

# FROM THE PARK BENCH



Summer newsletter 2009

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## Welcome Adelphi Rhode

What a great afternoon we had in May. It was great having a brass band back in the bandstand once again.

The Friends are pleased to be hosting another musical event on Sunday 20 September, a duo called Adelphi Rhode (pictured right) along with the popular children's entertainers, Mr Bonkers and Punch & Judy shows.

Tell your friends and neighbours or why not bring a picnic and make an afternoon of it? The fun starts at 2pm.



## Dates for your diary

### 2009

September	Family Fun Show	Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th
	Music in the bandstand 2009, part 2	Sunday 20th
October	The Friends Annual General Meeting	Thursday 22nd
November	Fireworks display	Saturday 7th

### Provisional dates for 2010

May	Music in the bandstand 2010, part 1	Sunday 30th
June	Big Tidy on World Environment Day	Saturday 5th
July	Members summer social	Wednesday 14th
August	Postal balloon flight anniversary	Sunday 8th
September	Music in the bandstand 2010, part 2	Sunday 18th
October	Friends of Croydon Road AGM	

## News

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 22 October 2009 at the Beckenham Methodist Hall, Bromley Road, Beckenham at 7.30pm. Be entertained by a film of Beckenham's past – Beckenham Remembered. Come and meet the committee and your fellow members. Look back at the year gone by and help set us on the path for the next 12 months.

### Big Tidy event

Now you might have thought "this park doesn't need tidying". Then you would have been surprised we managed to retrieve bags of rubbish from the undergrowth and park borders. Our first event was a great start, but we can do more. We will be hosting another event on World Environment Day 2010 to do our bit to make our park a little cleaner and greener.

# Future

## What do you want?

We hope you have noticed we are planning for next year already including the resurrection of the members social and a new event based around balloon flights. We are always looking for fresh opportunities to host events and work with new partners. It doesn't matter what it is, we promise to try and see if it'll work.

## Money, money, money

To sustain our ability to host events and who knows, maybe even expand our repertoire in the future, we need to plan financially. We currently rely on membership subscriptions, contributions from the Beckenham Beacon and the parks department, along with the odd grant, but we can not guarantee these will continue indefinitely. How can we generate money? Would you pay to attend events? Increase subscriptions? If we had a single membership rate of £7 per household would you continue to renew your subscription? Local shops and businesses, would you fill a collecting tin for us? As a community organisation we have access to funding streams not available to the Council, would you help us apply? These are just a few suggestions for discussion. Please let us know your thoughts and ideas.

## Committee

We know what you're thinking, I don't have time, I'm too busy, I don't like committees, I've never been on a committee – well whatever you've heard, none of it's true when talking about the Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground. We're a small group of people of different ages and backgrounds just with a common wish - to enhance Croydon Road Recreation Ground in any way we can. We need more representatives and help running the group. The committee meets just four times a year in January, April, July and October at the AGM. Want to know more, come and have a chat at the AGM on Thursday 22nd October.

## Contact

If you ever want to contact the Friends for any reason look at our website [www.becrec.net](http://www.becrec.net) or e-mail the chair, Stephen Tickner [stephentickner@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephentickner@yahoo.co.uk)

# 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 it's 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.

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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 .....

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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.