



## **DECEMBER 2010 BRIEFING**

### **Outcome of the November 1st Open Meeting Was Again No Sale**

The meeting opened with presentations by committee members who spoke about the protections for the park, including the covenant, and on the alternative uses proposed for the NW corner. Cllr. Greg Smith then presented the rationale for why the Council would like to sell Clancarty Lodge and the adjoining depot. Following a lively debate, attending members and residents overwhelming voted against any sale, even if it means that there will be no investment in the short term for park improvements. We have since written to Cllr. Smith thanking him for attending and asking that the proposal in the Core Strategy to remove the Open Land designation for those areas of the park be deleted. Our thanks to all members who also made submissions to the Core Strategy consultation, a move to change the designation of land in the park from open space to development. Following the open meeting, a small group of committee members had a 45-minute meeting with Greg Hands in the Park at the end of November to explain to him our vision for the entire northwest corner of the park. Subject to parliamentary business, Greg Hands will be attending our next AGM

### **Make a Festive Holiday Wreath on Saturday, December 11 in the Park!**

Join us this coming Saturday for a wreath making event in the park from 11am to 3pm in the fenced rose garden near Clancarty Lodge. All supplies are provided, the Hammersmith Community Garden Association teachers will be there showing you how to do it, and the event is free to all, so come by yourself or with your family to make a wreath for your door, your table—or even your neighbour! In the spring, this area will become a community market garden. More news later.

### **Mark Your Calendar for the AGM in 2011**

Monday, 7th March at 7pm in Thomas's School in Hugon Road. Full details will be circulated at the end of January.

### **A Holiday Gift Idea that Features South Park**

Photographer Andrew Wilson has presented the Friends with a copy of his new 'coffee table' book *Wild about the Thames*, a magnificent collection of photographs of wide open spaces along the Thames from Battersea to Hampton Court Palace. South Park is featured and the book would make an excellent Christmas present. It is available from Waterstones, priced £17.95. The publisher is Unity Print and Publishing.

### **The Settrington Road Rose Walk Will Launch in the Spring**

Our thanks to Kathy Roll and all the residents in Settrington Road who are making this possible by funding the cost of the roses to be planted along the length of the east boundary wall of the park. Planting is scheduled for the Spring.

## **Quadron, the maintenance contractor for South Park, limits the Leaf Blower Noise Problem**

In response to your complaints about leaf blower noise and use, Quadron have purchased a machine which picked up the leaves and immediately macerates them and turns them into mulch. This is a much greener process as it avoids the leaves being taken off site for a year. Leaf blowing will not be eliminated but its impact should be reduced. Quadron says the blowers are fitted with silencers and the noise is reduced as much as possible.

## **Depot Yard Warnings Issued**

The Parks Operations team asked for our help in keeping people out of the depot area in the northwest corner of the park. This is an operational area with frequent vehicle movements and therefore a hazardous environment.

**We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

**\*\*\* The Friends Committee \*\*\***