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NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF CATOR PARK AND ALEXANDRA RECREATION GROUND

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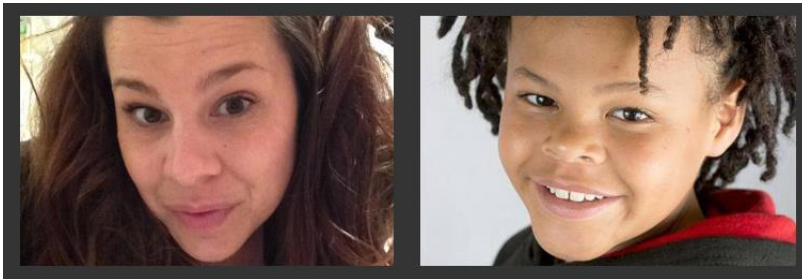
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Parks Update

Dear Friends welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter.

We are delighted to update you that the Friends of the park, through a crowdfunding appeal, have raised £2250 with which we will install a new park bench and the planting of two trees in Alex. Rec. in memory of Makayah Mc Dermott and Rosie Cooper, victims of the Lennard Road car crash last August.



Many thanks to all individuals who donated so generously and to local groups including Alexandra Junior School and Penge Cycle Club. A Family Fun Yoga session led by Noreen Carr will take place later on 6th August.

The bench will be installed in August

and the trees planted in November. A brief installation ceremony for the bench will be held and all those who contributed will be notified of the date when we know it. All are welcome to attend.

We are also happy to report that Id Verde have installed a new picnic bench in the pool area which replaces the one that was taken away last year.

The Friends have worked closely with Penny Read, Parks Community Officer and Id Verde, to ensure the pool opens this summer. The paddling pool is now up and running, having been repaired and partially repainted. Please note that all wheeled vehicles – i.e. bicycles and scooters should not be used in the pool area - unfortunately these have contributed to the disrepair of the pool which is not built to withstand their use! We hope you and your families all enjoy a splash about this summer!

We are exploring the options for ongoing refurbishment or redevelopment of the paddling pool. We are initially canvassing residents on their views. Please see our website or Facebook page for further information.

Up and Coming Events:

Music in the Park: Sunday July 30 at 3.00pm. Alex Rec with the Beckenham Concert Band. Bring family, friends and a picnic!

Gardening Party – light pruning & weeding: Park House Borders at Alexandra Rec: 12th & 19th August. 10-12am. Meet by water fountain / Cator Park: 5th August, 2nd Sept. Meet by central notice board

Coffee & Cake in the Park: Sunday 10th September, 10 am to 2pm - Come and enjoy delicious homemade cakes whilst you take a walk through Cator Park. All donations go to the Friends.

AGM: Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm- Our annual meeting will be held in Holy Trinity Church Hall with representatives from Bromley council parks dept. Come and share your views and hear our plans for 2018.

Bulb Planting: November - This year we hope to plant daffodils, crocuses, bluebells, tulips and snowdrops. There will be a callout for volunteers for dates for both parks once we know the arrival date of the bulbs.

Autumn Bat Walk: Tuesday 3rd October at 6.30pm- Local expert Ishpi Blatchley will guide us round the park with Bat Detectors: Meet by the central notice board in Cator Park. Please bring a torch and wear comfortable shoes.

Autumn Tree Walk: November - Julian Fowgies- Tree officer with Bromley council resident expert will lead our tree walk: Meet by the central notice board in Cator Park.

Carols in the Park: Sunday 3rd December at 3pm. Do join us to sing carols and partake of mulled wine and mince pies afterwards in Holy Trinity Church Hall. Himalayan Kitchen will be supporting us again this year and there will be a cake stall and a raffle to add to the festive spirit.

Useful Contacts

Park Security - Security in our parks is managed by Ward Security, please contact them on 0845 847 6180 if you need assistance in the parks.

Id Verde - are contracted to carry out park grounds maintenance and look after all the parks and open spaces throughout the borough. Call them on 020 8313 4438.

Fix my Street –Please report any graffiti, litter or broken fences etc. at www.fixmystreet.com



Membership for Cator Park and Alexandra Recreation Ground

Cator Park and Alexandra Rec. are the local parks for the BR3, SE20 & SE26 areas and as such have touched the lives of many people over the years, not only local residents and their families but also visitors who walk and cycle along the Green Chain Walk that link both our parks.

We are looking to grow our membership to help us engage with all park users and to encourage and promote the use of the parks. The annual subscription supports many park activities including guided seasonal walks, evening bat walks and concerts. It also helps us to preserve and enhance the park environments by liaising with the council, through ‘green gym’ activities including light gardening, bulb planting and developing and implementing new ideas for the good of the parks. We need your support to continue this work. It’s easy to join, simply choose one of the options below:

1. Email us at friends.cator-and-alexandra@live.co.uk and we’ll send you an application form
2. Complete the details below and return to Friends of Cator and Alexandra, 262, Kent House Road, Beckenham, BR3 1JN. Please make cheques payable to Friends of Cator and Alexandra or payment can be made by a Bank Transfer: Friends of Cator and Alexandra, A/c No. 61592226 Sort code 60-02

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Annual Subscription fees: Individual £3.00 Family £5.00 Organisation £10.00

Five year Family Membership £22:50