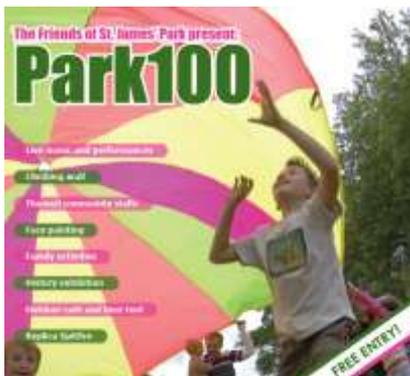


# FoSJP Newsletter

## Friends of St James' Park

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## Park100 – Fun for everyone

Centenary Celebrations - Saturday 7th July 2007 12:00pm - 9:00pm

St. James' Park is 100 years old this year and to mark this special anniversary, we plan to put on a day celebrating the Park's history, heritage, and people. It promises to be a fantastic day of fun events and entertainment for the people of Shirley to remember in years to come!

Called Park100, our event will feature themed stalls based on different decades of the 20th Century, a replica Spitfire, a climbing wall, face painting, a Local History exhibition, and many other family activities.

Live music will feature throughout the day. In the afternoon, local schools and societies will be performing music and dance from the last ten decades; in the evening, local bands will take to the stage. Refreshments will be available throughout the day; there will be an outdoor cafe and a beer tent.

*There should be something for everybody - so come along and help us celebrate 100 years of St. James' Park in the Shirley community! More details can be found on our website: [www.fosjp.org.uk](http://www.fosjp.org.uk)*

*Why not join in the fun by volunteering an hour or two of your time, we have already had a great response but still need more people to help. If you are interested, please call Nichola on 8077 6761. Thank you.*

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## Art in the Park

On Saturday 24th March 2007, with the help of FoSJP volunteers, over 130 people enjoyed the creative activities at Art in the Park to celebrate the coming of Spring.

The weather was crisp and sunny, which created a great backdrop for the outdoor still life paintings, the natural collage work, and the chalk drawings of things associated with the park. Several children had their face painted with delicate flowers and native trees found in the park.

Inside, paper sculptures and minibeasts bookmarks were busily being made, along with paper collages of plants and flowers.

Thanks go to all the Friends who helped to make Art in the Park so much fun: helpers and participants alike. It was great to see adults and children getting stuck in. Many people made the comment that this event was a really good idea which helped to create a Park community, which is what FoSJP is all about.

## First Birthday Party

On Sunday 6th May 2007 FoSJP celebrated its first birthday in style, with Morris Dancers, a Marionette show, storytelling sessions, a mobile climbing wall, traditional games, parachute games, and face painting among the many attractions during an afternoon at the park. Guests had a chance to record their memories of the park on video, with the help of the Southampton University History Society. This was a real success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Breathing Places – we won!

News just in, we have been successful in our application for a *Breathing Places* grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

You may have heard about this particular scheme whilst watching Spring Watch on the BBC. Bill Oddie and the team have been promoting places for wildlife, or the setting up of them, all over the country, large and small, urban and rural. We thought some of the spaces in St. James' park could be set aside for plants that are more native to Hampshire, and encourage more wildlife to the area.

We plan to put up bird, bee, and bat boxes with cameras to watch all the action, transform the bank bordering Winchester Road into a wildflower meadow, create a low maintenance wildlife border, and set up interpretation boards to guide and educate park users.



## More money from the Lottery?

With the help of Southampton City Council, we have won a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to appoint consultants to help us apply for the larger *Parks for People* grant, which is specifically aimed at the park's overall improvement. After a selection process involving FoSJP, the City Council and three prospective consultants, a group named *Park Life* won the job.

Many of you were very interested in the improvement of the park and completed a questionnaire when we first started FoSJP - all of your comments will be taken into consideration as ideas and proposals are formulated. This is a very positive development with which all the FoSJP committee is involved.

If you have access to the Web it's certainly worth having a look at the *Park Life* website; [www.parklifelondon.com/home](http://www.parklifelondon.com/home), and they will be at Park100 wanting to know your views for your park's future.

If you would like to know more, or get involved with any of the above grants, please call Martin Caveney on 80 776761 or e-mail [FriendsSJP@aol.com](mailto:FriendsSJP@aol.com)



## AGM – Achievements, Chat, & Wine

The first *Annual General Meeting* of FoSJP held at the Bellemoor School Business Centre on **Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>** was an enjoyable and relatively brief evening complete with visual presentations of the Friends achievements and a much appreciated appraisal of the Friends and the future of the park from Jon Dyer Slade, SCC Parks and Open Spaces Manager. It was very encouraging to see how much has been achieved in the first year and the re-election of Committee officers was passed unanimously. Thank you to all the members who attended, and we hope you enjoyed the chat afterwards whilst sipping a glass of wine!

**And finally;**

*Please can you help in Park100's success by distributing the enclosed flyers to your neighbours', friends, and work places. Thank you.*

**See you in the park Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>!**

Your committee;	
Chair	Nichola Caveney
Vice Chair	Mike Smith
Secretary	Martin Caveney
Treasurer	Theresa Bowen
Press Officer	Michaela Lawler-Levene
Membership	Trudie Smith
Member	Helen Hazlewood
Member	Johnny Carrington
Member	Casey Sewell