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Tee in the Park!

Saturday 5th July 2.00pm - 5.00pm

On Saturday 5th July, we're holding our next event. There'll be a crazy golf course for you to show off your golf skills, marionette puppets, face painting, story telling, decorate your own T-shirt, and much more - all to be washed down with a cream tea and homemade cakes!



Keep checking the website and watch out for posters and leaflets for more information, and start practising your putting!

Litter Picking



*Saturday 6th September
9.30am - 10.30am*

Come and join us to tidy up the Park, ready for Autumn - followed by coffee and cookies!

Breathing Places

You may have noticed that part of the banks by Winchester Road have been dug up: these have been sown with a variety of native wildflower seeds, such as Ox-Eye Daisies, Cowslips, Buttercups, and St. John's Wort. In the autumn, more plants will be added.

This is just one of several improvements planned to turn the Park into an official **BBC Breathing Place** (in line with the award that we won last year). Other changes soon to appear in the Park will include bird and bat boxes, and new signage showing the variety of flora and fauna in the Park.



Many thanks to the **Southampton District Bird Group** who carried out a survey of birds in and around the Park on 14th April. The results were both surprising and heartening, as they included, amongst others, herons and a buzzard which could be seen from the Park. For more information, check out the website!



Volunteers helping to plant and water wildflower seeds on Sunday 11th May



HLF Bid

At the end of March, a Stage 1 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund was submitted for the Parks for People award for St. James' Park for approximately £1.5 million. We know that five other parks have also submitted applications, but we don't know how much their bids were for, or how much money is being made available.

We should know whether we're successful by September - if so, then we need to submit Stage 2 applications which contain finer detail. Work could only begin in the Park when those have been agreed; we'd hope to have this work completed by 2010.

Fingers crossed!



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Parish, Paupers and Poo!

For four nights in May, the Sarah Siddons Fan Club presented **Parish, Paupers, and Poo!**, an improvised historical dramatic performance, around the Park and the local area.

They were enjoyable and informative evenings, with actors in period costume appearing from behind buildings and bushes to send audiences back in time to recreate various key people and events in Shirley's history.



Much fun was had by all!

AGM

The second **Annual General Meeting** of FoSJP, held at the Bellemoor School Business Centre on Wednesday 7th May, was an enjoyable and relatively brief evening complete with visual presentations of the Friends' achievements and an explanation of the lottery bid by Helen Mills from **Southampton City Council**. The re-election of Committee officers was passed unanimously and a new slightly altered constitution was agreed (see the website for the updated version).

Thank you to all the members and our local Police Community Support Officers who attended, and we hope you enjoyed the chat afterwards whilst sipping a glass of wine!

Membership

Since April, many of our existing memberships have expired. We're very keen on all memberships being renewed, so that we can show that the community still supports the Park and its improvements.

Thank you to all those who've become Life Members - just £20 for family membership - you've secured your membership and support without the hassle of rejoining every year - and have also saved our Membership Secretary the hassle of chasing up your subscription!

If you'd like to renew your membership, or if you're not sure what type of membership you have, then please call:

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Many thanks for your continued support - we couldn't do any of this without you!

Diary Dates

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Tee in the Park
2.00pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 6th September
Litter Picking
9.30am - 10.30am

Saturday 18th October
Bat Event!



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