



**DULWICH
PARK
FRIENDS**

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A load of rubbish

The unexpectedly good weather has brought about intensive use of the park earlier in the year than usual. One consequence was that, over the weekend of 9/10 April, the contractors collected some **eight tons** of rubbish. DPF has been pushing for the use of large wheelie bins at strategic places around the park during busy periods, as the current bins are clearly inadequate. There are logistical issues concerning the disposal of waste collected this way, but we continue to press for solutions. Evening rubbish collections started on 16/17 April, with the intention of easing overnight litter problems (when rubbish is scattered by foxes, squirrels and crows).

Dulwich Park Friends Annual General Meeting, WEDNESDAY 27 April, 7pm: please come and support us

Everyone is invited to the AGM on Wednesday 27 April at 7pm in the Francis Peek Centre. The meeting normally lasts about an hour, with questions and input welcome. Afterwards you can join us for a glass of wine and a chat.

I am pleased to say that three more members are willing to stand for election to the committee (in addition to the five announced in our Spring newsletter): Dave Clark, Gainor Cooper and Michael Mittelman. This year's AGM will also include a short presentation by Edward Mayer from Swift Conservation. This is timely, as swift boxes have recently been erected in the eaves of the newly-restored College Lodge, in the hope of attracting the birds to breed in the park this season.

Dig the Park, Saturday 7 May 10am-1pm – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Thanks to everyone who joined us in April (below), we made excellent progress planting perennials. Our 'Dig' on 7 May will include planting reeds in the lake, as well as putting in the remaining perennials in the park. Gloves and tools provided. Meet in the car park outside the Francis Peek Centre at 10.00am. If you come later, there will be a poster with map to tell you where we are working.

Dulwich Park Fair, Sunday 15 May, 12-6pm

The ever-popular Dulwich Park Fair takes place at the end of the Dulwich Festival on Sunday 15 May. This year's fair will include falconry displays, farm animals, the Victorian funfair, music and entertainment and of course lots of stalls, plenty of good food and other refreshments. A great day out for all the family!

Tell us what you think!

If you have ideas or concerns about the park, feel free to email or call me (07967 000546) to discuss at any time.

Trevor Moore

Chair