

# FROM THE PARK BENCH



Spring newsletter 2009

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## Back in the Bandstand!

The Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground will again be hosting a music event at the bandstand on **Sunday 24 May**. Come and spend the afternoon with us and the **Crystal Palace Brass Band**. Once again there will be **children's entertainment** and the ever popular **Punch & Judy** show during the interval. Why not **bring a picnic** and make an afternoon of it? **The fun starts at 2pm.**



## Dates for your diary

May	May Queen Crowning	Saturday 2nd
	Back in the Bandstand	Sunday 24th
June	World Environment Day – Big Tidy Up	Friday 5th
	Beckenham and West Wickham Lions fete	Saturday 20th
September	Family Show	Saturday 12th / September 13th
	Back in the Bandstand - part two	Sunday 20th
October	Friends Croydon Road Rec AGM	Wednesday 28th
November	Fireworks display	Saturday 7th

## World Environment Day 2009

The Friends invite you to join us on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June after school or on your way home from work to help tidy our park. Throughout the country Big Tidy Up volunteers are helping to bring about positive and lasting improvements to their local area by taking part in a tidy up event. The Big Tidy Up is promoted the Keep Britain Tidy campaign.



## Fresh ideas

Over the last few years we have worked successfully with the Council, their contractors and other local organisations, such as Bromley PCT, English Landscapes, Beckenham Bowls [check], Seymour Villas Football Club, Beckenham Round Table and many others. The park looks wonderful and we have some great activities and events put on every year, but what we want more - new and innovative ideas. We want fresh opportunities to work with new partners. It doesn't matter what it is, we promise to try and see if it'll work. Please contact our Chairman, Stephen Tickner on 07950 391 677, via e-mail [stephentickner@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephentickner@yahoo.co.uk) or look at the website [www.becrec.net](http://www.becrec.net)

## Membership

Our membership continues to flourish - we are now 62 strong and growing, but we want more! The Friends and the other park groups help to make the park that little extra bit special. The Council will always cut the grass and empty the bins, but we can do so much more. We need your help, whether its practical or financial, every hour and pound really can make a difference. We want to be even bigger and better, so if you can write or deliver or pick or plant, every little action really does help. Please complete the membership form overleaf and join the Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground.

## Park maintenance and improvements

Over the last few months you will have seen the team from English Landscapes working hard replanting and preparing for the Summer Season. We've also had a lot of work done by other divisions within the Council including, works to limit vehicle movements onsite, the clearance of the area just outside the boundary fence by Shaftesbury Road and the permanent repair and reinstatement of the paddling pool surface.

At the time of writing, we are due to receive a number of new trees from the Arboriculture [Tree] team and their contractors Gristwood and Toms and additional seating in and around the play area from the Parks Infrastructure team.

## New oak marks Scout centenary

You may have seen this on the NewsShopper website. A young oak tree was planted in a recreation ground in Beckenham to help mark the centenary of the scouting movement. The Beckenham District Cub Scouts got their hands dirty and helped plant the sapling in Croydon Road Recreation Ground in Beckenham, on March 14. Youngsters were joined by the Mayor of Bromley's consort, Martyn (corr) Reddin to celebrate 100 years of scouting. Scout leader Stephen Tickner said: "This was part of a series of events that have taken place over the previous twelve months to mark an event that happened a little over a 100 years ago when Robert Baden-Powell took a small group of boys camping. "I think it's brilliant that the Beckenham District Cub Scouts were able to work with Bromley Council and plant a tree in our local park."



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Join the Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground. Complete the form as best you can and return it with payment, cheques made payable to the Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground, to Sarah Phillips, Membership Secretary, 19 Clock House Road, Beckenham, BR3 4JS

Membership fee: Individual £3.00 Family £5.00 Organisation £10.00

Name .....

Address ..... Postcode .....

Telephone: ..... (home) ..... (mobile)

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I can help:  Practical tasks, such as, environmental tasks, repairs, event setup/clear-up, etc.

Administrative tasks, such as, activity planning, newsletter distribution, etc.