

## South Park Gardens

As you may have heard, the Gardens are due to close in mid-November to enable the major restoration works to be carried out. As all the paths will be dug up and re-laid with resin-bonded gravel, this is the most cost-effective and safest course of action.

As soon as the contractors are appointed we will begin discussions with them about whether it is possible to keep any part of the Gardens open, while work continues in another part, but health and safety issues may mean this is not possible.

However, it will be part of the brief for the contractors to keep us all up to date with their progress and so regular updates will be available through the new website, which will be up and running soon.

The contractors will also organise open days so that park users can come in and see what is being done and how the Gardens are being restored.

## Fundraising Dinner at the Bookfest



We are delighted to welcome Jay Rayner, the restaurant and food critic of the Observer to our fundraising dinner on Saturday 11th October. He will be presiding over the special hog roast

dinner courtesy of Robert & Edwards, organic butchers based in Leopold Road, with salads and desserts provided by the Friends of South Park Gardens. All the food is local and delicious and the whole event is environmentally friendly with bamboo plates and potato starch cutlery which are bio-degradable and plastic glasses which are all recyclable.



Tickets cost only £20 from 020 8543 4888.

## Bookfest

Tickets are selling fast for the Wimbledon Bookfest and especially the events in South Park Gardens. If you would like to see Joe Swift from BBC's Gardeners' World, ace cookery writer Sophie Braimbridge, script writers Michael Crompton and David Woods and Nick Barratt from BBC's Who do you think you are, 'phone the box office hotline on: 020 8543 4888.

For further details go to the website [www.wimbledonbookfest.org](http://www.wimbledonbookfest.org)



Bookfest – 13/14 October

## Fireworks & Bonfire Party – Saturday 8 November

Remember, remember to get your tickets for the Fireworks & Bonfire Party on Saturday 8 November. It is a friendly, small-scale event designed to appeal to families. We will be using low noise fireworks to make the event especially popular with younger children and those nervous of loud bangs. We will of course have our famous mulled wine, barbecued sausages and burgers, glow sticks and homemade cakes and sweets.

Wood needed: we will need donations of wood to help us build our bonfire. If you have any real wood to spare (not chipboard) or, even better, if you know where you can get surplus pallets (these burn really well) from local factories, industrial estates etc, just bring it to the Gardeners' compound on either of the 2 weekends before 8th Nov. or ring Jil Hall to arrange a time on 020 8542 0638.

## Teddy Bears' Picnic

After having to postpone this event from 9th to 16th July, we finally had a glorious day for the teddies and their owners. Many teddies came in homemade sunhats and their was stiff competition to judge the best ones. Children enjoyed doing the teddy tombola, having their faces painted and creating pictures at the craft stall. We also managed to raise £100 for TLC – Teddies for Loving Care – a charity providing cuddly toys to children in hospital.



## Feedback Form

Please send to Park House, 66 Kings Road, Wimbledon SW19 8QW



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I'd like to help at the bookfest - 11/12 October

I'd like to help at the fireworks and Bonfire Party 8 November

I'd like to become a Friend of South Park Gardens

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