



The Friends of Southwark Park

Annual Report 2015/16

Our aims and objectives are the promotion, protection and enhancement of Southwark Park, King's Stairs Gardens, King George's Field and West Lane Memorial Gardens, to be achieved in partnership with other organisations and the wider community. Here is a list of some of our main achievements, month-by-month, over the past year.



©David Toogood 2016

SEPTEMBER 2015

- Successfully called for repairs to the outdoor gym and the provision of a handrail in the Ada Salter Garden
- Received a grant from Amicable Trust to support beekeeping activities
- Hosted young volunteers from the National Citizenship Programme Network Challenge
- Achieved the renewal of lettering on the West Lane War Memorial

- Secured confirmation from Southwark Council that King George's Field would not be opened 24 hours a day

OCTOBER 2015

- Saw two new tennis courts opened by Cllr. Barrie Hargrove and Greg Rusedski
- Relocated the Brownies' mural from Scout House to the cafe
- Commented on the planning application for flats at The Lodge, Lower Road





©David Toogood 2016

NOVEMBER 2015

- Laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day event at West Lane Memorial Gardens
- Raised concerns about the pulling down of the boundary wall of the former Swedish Church



- Completed the bandstand refurbishment works

DECEMBER 2015

- Ran a promotional stall in Surrey Quays Shopping Centre
- Held a public consultation event about the proposed new Café in Southwark Park



©Bell Phillips Architects 2016



©David Toogood 2016

JANUARY 2016

- Completed the relocation of David Backhouse's sculpture 'Family of Dolphins' to Southwark Park lake
- Raised questions about quad bike and motor scooter riding in King's Stairs Gardens

FEBRUARY 2016

- Raised concerns about water pooling on the refurbished athletics track and called for protection of worn ground in other parts of the park



©Pat Kingwell 2016



MARCH 2016

- Hosted presentations by Bell Phillips Architects on proposed new café and Kinnear Landscapes on the Old Nursery
- Gained funds from The Mayor of London's 'Find Your Festival' programme and organised a free bandstand concert by the Southwark Concert Band

APRIL 2016

- Gained confirmation from Southwark

Council that Parkrun would not be charged for their weekly sessions

- Raised concerns about car crashes on the Jamaica Road boundary
- Organised the first of four bee workshops for children
- Helped Southwark Park Bowling Club organise a visit by 60 employees of the Danish company CTE
- Set up @southwark_park on twitter





©Barry Marsh 2016

MAY 2016

- Organised music shows at Southwark Park Caryatides by Hugh Barwell and The Fabulous Honeys
- Saw our campaign for car parking regulations implemented and also the installation of safer cycling control measures
- Completed demonstration beehive works



©Diana Gosling 2014

- Sponsored the Bobby Abel Memorial Cricket Tournament for schools, won by St. Joseph's Primary School
- Called for urgent repair works in King George's Field children's playground
- Supported Café Gallery's application for a licence to use Dilston Grove for marriages and civil partnerships



©Rich Wale 2016



©Pat Kingwell 2016

JUNE 2016

- Called for pruning back of the mature shrub bed near Hawkstone Gate

- Provided an article on the old lido for Southwark Heritage Blog

- Organised a free guided walk, 'From Dump to Delight: Southwark Park 1996-2016'

- Organised 'The Bee Experience' tour and demonstration of the park beehives

- As part of National School Sports

Week sponsored the Athletics Festival and the Nellie Stockwell Cup, won by Pilgrim's Way Primary School

- Sponsored the Southwark Park Football Cup won by Southwark Park F.C.

- Arranged for the Greenwich Concert Band show on the bandstand

- Saw King George's Field drain covers renewed

- Drew attention to inadequate tree stump cutting in King's Stairs Gardens



©Pat Kingwell 2016



©Andrea Pita 2016

JULY 2016

- Called for more shade in the children's playground during the summer months
- Free talk: 'The Blitz in Bermondsey & Rotherhithe' by Neil Bright
- Gained a grant from Veolia for adult bee suits
- At the Bermondsey Carnival organised traditional children's games and a Tennis Day
- Ran free guided walks, 'The Trees of Southwark Park' by Nick Lane; 'Bermondsey Smells!' by Debra Gosling and 'Flower Power: the Ada Salter Garden' by Lynne Olding
- Installed two outdoor table tennis tables in Southwark Park
- Raised public concerns of the impact of large-scale film productions on the park
- Ran a promotional stall at the Rotherhithe Festival



©Barry Marsh 2016



©Barty Marsh 2016

AUGUST 2016

- Petitioned Southwark Council to retain the existing café building after the new facility is opened in 2017
- Organised a free guided walk, 'King George's Field'
- Sponsored the annual Bobby Abel Trophy match between the Southwark Park and Burgess Park Cricket Clubs



- Organised a talk by Keith Wainwright, M.B.E., on his memories of Southwark Park, Bermondsey and his hairdressing career
- Arranged for The Fabulous Honeys show on the bandstand
- Gained a North Southwark Environment Trust grant for a Family Bee Club



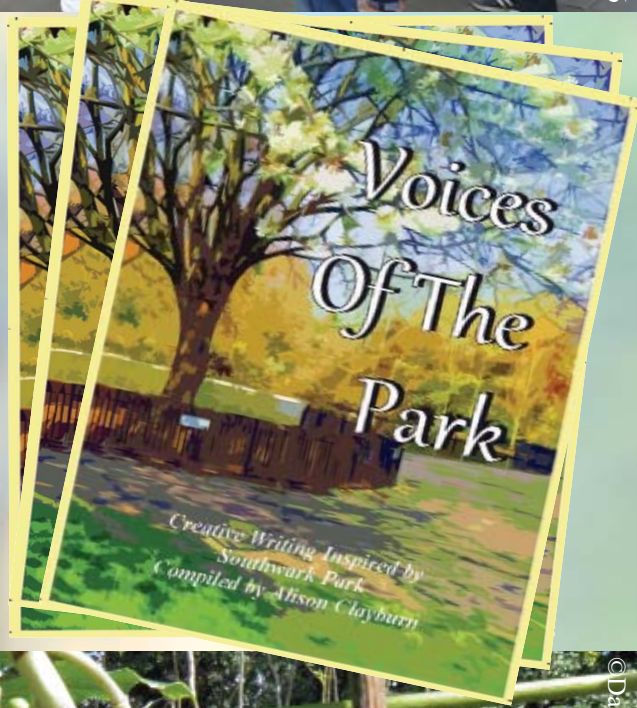
©David Teegood 2016



©Barry Marsh 2016

SEPTEMBER 2016

- Organised guided tours of the West Lane Memorial Garden by Gary Magold and King's Stairs Gardens by Pat Kingwell
- Published *Voices Of The Park*, a collection of creative writing inspired by Southwark Park



©David Toogood 2016



Officers and Committee 2015/16

We thank the following people who served: Sharon Bassey; Jean Cunliffe; Barry Duckett; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover (chair); Marjorie Hill (assistant treasurer); Pat Kingwell (secretary); Denis McMillan; Gary Magold (treasurer); Jean Mulholland (membership); Sue Sexton and Amanda Squires (vice-chair).

Membership

We have 599 individuals on our member database; 135 Facebook members and 735 Twitter followers

Meetings 2015/2016

Meetings were held on the following dates: 16th September 2015; 21st October 2015; 18th November 2015; 20th January 2016; 17th February 2016; 16th March 2016; 20th April 2016; 18th May 2016; 15th June 2016 and 20th July 2016.

Finances

Our account is in funds. Thanks to PB Race Events for a generous donation.

Thanks

Anything we achieve is through our members, the Southwark Park staff and our supporters. This year we give a special mention to Amicable Trust St. Mary's Church; Bacon's College PE and Sport Network; Bede House Association; Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council; Café Gallery Projects; Gerry Callaghan; Decathlon; Deli Felice; Stephen Fidler & co; Galleywall Primary School; I Live in SE16; Paul Metcalfe; North Southwark Environment Trust; Quadron Services Ltd.; Rotherhithe Festival Committee; Shortwave Cinema; Southwark Council; Southwark Libraries; Southwark Park Bowling Club; Southwark Park Football Academy; Malcolm Taylor; Thames Barge Driving Trust; United St. Saviour's Charity and What's On In Rotherhithe Group.

JOIN US - *NO MEMBERSHIP FEE*

Membership Application (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

I wish to join The Friends of Southwark Park. I agree to my details being held and used for FoSP business only.

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Phone.....Email.....

Signature.....Date.....

Send to The Friends of Southwark Park, c/o 3, Fair oak Drive, London, SE9 2QG

www.friendsofsouthwarkpark.co.uk
ourpark@live.co.uk

