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## The Kiosk

*Still open for business!*

In order to keep the Kiosk and Playground open during the summer holidays, the contractors have agreed to keep that end of the Park open until September.



So make the most of the Kiosk's last few weeks before it shuts down to be transformed into a café! It is open nearly every day except Tuesdays, between 1pm and 5pm. Please do support the guys working in there.

## Volunteer Hours

One of the requirements of the HLF donation is that we keep a record of the number of hours spent by FoSJP volunteers.

We're keeping a record of committee members' hours (which averaged 20 hours per person in June), those volunteering in the Kiosk, and the various activities performed by the history volunteers, but if you spend time litter picking, or on any other activities that we might not have covered, please do contact **Theresa Bowen** on **07514.654709** and let her know.

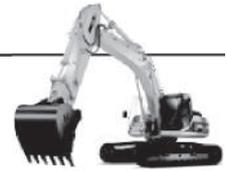


*Thank you!*

## PARK DEVELOPMENT

*Hurray! Work has finally started!*

Those of you who have passed by the Park in the last couple of weeks will have noticed that work has finally started on the new improvements.



In May, Southampton City Council (SCC) awarded the contract for the capital works to develop the Park to Graham Moyse Contractors Ltd. (GMC) of Fareham. GMC set up site in June, and officially began work on 12th July.

The FoSJP Committee has been working very closely with SCC, GMC, and landscape architects Cracknell, and although at times we've been very frustrated by the lack of progress, we're happy that work has now begun.

GMC are working hard with us to keep people informed of progress. You will have already received the first copy of their newsletter, either by email or by post. Please do take the time to read it each month, as it will keep you up to date with developments e.g. which areas will be out of bounds and when. Our website also has a comprehensive page showing timescales for the different phases of work.

People are naturally curious as to why construction work started so close to the summer holidays! Although this timing has some drawbacks, it does mean that much of the outdoor preparation work can be done during the best weather. If work were delayed until after Summer 2010 then this preparation work would almost certainly be held up by poor winter weather, and the 9-month programme would extend into Summer 2011.

Rest assured that the committee are working very hard to ensure that we get the best possible value for money, and create a park that Shirley can be proud of.

If you have any concerns or questions about how the development work is being done - especially anything related to Health & Safety - please contact **Debbie Morey**, GMC's Public Relations Liaison Officer, on **07545.503459** during normal office hours.



Should you see anything untoward happening on the construction site, please help us by contacting the emergency out of hours number: **023.8023.3344**.

*Please help us keep our Park safe for everyone!*

## Event Report

### *Easter SpEGGtacular!*

On Easter Monday, the Easter Bunny made a special appearance in St. James' Park. Easter bonnets were judged, trails followed, crafts made, and chocolate eaten! Much fun was had by the 400 or so people who joined in.



## History

### *Shirley Heritage Project*

The Shirley Heritage Project, headed up by Michaela Lawler-Levene, has been very busy since April, organising events such as a VE Day afternoon, a University Student Presentation, an historically-themed family walk led by historian Mary South, and historical displays at Shirley Schools Summer Fair and at a local street party.

Following the success of the earlier Public Talks that finished in March, another series is now planned for Autumn 2010 (see **Diary Dates**).

A new FoSJP Research Group has also been created which is open to anybody who'd like to help us research the history of the Park and its surrounding area. The group will

meet up again in the Autumn and will be supporting the forthcoming Public Talks, producing displays and educational materials. If you have any old photographs of the Park that you think might be of interest to us, the Research Group would love to hear from you.

If you'd like to be involved or can contribute in any way, please contact Michaela at [history@fosjp.org.uk](mailto:history@fosjp.org.uk).

*Keep an eye on the history pages of the website for more information and look out for the Autumn edition of the next Shirley Heritage Project newsletter.*

## Jamie's Playtime

### *Summer 2010 Season*

Jamie's Playtime has returned once again to St. James' Park this summer, providing a series of free activities for children aged 0-5 years on Monday afternoons (2pm to 4pm) from 12th July to 23rd August.

Jamie's Playtime is organised by **Sure Start** with help from FoSJP, local parents, and health professionals. Themes for this year's sessions include "Music Time" and "Amazing Snacks", among others.

For more information, please ring David Curl from **Sure Start** on **07766.998537** or see the Jamie's Playtime page on our website, which includes details of all the planned sessions.



## Grants

We are very pleased to announce that we have recently been awarded two generous grants.



### *Sport Relief*

Sport Relief has given us £1000 to spend on sports equipment such as basketballs, tennis racquets, and football posts. These will be available to borrow from the new café once all work in the Park is completed.

### *DP World Southampton*

We are also very grateful indeed to **DP World Southampton**, the container port operator, who have very generously given us **£20,000** after a FoSJP member who's also a DP World employee heard that there was a shortfall in money for the café. This money will be used to fit out a commercial catering kitchen, providing the opportunity to help transform the lives of disadvantaged people by giving them confidence-building skills through helping to run the café as a business.

## Start in the Park!

On 10th July, a lunchtime ceremony was held in the Park to celebrate work starting on the restoration and improvement of St. James' Park.



Visitors to the Park enjoyed a Hog Roast that was kindly provided by our contractors **Graham Moyse Contractors Ltd**, and children enjoyed making badges and meeting Ivor Goodsite whose role is to promote safe behaviour on construction sites.

## Diary Dates

Sunday 3rd October,  
Sunday 7th November,  
Sunday 5th December  
**Public History Talks**  
*Shirley Parish Hall, 3pm - 5pm*

*Keep an eye on the website for up-to-date information.*