



Enable Parks News: May 2016

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From the Friends

Thank you to the Friends of the Fred Wells Gardens:

"We've been busy running a gardening club with the Love to Learn children at the Katherine Low Settlement. The Autumn planted crocuses all appeared, much to their delight! We've started sowing seeds to plant out into the Gardens next term; sweet peas, marigolds and cosmos. Expect some Spring working parties to tidy up in the Gardens, we'll post details our Facebook page."

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If you would like to feature in the newsletter, email gkelly@wandsworth.gov.uk with your updates!

Creation of amphibian pools on Wandsworth Common

During February Enable Parks, Quadron and [Froglife](#) created shallow wetlands at the northern end of the main lake on Wandsworth Common. These wetlands are intended for breeding frogs, toads and newts. They will fill naturally with rainwater and lake overflows and dry out seasonally in summer and autumn once the amphibians have finished the aspects their life cycle that require water.

Trees were coppiced to allow light into the area and the wood has been stacked at the edges and covered with soil where it will provide habitat for the froglets, toadlets and newtlets



Common Frog

throughout the remainder of their life cycle. The area is temporarily fenced off whilst the plant life re-establishes.

For further information please email biodiversity@wandsworth.gov.uk



The Friends of Furzedown Rec present: The Wildflower Meadow Open Day

Furzedown Recreation Ground | Free
Saturday 11 June | 11am - 3pm

Build a 'bug hotel' we will provide the timber and tools, please bring along your own materials to make the bug's house a home, such as; cardboard, leaves, twigs, loose bark, small crockery, broken plant pots, pebbles, bamboo canes, fir cones...

Volunteers needed! Please email Chris if you would be able to help out.

Organiser: Chris Sherwin 07931 928 695 or chris@marvellousdemon.com

Further information: Sam Kemp 020 8871 7017 or SKemp@wandsworth.gov.uk

Green Places: Update on our projects



Bramford Gardens

The large shady bed next to the community garden planted in November is doing well and is starting to fill out. The Hellebores were in flower over the winter and the Leucothoe provided crimson hues too. The

Acanthus mollis is doing particularly well. *Image from the garden*

Montefiore Gardens

The 'L' shaped bed planted in November with perennial bedding is doing well and should develop throughout the coming months and fill out with flowering plants. The bulbs that have remained along the fence line have looked good all spring providing lots of colour. Look out for the perennials quickly sprouting into life in the next few weeks. *Image not from the garden*



Heathbrook Park

The central island bed planted in March 2015 was a success over last summer but has suffered recently. Some damage to the shrubs and trees will mean that we will be replacing some of the shrubs to give it a chance to reach its potential. It should still look great this summer with lots of scented flowers. Keep an eye out for the long flowering Penstemon's that still have flowers in the autumn. *Image not from the park*

Fred Wells Gardens

The areas planted in November 2015 are doing well and have added interest to an otherwise bare part of the park. Along with the recently installed railings the new planting greatly improves this area of Fred Wells Gardens and hopefully it will thrive in this well loved local park.

Image from the garden



Wandsworth Park

The bed adjacent to the tennis court planted up in January will remain fenced off temporarily to give the plants a chance to establish. The bed was planted with a selection of Hebe's, Fatsia, and Berberis to give varied texture and colour. Groundcover plants Vinca and Waldsteinia have been planted under the tree canopy to try and provide colour in this bare patch. *Image not from the garden*

the garden

Coronation Gardens

Shrubs planted in November 2015 along northern boundary wall are doing well and promise to offer colour and interest throughout the summer. Watch out for the sweet smelling white flowers of the Philadelphus in early summer and the purple flowers of the lilac which are also highly scented. The plants will grow into a hedge along the whole 90 metre length in the next few years and will provide a natural habitat for animals and insects. *Image from the garden*



Latchmere Recreation Ground

The former tarmac area that was seeded to grass in October is flourishing and green. The area was reopened on the Thursday 24 March and consultation will follow to allow local people to help decide on further developments such as paths, seating and planting. *Image from the garden*

Furzedown Recreation Ground

The wildflower area that was installed in June 2015 is looking in good health after a slow start and should come to life and provide plenty of colour this spring and summer. There are already some flowers such as Self heal (*Prunella vulgaris*) and Ribwort plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*).

Image from the garden



Playground Updates

Swaby Garden

The junior playground will be refurbished and the toddler play area moved next to it. We will be seeking your votes on a large new playground structure for the centre of the playground, more information in the next newsletter.

Leaders Gardens

A new play garden will transform the shady grass area opposite the café. The new garden will focus on landscaping to form a natural area with an insect house, logs and planting.

Upper Tooting Park

In April we started to transform the toddler area into a larger play bus/climbing unit. Watch this space!



**The Wandsworth Common
Management Advisory Committee:**

Annual Public Meeting

All users of the Common are welcome to attend

Monday 20 June, 7pm

Naturescope (next to Skylark Café) Wandsworth Common SW18 3RT

**The Tooting Common
Management Advisory Committee:**

Annual Public Meeting

All users of the Common are welcome to attend

Tuesday 28 June, 7 - 9pm

St Anselms School, 19 Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS

BATTERSEA PARK DOG SHOW

2016

Sunday 19 June
Battersea Park
SW11 4NJ



Parks Summer Survey 2016

We want to know your thoughts about the parks you use in Wandsworth. Staff will be touring selected sites to hear your feedback. The survey will also be available online.

Over the summer, staff will spend time at each community park talking to you, to find out your views about your local park. Look out for the green feather banner!

The survey will also be online from 1 July to 30 September 2016. More details to follow nearer the time.



Falcon Park and Shillington Park
Latchmere Recreation Ground
Fred Wells Gardens

Thurs 9 June
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Wed 15 June

1 to 2pm
3.30 to 4.30pm
3.30 to 4.30pm

Harroway Gardens	Wed	15 June	5 to 5.30pm
Upper Tooting Park	Tues	21 June	3.30 to 4.30pm
Heathbrook Park	Thurs	30 June	3 to 4pm
Montefiore Gardens	Thurs	30 June	4 to 5pm
Garratt Lane Old Burial Ground	Tues	12 July	12.30 to 1.30pm
Garratt Green	Wed	13 July	3.30 to 4.30pm
Lavender Gardens	Wed	03 August	1 to 2pm
Putney Old Burial Ground	Wed	10 August	2 to 3pm
The Pleasance and Putney Park Lane	Wed	10 August	3.30 to 4.30pm
Swaby Gardens	Fri	19 August	10 to 11am
Godley Gardens	Fri	19 August	12 to 1pm
Coronation Gardens	Tues	23 August	1.30 to 2.30pm
Leader's Gardens	Tues	23 August	3 to 4pm
Garratt Park	Wed	31 August	1 to 2pm
Furzedown Recreation Ground	Wed	31 August	4 to 5pm
Fountain Recreation Ground	Tues	06 September	3 to 4pm
Tooting Gardens	Tues	06 September	2 to 3pm
York Gardens	Wed	07 September	12.30 to 1.30pm
Christchurch Gardens		to be confirmed	
Queenstown Green		to be confirmed	
Bramford Gardens		to be confirmed	
Wandsworth Park		to be confirmed	

Contact details:

Parks Police 07500 959 422 or 0208 871 7124

Parks Office (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) 0208 871 7530

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