

# FRIENDS OF VAUXHALL PARK NEWSLETTER No. 27

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## SUMMER FAIR

Roll Up, Roll Up for the Friends of Vauxhall Park Summer Fair. On 24<sup>th</sup> June between 2pm and 5pm the Park will host a cornucopia of delights. Donkey rides, an Olympic theme dog show, football, a roving juggler, the incomparable Madame Mazurka (our very own fortune teller), bric a brac and plant stalls, a giant bouncy slide **and** a under 5's bouncy castle, the Oval Montessori sponsored children's games, Vauxhall Park Lavender bags for sale and to make, go karts, cake stall, ice creams, authentic Spanish Paella and stalls representing local businesses and organisations and, of course, much much more! **Please put the date in your diary and please volunteer to help at the fair** – we cannot run the fair without volunteers! Please contact us on 07901 855887 if you able to give some of your time on the day.

## ORCHARD

A hardy and enthusiastic group of volunteers turned out in force to plant the 12 trees kindly donated by the London Orchard project. We are probably some of the few who have welcomed the downpours of rain in recent weeks, as the trees are now well and truly watered in. We are particularly pleased to have a 'Vauxhall' apple tree as part of the orchard. Some of the trees are now in blossom and we are looking forward to be able to pick apples, plums, medlars, mulberries and hazelnuts in the next couple of years. Thank you to everyone who planted and organised!



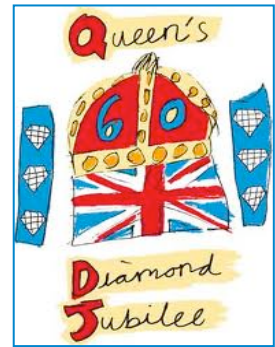
## MODEL HOUSES



We have received a fascinating article about the little houses in the Lavender Garden (which you can find in full on our website on the 'About the Park' page). The houses were originally made by Edgar Wilson in 1947 for Brockwell Park. Luckily for us he made too many and some were given to Vauxhall Park. Edgar Wilson had been very touched by the food parcels that were sent by the City of Melbourne in Australia, to London at the end of the Second World War so he made them a model village in thanks. Now, with the internet, you can see those houses ([www.fitzroygardens.com](http://www.fitzroygardens.com)). We are delighted to see that they are obviously well looked after and enjoyed. The Friends of Brockwell Park learnt about the master restoration by Nobby Clark of our houses and they have asked him to work his magic on their houses. We think Edgar Wilson would have been proud that his gift is still treasured across the world.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE

To mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we are applying for funds to pay for a mosaic topped picnic bench in the orchard area. At the moment, the only picnic benches are in the playground area which are really only accessible for adults accompanying children. The design will be unveiled at the Summer Fair and we hope that the local community will help to raise part of the funds needed to mark this occasion



## GREEN FLAG

Vauxhall Park will again be entered for the Green Flag Award this year. It is very difficult to maintain high standards in these times of drastic council cutbacks and we are very grateful to the local residents who have been working on the flower bed just inside the entrance next to Stanley Close and on the Lavender Garden area. Regular specialist horticultural maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve and we are also grateful to our Parks Officer, Mickey Penney, for his efforts on the Parks behalf.

## PARKWATCH



Now that we have lost both the gardeners based in the Park, and the Park Ranger service, we are in contact with the Metropolitan Police about setting up a Parkwatch in Vauxhall Park. We will need residents who overlook the Park and who can contact the police if they see anything happening, to volunteer to take part. Signs will go up around the Park advertising the scheme so hopefully the Park

will have some measure of protection. You should, of course, always call 999 if an incident occurs.

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

**[www.vauxhallpark.org.uk](http://www.vauxhallpark.org.uk)**

**OR CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

**07901 855887.**

**FUTURE DATES**

**Summer Fair 24 June**

**Open Meeting 29 September 10.30am**

**Ashmole Tenants Hall, Meadow Road**