



FRIENDS OF VAUXHALL PARK

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**DIDN'T WE HAVE A
LOVELY DAY!**

Summer Fair 2010

Donkey riding and go kart racing in Vauxhall Park? Our Victorian forebears, who founded the park, would have been proud of the crowds that turned up on a lovely sunny day to enjoy the annual Summer Fair. You could have slid down an enormous bouncy slide, eaten delicious home-made cakes, bought beautifully hand nurtured plants, had your fortune told and been squirted by a mysteriously propelled gigantic plant pot and wheelie bin (bin collection day will never be the same again!). The squeals of delight coming out of the playground area confirmed that the children's events were as popular as ever and we are very grateful to the Oval Montessori for sponsoring these events again. Punch and Judy had the children wide eyed and the Oompah Band delighted people of all ages with their fantastic musical display. We are very grateful to all our helpers and sponsors and to those so generously ran the plant and bric-a-brac stalls in aid of the Friends of Vauxhall Park.



Green Flag 2010

The Friends of Vauxhall Park are delighted to announce that the Park has won a Green Flag for the fourth year in a row. The Green Flag Award is the gold standard for parks and open spaces.

This year's judging was particularly testing as it was done by an unannounced visit by the judges so they really did see the park as it is! We would like to thank the Parks Department and our gardeners for all their hard work in ensuring our park continues to be a place of the very highest calibre!



The Bondway Octave Tower

Although we always welcome new users of the park, the FOVP are objecting to the proposed development of a 140m high tower block on the Bondway site at Vauxhall Cross as we believe that this building will cause a detrimental shadow over the central grassy area in the evenings and will loom large over the park, affecting people's enjoyment of a precious piece of open space in an area where access to quality amenity area is vital for many people. The planning application is the subject of a planning inquiry to be held at the Town Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton from 20th July . We would urge you to show your support for the park by coming along to the Inquiry which is open to the public. For further information please contact us on 07901 855887.

Your Committee

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to two members of our committee: Ailsa Newby, who was also the Vicar of St Anne's, has left to become the Team Vicar in Putney. We would like to thank her for all her hard work on our behalf, particularly with masterminding the activities at the Summer Fair. We also have to say goodbye to Ivan McCracken who is moving out of London. Ivan is a past chairman of the FOVP and we will miss his guidance and encyclopaedic knowledge of the area! Could you come on board the committee and help us to keep our beautiful park at the centre of the community? We also welcome new members, please either contact our membership secretary on 07901 855887 or visit our website www.vauxhallpark.org to print off a membership form.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: OPEN MEETING AT THE
ASHMOLE TENANTS HALL (MEADOW ROAD)

2 OCTOBER AT 10.30am.

ALL WELCOME!