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**Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 18th September 2013 6.00pm at  
The Gallery in Southwark Park**

**Agenda**

**1. Apologies**

**Annual General Meeting**

**2. Notes of Annual General Meeting of 19th September 2012 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**

**3. Annual Report 2012/2013 (attachment 2)**

**4. Election of Officers 2013/14**

**4.1 Chairperson**

**4.2 Vice-Chairperson**

**4.3 Secretary**

**4.4 Treasurer**

**4.5 Assistant Treasurers x 2**

**4.6 Membership Secretary**

**5. Election of Six (6) Committee Members**

**General Meeting**

**6. Notes of General Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and Matters Arising (attachment 3)**

**7. Old Nursery Master Plan – Update from Harrison Design Development**

**8. Park Manager's Report**

**9. Any Other Business**

**10. Dates of Future Meetings**

Attachment 1



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**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park Annual General Meeting  
held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at  
The Park Office, Southwark Park**

**In attendance:** Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Gerry Callanan; Jean Cunliffe; Michael Daniels; Judith Deschamps; Ivy Douglas; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Sandra Jones; Katie Kelly; Pat Kingwell; Cllr. Richard Livingstone; Gary Magold; Lynn Murray (London Borough of Southwark); Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Jim Saunders; Sue Sexton-Figgins; Joanne Sinton-Hewitt; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Susan Vaughan.

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Prior to the commencement of business <b>Lynn Murray</b> , the new Park Attendant, was introduced to the meeting and welcomed by all present.	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Alison Clayburn; Simon Hughes M.P.; Sharon Lomas (London Borough of Southwark); Patricia Preston; Cllr. Lisa Rajan; Tracey Scales; Louise Sheridan; George Witsey.	
	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of Annual General Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011</b> The notes were agreed as a true record.	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>2.1.1</b>	<b>Distance Markers</b> It was requested yet again that markers be installed in the park to assist runners.	Andy Chatterton
<b>2.1.2.</b>	<b>Tennis Court Refurbishment</b> The decision to apply to Southwark Council's Cleaner, Greener, Safer fund in 2011 had been put on hold as the Council had suspended the programme. Consideration to be given to an application to the 2012 programme.	
<b>2.1.3.</b>	<b>Sports Centre</b> Gary Glover reviewed the current position on this scheme and it was agreed to invite Tim Clee of Southwark Council to the October General meeting.	Pat Kingwell
<b>2.1.4</b>	<b>Unauthorised Access – Yellow House</b> This remains unresolved and it was agreed to ask the Enforcement Officer to attend the October General meeting to update us.	Pat Kingwell
<b>2.1.5</b>	<b>Rotherhithe Caryatids</b> The meeting noted the Caryatids are a very fine attraction and benefit to the park.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Annual Report 2011/12 and Matters Arising</b>	Pat Kingwell

	The Annual Report outlined the actions taken by The Friends to promote, protect, enhance and develop community partnerships over the previous year. It reported on the number of meetings held and also that The Friends account is in funds. It was agreed to circulate copies in the Blue Anchor and Canada Water Libraries and also send to Southwark News.	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Fireworks Display</b> It was agreed to support a display this year, but to recommend to Southwark Events that crowd dispersal is improved by opening more gates and providing more arc lights.	Pat Kingwell
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Photography Project</b> It was noted that the project had been popular and that we should consider running it again in 2013.	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Former Lodge Lower Road</b> At a meeting with the developer he had confirmed Planning permission had been given, including an access gate into the park. Following discussion it was agreed to recommend to Parks that suitable planting be carried out to maintain the integrity of the boundary.	Andy Chatterton
<b>3.4</b>	<b>King's Stairs Gardens – Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> Field and Queen's Jubilee Stone</b> It was reported that the Deed of Declaration was due to signed very soon and that the Duke of Wessex will attend on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm to unveil the plaque and also a new inscription on the Jubilee Stone. All are invited	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Election of Officers</b>  <b>Marjorie Hill announced that she was standing down as Treasurer. The meeting warmly thanked Marjorie for her work ever since the inception of The Friends in 1995.</b>  <b>Officers for 2012/13 were agreed as follows:</b> Chairperson: Gary Glover; Vice-chairperson: Amanda Squires; Secretary: Pat Kingwell; Treasurer: Gary Magold; Assistant Treasurer: Ron Henocq; Membership Secretary: vacant	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Election of Six (6) Committee Members</b>  <b>Committee Members for 2012/13 were agreed as follows:</b> Michael Daniels; Dave Fisher; Marjorie Hill; Jean Cunliffe; Sue Sexton; Susan Vaughan	



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## **The Friends of Southwark Park Annual Report 2012/13**

**Our aims and objectives are the promotion, protection and enhancement of Southwark Park, King's Stairs Gardens and King George's Field, to be achieved in partnership with other organisations and the wider community.**

### **Promotion– over the past year we:**

- Fully supported the successful Green Flag application for Southwark Park.
- Helped organise the Earl of Wessex's visit to King's Stairs Gardens on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012.
- Arranged a visit to Southwark Park by Mrs. Jenny Bianco, Deputy Lieutenant for Southwark on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013.
- Took a stall at the Bermondsey Carnival in Southwark Park on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013.
- Took a stall at the Rotherhithe Festival in King George's Field on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013.
- Ran a guided walk in Southwark Park on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2013 as part of Southwark Libraries Well-Being Week.
- Successfully pushed for the inclusion of improvements to the Old Nursery, cafe and sports centre in Southwark Council's Open Space strategy
- Promoted our parks at the Friends of Parks Conference on 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Produced a Friends of Southwark Park leaflet
- Contributed to Southwark Council's Tree Strategy and Friends of Parks Protocol
- Maintained our reach into the local community and beyond through our website [www.thefriendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk/](http://www.thefriendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk/). Many thanks are once more due to David Gee for his continuing voluntary help in managing the site.

### **Protection– over the past year we:**

- Drew attention to a range of practical improvements needed in Southwark Park, including signage about dangerous cycling, the lake fountain and the children's water play feature
- Opposed the proposal to hold London Oktoberfest in Southwark Park
- Opposed the proposal for fun fairs to return to Southwark Park unless they are a part of a wider community event
- Opposed the proposal to close public access to the Ada Salter Garden for a National Trust event

- Expressed our regret about the loss of the cafe mosaic due to health and safety reasons
- Registered our view that Rydon Construction Limited's application to redevelop Scout House should not result in a private entrance gate into Southwark Park.
- Offered feedback and constructive suggestions about how to improve the Fireworks Display in Southwark Park
- Continued to press the case for enforcement action over unapproved access gates and ways into Southwark Park from neighbouring properties and also suggested planting solutions to maintain the integrity of boundaries
- Asked for a review of problematic commuter parking in Southwark Park
- Expressed our concern to Southwark Council about the delay in the long-overdue upgrading of the outdoor Sports Centre, which remains an eyesore in Southwark Park
- Called for improvements in King's Stairs Gardens, including lifebuoy stands by the Jubilee Stone; lighting, entrances, paths and dilapidated fencing near Elephant Lane
- Drew attention to the problems of fly-tipping at Fountains Green
- Continued to back the Save King's Stairs Gardens Action Group in their campaign against Thames Water's Thames Tideway Tunnel proposals

#### **Enhancement – over the past year we:**

- Campaigned successfully for the installation of new fencing between the Old Nursery site and Gomm Road and Ann Moss Way residencies
- Were successful in our request for the provision of new fencing around the 1953 Coronation Tree, which was officially commemorated on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- Achieved more seats, clearer notice boards and planting of the former lido fountain in Southwark Park
- Encouraged the management of the sports centre to tidy up the site
- Secured funding from Southwark Council to carry out a Master Plan for the Old Nursery with the aim of bringing the site back into public use and improving the nearby cafe, toilets and Park Office
- Secured part funding from Southwark Council to create two new tennis courts alongside the existing facilities
- Supported the new inscription on the Jubilee Stone and the new meadow areas in King's Stairs Gardens

#### **Partnerships and Community – over the past year we:**

- Attended the Remembrance Sunday service on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012
- Worked with Southwark Council's Warden Services over a 'Good Dog Owner' information event in Southwark Park
- Continued our excellent relationship with Southwark Park Bowling Club. We supported their Bowling Green Centenary Celebrations on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013. We were also delighted to see that the pavilion has a new roof and that the problems with the artificial rink seem to have been resolved
- Maintained our long and close relationship with The Gallery, which hosted the Coronation Tree event in June 2013. Thanks to Ron Henocq and all the staff.
- Continued to work with Bermondsey Beat in putting on the Bermondsey Carnival in Southwark Park. Thanks as ever to Phil Burkett and Russell Dryden

- Backed several community organised events in Southwark Park, including the Stroke Association Three Bridges Cycle Ride and the Tunnel 2 Towers Run.
- Maintained our good partnership with Southwark Council's Parks Team. Thanks to Andy Chatterton, Andrea Pita and all colleagues
- Made links with the beekeepers using the wildlife area
- Made links with the Open Air Laboratories Project (OPAL) and promoted their tree health survey.

### **Officers and Committee 2012/13**

The following people served: Jean Cunliffe; Michael Daniels; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover (chair); Ron Henocq (assistant treasurer); Marjorie Hill (assistant treasurer); Pat Kingwell (secretary); Gary Magold (treasurer); Sue Sexton; Amanda Squires (vice-chair); and Susan Vaughan.

### **Meetings 2012/2013**

The following meetings were held:

19th September 2012	Annual General Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	General Meeting
21st November 2011	General Meeting
16th January 2013	General Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	General Meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	General Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2013	General Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	General Meeting
19th June 2013	General Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2013	General Meeting

### **Finances**

Our account is in funds.

Pat Kingwell  
Secretary  
September 2013



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**Notes of General Meeting  
 Wednesday 17th July 2013 6.00pm at  
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**Present:** Sharon Bassey; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Alison Clayburn; Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Josie Moore; Jean Mulholland; Cllr. Graham Neale; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Amanda Squires; R. Slaney; George Witsey

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Roger Bilder; Cllr. Denise Capstick; Michael Daniels; Ivy Douglas; Stephanie Lodge; Susan Vaughan;	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of General Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013</b> The notes were agreed as a true record except for the item on Rotherhithe Festival. The following amendment was agreed: ‘Gary Glover was concerned about the shortage of display items apart from leaflets, banner and Dr. Salter display and Amanda Squires suggested that WORG and FOSP combine their stalls so that the comprehensive WORG display that includes Southwark Park and KSCG could be used as a backdrop. This suggestion was agreed.’”	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>2.1.1</b>	<b>Cleaner, Greener Safer Applications – Tennis Courts</b> Cllr Neale said that the grant for new tennis courts (£80k) was subject to additional monies being found by Council officers.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Bermondsey Carnival Feedback</b> Various points were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overlong beer queues and high prices</li> <li>• Need for more refuse bins</li> <li>• Need for more toilets</li> <li>• More space between stalls to allow better use of display boards</li> <li>• Use of Gomm Road for vehicle access</li> <li>• Good security staff</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Old Nursery Master Plan Update</b> Pat Kingwell reported back on the consultant interviews and indicated that Harrison Design and Development would be offered the commission. It was agreed that once the appointment is confirmed a special meeting will be held with the consultants.	

5.	<b>Coronation Tree Ceremony Report Back</b> Gary Magold reported back on the event and thanked Andy and Andrea for all the work they put in to make it a success.	
6.	<b>Park Manager's Report</b> Andy Chatterton reported:	
6.1	<b>Southwark Park - Children's Playground – Kids Water Feature</b> We have been attempting to find the name of the manufacturer for quite a considerable amount of time but have recently established that Fountaineers who are based in Gravesend can make the foot button and install it. We are awaiting confirmation of prices and timescales and I have emphasised the importance of getting the feature operational again as soon as possible.	
6.2	<b>Southwark Park - Condition Of Lake</b> There has been a lot of concern recently about the condition of the amount of algae on the lake and The Conservation Volunteers will be on site tomorrow at 10-30 to rectify the problem. They will also insert more bales of straw to help disperse it and some remedial work will be undertaken to the base of the fountain, in order to avoid further blockages.	
6.3	<b>Southwark Park - Car Parking Review</b> I have asked Tim Walker to confirm a date in the week commencing 29 <sup>th</sup> July to visit the park in order to consider steps and the options available. An early assessment will then be undertaken of what can be done and the report will be sent to Councillor Barry Hargrove for approval and it will then be sent to Community Council for permission to start consultation on parking review and changes. Rebecca Towers and Des Walker have been advised of this.	
6.4	<b>Southwark Park - Bowling Green Maintenance</b> A meeting took place on 15 <sup>th</sup> July with representatives from the Bowls Club and the minutes will be produced and circulated as soon as possible. We have agreed to purchase a portable shed from Biohort and hope to use funds obtained from Thames Tideway Tunnel to pay for the supply and installation.	
6.5	<b>Southwark Park - Film Unit Base</b> We have agreed for the base to be located in the park for Worricker – a TV mini-series which is being filmed in Tyers Gate off Bermondsey Street and The Friends were notified of this in advance, following the concern raised in October 2012 when the large unit base took over the whole carriage way.	
6.6	<b>Kings Stairs Gardens - Cleaner Greener Safer Bid</b> A CGS bid has recently been approved to undertake repairs to the wooden retaining wall in Fulford Street. We have agreed to manage the project and working closely with a representative from the project team. A progress report will be provided at the next meeting.	
6.7	<b>Kings Stairs Gardens - Park Liaison Officer and Cycling</b> The PLO has recently issued 19 fixed penalty notices for the offence of cycling on a footway at King's Stairs Gardens at Cathay Street outside the Angel Public House (Section 54 Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988, Section 72 Highways Act 1835).	
6.8	<b>Kings Stairs Gardens - Fit London Legacy Fund</b> The wildflower seeds have germinated fairly well although they are a bit patchy in places especially in the larger meadow area which has little flower at present. The chestnut fencing should remain in place for the time being, in order to protect the areas from pedestrian / dog damage. A meeting has been arranged with Roger Bilder, Jill Gibbs & David Potter on 24 <sup>th</sup> July to review the progress of work for the current LLF and to discuss options for the remaining 50%.	
7.	<b>Challenge Network Volunteer Day</b> Pat Kingwell reported that FOSP had been approached by the national volunteer organisation to help organise a day of social action for 65 young people in Southwark Park. He and Andrea met with CN and 29 <sup>th</sup> September has been proposed. And would involve work in the wildlife and Old Nursery areas and a user survey. It was agreed to support the day and several members indicated they would help.	
8.	<b>Bowling Club Update</b> None given	
9.	<b>King's Stairs Gardens Issues</b> It was reported that the Cathay Street/Fulford Street scheme was due to commence in August, but due to insufficient funds either seats or ramp would have to be excluded. The	



	meeting agreed this was not good enough. Attention was also drawn to the planting of a new tree in the play area. Andy to check.	Andy Chatterton
<b>10.</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b> Nothing reported	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Gallery Update</b> None given	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>12.1</b>	<b>West Lane War Memorial</b> Gary Magold drew attention to the poor state of the site and asked if the gardeners from Southwark Park could help to improve it.	Andy Chatterton
<b>12.2</b>	<b>Rotherhithe Festival</b> Jean Mulholland circulated a publicity flyer for the Festival	
<b>12.3</b>	<b>Church Event Problems</b> Josie Moore reported that an event held on the previous weekend in Southwark Park had caused some problems. Andy agreed to check.	Andy Chatterton
<b>12.4</b>	<b>Green Flag</b> Dave Fisher asked if Southwark Park had received the award and Andy said it had and that a new flag would be unveiled soon.	
<b>12.5</b>	<b>Car Driving in Southwark Park</b> Amanda raised concerns about police car driving at about 30mph in the park.	
<b>12.6</b>	<b>Ada Salter Stone</b> Request for it to be jet cleaned	Andy Chatterton
<b>12.7</b>	<b>Irvine's Fun Fair 24-26 August</b> An application has been made to use The Oval. The meeting did not wish to see funfairs in Southwark Park unless part of a wider community festival. Advise Events of our view.	Pat Kingwell
<b>12.8</b>	<b>National Trust Pilgrimage Event 7 September</b> NT had requested sole use of Ada Salter Garden as part of its paid for walking event. The meeting did not wish to see access to the garden restricted to those who pay. Advise Events of our view.	Pat Kingwell
<b>13.</b>	<b>Dates of Future Meetings</b> <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Annual General Meeting - 6.00pm at The Gallery</b> Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October – General Meeting - 6.00pm at The Park Office Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November – General Meeting - 6.00pm at The Park Office	