun at 12:30 pm in the Heritage Market Garden with lots of activities for adults, children and even our four-legged friends. Hearty soups, breads, South Park's very own apple juice and baked treats will be available for lunch. At 2:30 pm, Mayor Stainton will formally open the new adventure playground and then lead a Halloween parade from the north gate down Clancarty to Wandsworth Bridge Road, where the Friends have partnered with our fantastic local shop keepers to offer an afternoon of trick-or-treating and great hospitality offers—and an evening filled with live music and drinks!

### **Autumn/Winter activities for children and adults starting Nov 5 with a lecture about Charlotte Sullivan by local historian and author Sue Pierson**

Fulham's Heritage Market Garden brings you a season of weekly courses for adults on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to noon from November to April—all led by experts and artisans with experiences ranging from crafts to meditation to bread making to seed growing. Each month will have a theme ranging in topics from heritage to holidays to health to gardening, so look for the calendar posted on the new Friends of South Park sign near the café cart and for the flyer you can pick up at the café that lists all the activities. Appropriately For our smaller park

users, we've launched Bean & Bugs, the children's programme of Fulham's Heritage Market Garden. It will offer two weekly drop-in activities in the morning for under 5's starting the last week of September 2011 and continuing through the end of March 2012. If there is enough interest, we'll add more activities along the way and during half terms or holidays!

Tuesdays (10-11 am) Taste for Life: a pre-school education programme supported by Organix with activities themed around seasonal fruit or vegetables, including songs, games, craft activities, snack ideas, and nutritional tips

Thursdays (10-11 am) HCGA Children's Programme: activities focused on our natural world, including environmental art projects such as scarecrow making and paper making, sensory play such as making mud pies, and food growing and cooking.

### **Playground updates**

The wood fencing around the grass mounds in the middle of the play area will be removed this week. Some additional wood fencing will go up in areas where grass seed needs to be established, but the playground should feel more finished and open when the center and northern areas are finalized. The last of the permanent fencing by the north gate should also be installed this week. Addressing concerns about the rock steps near the family slide, a small railing will be installed along the edges of the slide to help children climb up and a few of the more rough edges of the stone steps will be smoothed and rounded. There will be a presentation about the playground, the rationale of why it was pursued as the first piece of the master plan, the involvement and planning of it, the financing of it, etc. so if this is something in the park that has interested you, please do attend the open meeting on Oct 12 at 7:00 pm.

### **Friends of South Park sign up in park**

Some of you may have noticed that the Friends of South Park have a new sign installed in the park by the café cart along "Squirrel Alley." Be sure to pass by it to learn about upcoming meetings, events and other local happenings with which the Friends are involved.

## **Appeal for in-kind support**

If you have some cosy home furnishings that you're thinking of donating, "The Shed" in the market garden is in need of a little tender loving care. Now that the roof is repaired, we can start moving in officially, and are looking for help with the following:

- Help putting down a new layer of concrete on the floor
- Soft furnishings like chairs or a couch so that there are comfortable seats—and lights
- Decorating ideas and materials
- Any materials we can use for art/craft projects, gardening, hosting small groups of people through the winter sessions (tea, tea cups, etc), basic office supplies, etc.

Get in touch with us at [info@friendsofsouthpark.org.uk](mailto:info@friendsofsouthpark.org.uk) if you have ideas or want to donate anything.