

FRIENDS OF VAUXHALL PARK

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It was with more anticipation than usual that we waited for the results of the Green Flag judging this year. With the cuts to the Parks Department budget we were particularly delighted when it was announced that Vauxhall Park has received its' fifth Green Flag. This award is given to the very best open spaces around the

country and we are very proud that the Park is still considered to be amongst these. We hope that this award will encourage the Council to invest in the necessary upkeep of the park. We continue to work closely with Lambeth's Park Department to bring maintenance issues to their attention and would like to thank Mickey Penney, our Parks Officer for his hard work. We are also working closely with developers of Planning Applications for sites around the Park to ensure that the Park is considered fully in the emerging cluster of tower blocks at Vauxhall Cross.

Talk a walk through the Park's history

This autumn Lambeth Archivists will be leading a number of walks around Lambeth parks. Each walk is circular and last approx one hour. **On Monday 24 October they will be doing a guided walk around Vauxhall Park.** Come and find out about why one of the founders of the National Trust, Octavia Hill, became involved in its' creation and why a special act of Parliament had to be passed for it to be established. The current predicament of Vauxhall Park in relation to the Vauxhall Nine Elms Battersea Opportunity Area is nothing new in the history of this park... Meet outside the Caron Almhouses, just to the north of Stanley Close on Fentiman Road at 11am. Other walks include a walk around Brockwell Park on Thursday 27th October. Meet at the Herne Hill gate at 11am.

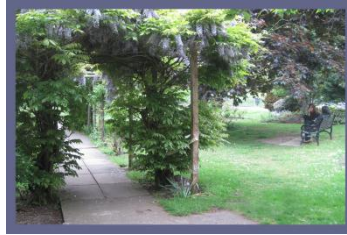
Summer Fair

The Summer Fair was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who made it possible. A large number of people filled the park to enjoy the attractions and many local businesses were represented with stalls. We are particularly grateful to the Oval Montessori School for sponsoring the children's events. Our new dog area was the scene of a busy dog show and we were delighted to see the park's four legged users enjoying the fair as well. As always we rely on our volunteers to make the day a success and we would like to thank all those who took time to help run the fair on the day and during the preparations. We would also like to thank local businesses, including the Vauxhall Griffin and New Covent Garden Market, who supported the fair and those who donated so generously to the bric a brac and plant stalls.



Postcards in aid of the Park

A local photographer, Tommy Candler, has very kindly allowed us to reproduce some of her beautiful photos of the park to use on postcards. All profits from sales will be donated the Friends of Vauxhall Park. Four of the images are reproduced here and there is also one available of Bowling in the Park in the 1950's – tea pavilion and all! They cost 50p each and postage is free. Please contact the Membership Secretary if you would like to place an order on 07901 855887.



A new orchard for Vauxhall Park

The Friends of Vauxhall Park are in discussions with the London Orchard Project to plant 12 fruit trees on the old dog area (the mound on the Lawn Lane side of the playground). We have requested to have varieties that will provide fruit for a long a period of the summer is possible and we hope to have greengages, plum and damsons as well as pear and apple trees. A Friend has kindly offered to liaise with the London Orchard Project about producing seed from her 'Vauxhall' apple tree which we hope will bring a local dimension to our orchard! The project requires volunteer support with the watering in of the trees and help on the planting day. We will circulate members and put notices on our website but we would be very pleased to hear from you if you would like to become involved 07901 855887/www.vauxhallpark.org.uk.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE FRIENDS
YOU CAN DOWNLOAD A MEMBERSHIP FORM
FROM OUR WEBSITE**

www.vauxhallpark.org.uk

**OR CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
07901 855887.**

FUTURE DATES

AGM January 21 January

Friends drinks party 22 January

Easter Egg Hunt 31 March

Summer Fair 23 June