

Here we are approaching the end of 2011, and what an immensely busy (and we think successful) year in the Park it has been. Just to remind you about some of the things we have achieved this year:--

- Brand new playground with a wonderful opening event for all the family, thanks to the generosity of The Chislehurst Society and the support of the London Borough of Bromley
- Additional equipment added for toddlers
- A stunning circular tree seat installed in the new playground thanks to the very generous donations of so many of our members and the Rotary Club of Chislehurst
- Lots of workdays, tidying up of the park, planting (look out for the primroses and daffodils next Spring!), laying woodchip on the paths, and endless litter picking
- Fantastic events - who can forget our inaugural Chislehurst Rocks in September when we were blessed not only with fantastic entertainment, but wonderful weather too? Also our Spring Fayre with a petting farm was very well attended and enjoyed. In addition Waitrose supported us on a Healthy Eating for Kids event.
- We were awarded the London in Bloom It's Your Neighbourhood with "Thriving " status, just a few points off Outstanding. See our certificate in the Library or copies on our boards. We have also been entered for a **People for Parks Award**, as well as a **Safer Bromley Partnership Award** by The Chislehurst Society. Fingers crossed!

So what do we have in store for 2012? In a word - lots!!

- Having secured grant funding for a Trim Trail, this will be installed in the Spring, with a grand opening event to follow - probably on Easter Monday, 9th April.
- The park will be rocking again with another Chislehurst Rocks - date to be confirmed asap.
- We are hoping to host a Country Fayre in September - details to follow but we welcome your ideas as to what to do!
- We shall be continuing the transformation of the circular pathed area. Come and get involved! Do you have any suitable shrubs you could donate to plant in this area? Contact us now to make your pledge!
- And of course we shall be having lots of our "Make a Mark on the Park" days, when we shall be planting, tidying, pruning, putting woodchip on paths, litter picking etc. The first one is **Tuesday, 3rd January at 10.30**. So if you are not back at work, come and blow the winter cobwebs away and get fit by joining us! Children are very welcome.
- On the subject of pruning, we have permission to prune the shrubs by the tennis court. So if you are an expert in this area, please do give us the benefit of your knowledge. We are also hoping to plant up the gaps in the Spring.

- Our AGM will be in March - confirmation of date to follow.

A HUGE plea - We urgently need volunteers to help us put our events together, particularly Chislehurst Rocks. Can you spare some time? We are only a very small committee and need all the help we can get to share the load! An event like this is hugely rewarding to get involved in. You don't need any expertise just enthusiasm and a willingness to put something into our community. Please do support us or pass this on to anyone who you think might be interested. We welcome all ages, including teenagers/young people - this might be useful for their cv and we would be happy to provide references for any potential employers.

Other news:

Snow Friends - FOCRG has signed up for this LBB initiative and taken delivery of snow shovels and grit/salt. In the event of snow, we shall be sending out an email asking if you would like to get involved in snow clearance on the roads around the park and the main path through it that was treacherous last winter. Please also feel free to call Alison Stammers (07881 55 18 19).

Cotswold Discount Card - we have secured a 10% discount off purchases at Cotswold (nearest store at the Nugent Estate) for all Friends. To get your card, please send an SAE to Alison Stammers, 3 Willow Vale, Chislehurst, BR7 5DF marked Cotswold, and it will be put straight in the post for you. You can also get the discount on your online shopping - use code AF-BCTP-A4

Do you fancy a game of tennis in the Rec? - You are welcome to play for just £5 a session on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday mornings, 10 am to noon. Bring a friend or join in with club members. Junior sessions for beginners on Saturdays at 10am; adult beginners by arrangement - email cltc.tennis@gmail.com; mobile 07754 089280; website www.chislehursttennis.org.uk

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the park soon!

Kind regards

Friends of Chislehurst & Walden Recreation Grounds Committee -
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