



# Friends of Grangewood Park

Newsletter June 2012

## Picnic in the Park 2012

We hope you can join us on Sunday 22 July, 12 until 4pm, for our third 'Picnic in the Park'. Last year's event was a great success, with up to 400 people attending to enjoy an amazing free family fun day. As well as a mass picnic, as in previous years, we are planning many free activities for children and adults including story-telling, dancing, art activities, Run England workshops, drumming, drama, sports coaching, bowls session, a bug hunt, a dog show and a history walk. More information will be available on our website in due course [grangewood.btck.co.uk](http://grangewood.btck.co.uk)

All of this is possible because of the generosity of those who run the activities for free, and to the many volunteers who help to organise and run the day. We need help to run and organise activities, display signs and posters, deliver flyers, steward the event, run the tea and information stands, and general organisation on the day. If you can spare a few hours before and on the

day, or if you would like to run an activity, please contact us.

**But** the main thing is that you come along and bring your friends, family and neighbours (and picnic) to enjoy our lovely park!

## New secretary wanted

An organised, Grangewood Park enthusiast who can spare a couple of hours a month is needed. We have lots of ideas and plans but need a core of committed people to help take them forward. In particular, we need a new secretary for the FOGP committee. You would help organise and minute our monthly meetings as well as communicate with members. You would have a warm welcome from our friendly group. If you have the skills to help, or want to gain some new ones, please contact us.

## Midsummer 'day clean'

Our clean-ups are always popular and very satisfying! Please join us from 12-3pm, Sunday 8 July for the next litter pick to make the park look spick and span for the summer.

We will start at midday with a picnic lunch in the grassy area inside the playground, to allow you get to know your fellow Friends. Litter pick starts at 12.45 next to the rangers hut opposite the playground. We will also be asking people to take some flyers to deliver to your neighbours to raise awareness about the Friends group and Picnic in the Park.

Litter pickers, gloves and bags provided, but please bring your own lunch and drinks. All ages and abilities welcome.

We will also be doing some gardening to get ready to be judged on 10 July for the RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' scheme, which we have entered for the first time this year.

# NEXT EVENT

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Join us for our third Picnic in the Park. Giant picnic and free activities for everyone!

**Sunday 22 July 12-4pm**

## More News In Brief

### Welcome to Grangewood Bowling Club

The Bowling Club is a well-established and well-used resource in the park. We have finally formalised our relationship and it is now affiliated to the Friends, with a member co-opted onto the Committee. The Club has regular open sessions, including during the Picnic in the Park on 22 July, to allow people to try it out. Contact Bobbie and Dave Martin

[DaveMartin5E@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:DaveMartin5E@blueyonder.co.uk) for further information, or call into the Club.

### Safety and security in the park

Occasionally some park users are a nuisance to others or cause damage to the park. Recent incidents include damage to the playground equipment, especially swings, by dogs (dogs are not allowed in this area at any time), graffiti, people riding motor vehicles, and the usual littering and fly-tipping. Please help keep the park safe by reporting any incidents as follows:

#### **Non-emergency:**

- Please report any vandalism, anti-social behaviour or suspicious activity to the Thornton Heath Safer Neighbourhoods team on 020 8721 2058, or to the 24-hour non-emergency police number 101 to report less urgent crime and disorder or to speak to your local officers.
- Fly-tipping, litter, graffiti and general damage to the park: Croydon Council 020 8726 6000 or 'Report It' on [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

**Emergency:** always call 999.

Please let the Friends know if there are repeated problems – we have good relationships with the council and Safer Neighbourhood team and work with them to make Grangewood Park a safe place for everyone.

## Playground red alert

The playground is the heart of the park for those visitors with children. But the equipment is around 30 years old and will need replacing in the next couple of years. We want to apply for funding to replace and revamp the playground, expanding its appeal for older children up to 14 years old too.

So this is a call to arms for the Friends to ensure that our children have a fun, interesting and a safe playground to use. We need people to help with fundraising, deciding what we want in the playground, project management, tendering and communications. If you or anyone that you know might be able to help, or if you have any views about what should go in the playground, please contact us.

## Contact Us

We are always keen to hear the views of the Friends. If there is something you would like to see happen in the park, or if you can help us in anyway especially with events or projects listed above, please contact us.

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