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The Kiosk

*Open daily throughout Summer
11am - 5pm, seven days a week*

We now have a part-time Kiosk Manager, so the Kiosk has been better stocked and open more regularly since Easter. We'll be employing students in the Kiosk over the Summer, so that we can guarantee regular opening times throughout the holidays.

If you haven't yet tried the delicious range of locally-produced Jude's ice creams, why not get down to the Park and try one (or two!) of the flavours on offer:

*Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla,
Hokey-Pokey (honeycomb), Ginger,
White Chocolate*



Love Parks Week

Saturday 25th July to Sunday 2nd August



Don't forget to visit the Park during Love Parks Week!

More information on this initiative can be found at:

www.loveparksweek.org.uk

The Big Lunch

*"One Park - One Lunch - One Community"
Sunday 19th July 12.30pm*

We're planning to replace the cancelled "Afternoon Tea in the Park" event (see apology below) by joining with the national "Big Lunch" project (www.thebiglunch.com) where the local community is invited to "bring and share" a lunch.

FoSJP is joining forces with neighbours of the Park to have a fun-filled lunch in the Park. We've also arranged music and some games: why not bring along your guitar, bongo drums, or spoons and join in the fun? Just remember to bring a plate or two of food to share, and have fun meeting your neighbours!



For more information, call Martin on 023 8077 6761.

Heritage Lottery Fund

Fingers crossed for September...

The second stage application has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund; we should hear in September that we have won the final award.

Meanwhile, the FoSJP committee is busy investigating the different options involved in running the café and building as a social enterprise. If you have any experience in this field, and in particular could offer us some legal advice, we would be really grateful: please email Nicky on friendsSJP@aol.com.



An Apology

"Afternoon Tea in the Park" event CANCELLED

Unfortunately we had to cancel this event as it clashed with the Scout Fête in the Park on the same day. We're sorry for any inconvenience caused: please come along to our Big Lunch event instead (see above), on the following weekend.

Please still visit the Park on Saturday 11th July if you can, and support the Scouts!

Breathing Places

Signage

Look out for the new signage which has just been installed in the Park. Two signs have been put up next to the bank adjacent to Winchester Road: “Marvellous Minibeasts” and “Terrific Trees”.



Eventually, we hope to have two more signs: “Wings in the Park” and “Wonderful Wildflowers”, but at £2000 each we’ll have to keep our eyes open for more grants...!

Bird Boxes

We’re happy to tell you that we had residents this spring in our bird box that was fitted with a web cam. A pair of great tits produced six chicks and they fledged at the end of May.



Their story can be seen in a series of videos on the Breathing Places page on our website.

Bat Walks

Martin Caveney and Johnny Carrington from FoSJP will be leading some informal bat walks around the Park in August and September. These are for FoSJP members only, and only limited spaces are available.



If you’re interested in joining them on either Saturday 15th August or Friday 18th September, please book your place with them at friendssjp@aol.com or ring Martin on 023 8077 6761.

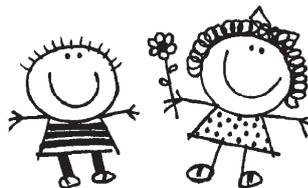


Jamie’s Playtime

Back by popular demand!

Now in its third year, Jamie’s Playtime returns once again to St.James’ Park this summer, providing a series of free activities for children aged 0-5 years on Monday afternoons from 13th July to 24th August.

This year, Jamie’s Playtime is being organised by SureStart with help from FoSJP, local parents, and health professionals. Themes for the sessions include “Fun in the Sun” and “Green Balloon Club”.



For more information, please ring:

Rebecca Kinge on 023 8052 8123

or see the Jamie’s Playtime page on our website, which includes details of all the planned sessions.

Park History

A special report from budding young FoSJP reporter Abigail Caveney (age 9)



Railway Puzzle Solved

Local historians disagree

At last the mystery of whether or not a railway was to go through St.James’ Park has been solved.

In 1881, plans were designed for a railway to be built but it never happened! Local historians have disagreed about the exact location of the proposed railway from Winchester to Southampton.

The Missing Link

On Wednesday 20th May, Michaela Lawler-Levene, History Co-ordinator of Friends of St.James’ Park, was given a map showing the proposed route. It would not have gone through St.James’ Park. It would have gone beside the Shirley Junior School playground!

Just think - pupils could have waved at the trains at playtime!

[Editor’s note: Look out for the 1881 map on the website soon.]

Diary Dates

~~Saturday 11th July~~

~~Afternoon Tea in the Park~~
~~CANCELLED~~

Monday 13th July

Jamie’s Playtime

First session of 7
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Sunday 19th July

The Big Lunch

from 12.30pm

Saturday 15th August &

Friday 18th September

FoSJP Bat Walks

(times to be confirmed)

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