



## **FRIENDS OF SOUTH PARK MARCH BRIEFING**

### **New monthly updates**

This is the first of our planned monthly briefings on how the Friends are working to improve and restore the park. Please feel free to forward to anyone you know who is a park user or who you think would be interested in becoming a Friend.

### **Have you paid for 2010? Have you joined?**

We need membership fees to enable the Friends to continue its work. As we reported at the AGM, we are currently running a deficit. We need to clear this and provide the funds needed for our activities this year. If you have not already paid, please send the annual fee (£10 or whatever you can afford) - either cash or cheque - to FOSP Secretary, 20 Beltran Road, SW6 3AJ.

### **Working groups**

Four groups have been set up for:

- schools' sports activities liaison
- design of the expanded childrens' play area, with representatives of school PTAs, nurseries and users
- developing proposals for the north west corner including Clancarty Lodge
- creating a rose walk along the Settrington Road wall

If you would be interested in joining either of the latter two groups please contact the working groups co-ordinator, James Cooke, at [james@jamescookecoaching.com](mailto:james@jamescookecoaching.com).

### **Floodlit hard court**

The renewal of the court, courtesy of Thomas's School, gets ever closer with the outstanding details being steadily resolved.

### **New sports booking system**

The long promised new sports booking system is, we are assured, close to being implemented. Committee member Paul Wild has been briefed and advised that, in principle, it should be a good system and a vast improvement on the present arrangements.

### **Maintenance**

The two grass playing fields have suffered serious damage, only partly due to the exceptionally poor winter weather. We have established good contact with the new Community Sports Officer, Chris Bunting, to encourage better husbandry and generally renewed our efforts to get other remedial maintenance work properly carried out.

Keep a look out for the April briefing!