



Autumn Newsletter

2009

It is 10 years since the Friends of Vauxhall Park was founded after a large gathering of the local community came together to stop the decline of this much loved part of our neighbourhood. You only have to look around the park or enjoy one of the Friends' events to see how much has been achieved. However, there is always more to do and we need your support to carry on the good work! Our membership year starts in November and we would like to invite all our existing members to renew their membership and to encourage others to join us - membership costs from just £3 - the more members we have the more the council will listen to us! Please contact our Membership Secretary either via the website www.vauxhallpark.org.uk, where you can download a membership form, or contact her on 07901 855887.

GREEN FLAG 2009/10



We were delighted to hear in July that Vauxhall Park has once more been awarded a Green Flag which means that our park is one of the best green spaces in the country! The Green Flag scheme sets a national standard for parks and green spaces and we would like to congratulate Lambeth Parks

Department - despite the severe limitations on their budget, six of their parks or open spaces were given green flags this year. We would also like to thank Lee Hills, our Area Parks Officer, for all his work on our behalf.

BULB PLANTING

A hardy bunch of Friends gathered together one very wet Saturday morning recently to plant an astonishing 1,000 spring bulbs and to move three trees. We would like to thank everyone who braved gale force winds and torrential downpours but still kept smiling. We look forward to seeing the results of their labours early next year!

SUMMER FAIR 2009



A beautiful summer's day, our park looking its best and a huge turnout ensured that this year's Summer Fair was better than ever: People were squirted by a mysteriously propelled wheelie bin, children slid down a super slide and roared around in go karts, coconuts were sent flying, dogs made their owners proud in the dog show and local businesses found new



customers. We would like to thank all our supporters and in particular the Oval Montessori Nursery School for sponsoring the children's events, the organisers of the plant stall and bric-a-brac stalls and the many volunteers who gave their time to put up and take down tents, the stewards who ensured that no mishaps occurred and those who had wet sponges thrown at them all in the name of fun for everyone.

FRIENDS REUNITED?

Unfortunately, after a record number of new members were signed up at the fair, the forms with their details have been mislaid. We would urgently like to contact the people who signed up at the fair. If you are one of them or know anyone who signed up, we would be very grateful if they could contact our Membership Secretary on 07901 855887.

HENRI LAGHI

We have all been deeply saddened and shocked by the sudden death of Henri, the proprietor of Parco Café, who, together with his wife Mirella, had devoted several years to the conversion of an old and dilapidated building into an elegant and thriving café. They had just completed an extremely successful first year's trading. Henri was greatly loved and admired by the whole community and we send Mirella, their son Milo, Henri's parents and their whole family our heartfelt condolences.

Forthcoming dates:

AGM on 30th January 2010

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US BY
BECOMING A FRIEND**