



July-August 2013

Parking controls for Dulwich Park? Have your say – but hurry!

Southwark Council are currently carrying out a consultation on parking proposals for Dulwich Park. The proposals include:

- **Making the existing blue badge (disabled) bays mandatory**
- **Enforcing against dangerous or obstructive parking**
- **The Introduction of a 4 hour time limit for parking (except disabled bays)**



They are not proposing any parking charges. To view the proposed car park layout, visit:
http://www.southwark.gov.uk/download/9065/dulwich_park_car_park-layout

For further information and to complete our online questionnaire, visit:
http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200140/parking_projects/3121/dulwich_park_car_park/1

Responses are requested via the online questionnaire by **15 August 2013**. Local residents should also receive a hard copy notice. The Friends' stance is to support the first two proposals, but we do not see any justification for the third – it seems too limiting. Members are urged to send in their own thoughts direct to Southwark; but feel free to email the Friends with your views too: dulwichparkfriends@gmail.com

Dig the Park – Saturday 7th September, 10am-1pm

After an interlude in our monthly digs, we'll be resuming in September – probably with some lakeside planting in the so-called 'Peace Garden'. We'll confirm the project in our next

letter at the end of August. Come and join us for an enjoyable and constructive morning and meet some of your fellow park-lovers.

Meet outside the café - if you're late on the day, ring Trevor Moore on 07967 000546 to find out where we are.

The Commissioning of a new work for Dulwich Park (post-Hepworth)

This is the text of the posting on Southwark's website about the new work commission:



“Following the theft of the Barbara Hepworth sculpture from Dulwich Park in 2011, a steering group made up of Southwark Council representatives and members of Dulwich community groups and organisations was set up to oversee the commission of a new artwork for the park. The steering group has been working alongside the Contemporary Art Society, who were appointed to manage the artist commissioning process.

With their support commissioning principles were agreed and four artists have been shortlisted to develop design proposals for the new artwork, these artists are:

- Anya Gallaccio
- Ryan Gander
- Conrad Shawcross
- Eva Rothschild

New work consultation exhibition in September 2013

The four artists' proposals for the new art work will be available at a special exhibition open to the public held on:

Date: 14, 15 and 21, 22 September Time: From 11am to 5pm Location: Dulwich Park Francis Peek Centre, College Road, SE21

At the exhibition you will be able to view models, watch film and read artists' statements about the proposed works. You will then be able to comment on them. If you cannot attend the exhibition itself then you will be able to view the proposals on the website from the 14th of September 2013 and make comments on line.

There will only be one artwork for the park and the winning proposal will be decided by the Steering Group, taking into account public views given to us.”

New Head Gardener



Southwark and Quadron have appointed a new Head Gardener, Gerry Kelsey. He is a very experienced horticulturalist, having worked as Head Gardener at Arundel Castle Gardens and Thame Park Gardens and Park in Oxfordshire, The Royal Horticultural Society Torrington, Devon and in the Royal Parks. Our next newsletter will include an interview with him, highlighting his priorities for the park.

Rhododendrons

In the spring, the park contractor Quadron began a project aimed at controlling the growth of brambles, ferns, self-seeded Holm oaks and ivy from within the rhododendron plantations in the American Garden. Work halted to allow the nesting season to pass, but will resume in the next month.

However, there is one area in the central part of the Garden that will have to be left as it is, even though overrun with bindweed. This is because the particular bed is infected with *phytophthora cinnamomi*. *Phytophthora* species are microscopic, fungus-like organisms and the specific variety is soil-borne – hence the importance of not disturbing the soil in that area.



The rising sun catches the teazels in the conservation area

Dog Mess removal

Although the park has access to a dedicated cleaning facility for dog mess (amusingly called Faeces Intake and Disposal Operation – ‘FIDO’ for short), Friends may be interested to know that Southwark has set up a dedicated line for residents to call if they discover dog mess on the streets. That includes any mess outside the park, including the entrances. The number is 020 7525 5777. The aim is to respond within 48 hours, but in this hot weather let’s hope it’s quicker than that...

Free NHS health checks – ‘on the bus’

The NHS Outreach Nurses conduct a regular mobile health check service at Dulwich Park on most Sundays from 10.30am-3.30pm. The unit will park near the ‘island’ towards College Gate.

Francis Peek Centre Hall available for hire



The hall in the Francis Peek Center is for hire Monday to Sunday for Children’s Parties, Birthdays, Wedding receptions, repeat bookings available. Prices range from £28.50 to £75 per hour. Contact Paul Highman on 020 8693 0614 or email paul.highman@southwark.gov.uk for further details.

La Luna open air cinema

The programme of open-air cinema for the rest of this season is as follows:

26th August: *Pretty Woman*
8th September: *Argo*

5th September: *Django Unchained*
19th September: *This is Spinal Tap*

The showing of *Pretty Woman* will be preceded by a rare showing of the Friends’ short film in homage to Hepworth, called *The Empty Shoes* - worth seeing on the big screen, and still online at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkC1Y_CgYus .

See <http://www.thelunacinema.com/#/dulwich-park/4575739597> for ticket and other information.



Best wishes from your Committee. Feel free to contact us at any time about park-related matters at dulwichparkfriends@gmail.com