



SPRING 2009 UPDATE FROM THE FRIENDS OF VAUXHALL PARK



We are delighted that, despite all the financial constraints on the Parks Department, Vauxhall Park continues to provide a thriving and much valued centre for our community. With the prospect of a scorching summer we can now look forward to enjoying delicious ice creams from the Café, which we hope will be open at weekends very soon. At the end of May we will once again welcome the Green Flag judges back into the Park to see how it is flourishing. Many of you might have been puzzled by some very serious looking drilling by Thames Water in the Park. We understand that they are investigating the possibility of a tunnel under the Thames – watch this space! The Friends of Vauxhall Park are funding the restoration of the fountain and plan to start the work soon, in the hope that the water will once more be turned on.

SNOW FUN IN THE PARK



ANOTHER VAUXHALL PARK AWARD !

We are delighted to announce that Lambeth Council has recognised the hard work of our past-chairman, Ivan McCracken, with the presentation of a Civic Award. He received the award from the Mayor at a ceremony at Lambeth Town Hall in April.

The Citation made particular mention of Ivan's pivotal role in the Park's improvement, that resulted in it being awarded a Green Flag, not just once but twice! Ivan was also instrumental in ensuring that the protracted negotiations for the opening of the Café weren't allowed to stay in anyone's in-tray for too long. We would like to offer our congratulations and sincere thanks to Ivan.





EASTER EGG HUNT



Louise Norwood and Sophie Kotch overcame rather ominous looking skies to organise a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt on 28 March. We would like to thank them for providing a fun filled morning for local families. This is an annual event now in its 7th year.



Louise writes : Yet again, this year's Easter Egg Hunt was a great success despite the weather. Saturday 28th March saw over 160 local children searching for eggs in the Lavender and Rose Gardens. It is wonderful to see the Park being utilised in this way.



The Park was looking particularly lovely due to Richard & George's hard work in planting up hundreds of Spring bulbs.

Again, many thanks to all those who helped with the event as without you it could not go ahead!

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU . . . SUMMER FAIR 2009

The Fair is being held on **SUNDAY 21 JUNE** from **2-5pm**, so put the date in your diary now! Visitors from last year will be delighted to hear that the Bureau of Silly Ideas Water Squirting Wheelie Bins will be coming along – they have to be seen to be believed! Other attractions will include Kub Karts, Dog Show, Bouncy Castle, Punch and Judy shows, a wide selection of stalls selling a tempting variety of produce and, of course the delicious cakes from the Oval Montessori School. We are keen to support our local community by encouraging local groups or businesses to take a stall at the Fair.

For further information please contact us on 07901 855 887

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