

FOSJP Newsletter

Issue 1

May 2006

Welcome and thank you.....

...for becoming a "Friend of St. James' Park" (FOSJP).

The launch of the Friends group on 30th April was a great success and we now have a membership of 350, the largest group of its type in Southampton!

The overall aim of FOSJP is to work towards creating a park which will best serve the various needs of our community, and to help achieve this we asked for **your** views and opinions. Over 400 questionnaires have been completed and early indications show the renovation of the toilet block and reinstating the toilet facilities are your top priority. The questionnaires are now being independently analysed and we hope to bring you the full results with the next newsletter.

What has been achieved so far?

- Established a good working relationship with Southampton City Council (SCC).
- Written and published a constitution.
- Elected a management committee (see over).
- Become members of 'Southampton Voluntary Services'.
- Submitted a pre-application to the 'Heritage Lottery Fund'.
- Carried out a structural survey of the toilet block.
- Installed secure access and basic amenities in the toilet block.
- Decorated and cleaned areas of the toilet block.
- Launched the Friends group on 30th April.



The Launch at the Noise event.



Volunteers decorating.

St James Park Reminiscence Day

Saturday 27th May
11:00am-3:00pm

at
St James Church Hall
St James Road
Shirley

Come along anytime throughout the day to reminisce and to share your memories.



We would love to see any photographs or newspaper cuttings about the park and, with your permission, store a digital recording of them.

Refreshments available.

Please phone 023 8067 1921 for more information.



The next steps:

- Host a 'Reminiscence Day' (see opposite) as part of the consultation process in developing the park.
- Open a small scale café with toilet access by the summer holidays, run on a voluntary basis.
- Proceed with the next stage of applying for a grant from the 'Heritage Lottery Fund'.
- Keep the membership informed and involved!

YOUR COMMITTEE;	
Chair	Nichola Caveney
Vice Chair	Mike Smith
Secretary	Sophie Carrington
Assistant Secretary	Martin Caveney
Treasurer	Theresa Bowen
Assistant Treasurer	Victoria Horne
Membership	Trudie Smith
Member	Johnny Carrington
Member	Casey Sewell



Information, questionnaires and membership at the FOSJP launch.

Thank you....

The committee would like to thank the following for all their support so far this year;

- Southampton City Council, Parks & Open Spaces department have provided tremendous support and invaluable guidance.
- All those who helped make the 'Noise' event and the launch of FOSJP on 30th April at the park such a success.
- Southampton Voluntary Services for their excellent advice, training, and a grant of £200.
- Two anonymous donations totalling £1500.

Lost and Found;

A Key (bike lock type) with distinctive key ring attached was found at the park on Sunday 30th April, to claim - call Nichola on 8077 6761.

We need your help!

Can you spare a couple of hours a month to help us with our aims?

- We will need volunteers to help run the **café** in the summer – please call Victoria on 80788230.
- We would like a **logo**, something that will represent the park and all it stands for. Anyone of any age can have go at this – please call Nichola on 80776761 for more information.
- Can you construct a **website**? We want to communicate and promote the FOSJP in as many ways as possible – please call Martin on 80776761.
- **Administrative** and **editorial** help, for example, in producing a Newsletter or using a MS Access Database - please call Martin on 80776761.

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Drummers and story telling were all part of the fun at the Noise event.

*Please note that your membership
is valid until 1st April 2007.*