

**FRIENDS OF SHREWSBURY PARK**

# Newsletter

December 2009

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Welcome to this Christmas newsletter as we look back over the year and anticipate what 2010 will bring.

We have had an eventful year, so please read on to find out what happened in 2009 and what we have planned for 2010.

**Wishing all the friends of Shrewsbury Park**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

## **Our AGM & Chair's Report**

We held our Annual General Meeting on the 14th September at Shrewsbury House. Many thanks to those who attended and to our guest speakers: Fiona and Barry from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team and John Denton for his talk on "The butterflies in Shrewsbury Park".

The AGM (and Christmas newsletter) is a good time to reflect on the highlights and successes during the past year.

Shrewsbury Park has lots of friends, with over 150 fee paying members, from the local area, but also some members from much further afield. Our finances are also healthy, which means we can continue to fund events and activities in the park in 2010.

**The AGM elected the Management Committee :**

- **Chair**  
Kathy Smith
- **Membership Secretary**  
Carol Farr
- **Minute Secretary**  
Kris Inglis
- **Treasurer**  
John Frankis
- **Bev Hand**
- **Kate Walker**
- **Libby Agate**
- **Ron Senkus**

## Clean-up days

Clean-up days make a real difference to the park, those held in 2009 were no exception.

March 2009 saw the secateurs in action. As a result paths were cleared and the brambles were held at bay—but for how long?



Well, you guessed it, not for long. Just as well the July Clean-up day got stuck into the brambles encroaching onto Dothill

path and old allotments.

The Autumn Clean-up was not so well attended, but it went ahead anyway. A new mystery also cropped up - who is the 'phantom thong dumper'?

## Open Day & Dog Show

We were delighted that so many turned out to join us at the open day. Approx 400 people attended the Open Day and Dog Show and we had great weather for it.



We asked attendees to give us their thoughts on the day and ideas on how to improve it for next year. We will be taking

these views into account when we organise the 2010 event.

Thank you to the members who helped this year, it could not have happened without you!

## School in the Park

Less than 100 years ago, Shrewsbury Park was home to its very own open air school—the very first in the country.

During 2009 we celebrated 101 years since the school was opened. The park hosted its very own "School in the Park Party" in July 2009.

Working with Plumcroft and Charlton schools and the local community an Ar-



chaeology Team carried out a survey and dig in those parts of the park where the open air school was sited.

A special thank you goes to Andy Brockman for his hard work and help with the event.

## Look back at 2009



## Bat Walk

Our Bat Walk took place in September, and it proved extremely popular with 70 people turning up to listen to and be guided by Ed Santry from the Count Bat Project. Ed brought along 8 bat detectors and demonstrated how to use them.

We did not have to wait long before we heard the bats. It was a great evening to be out, hanging about with

the bats. Everyone enjoyed the fine evening and learnt a lot about bats. A big "thank you" to Ed for giving up his time and for making the evening so enjoyable.







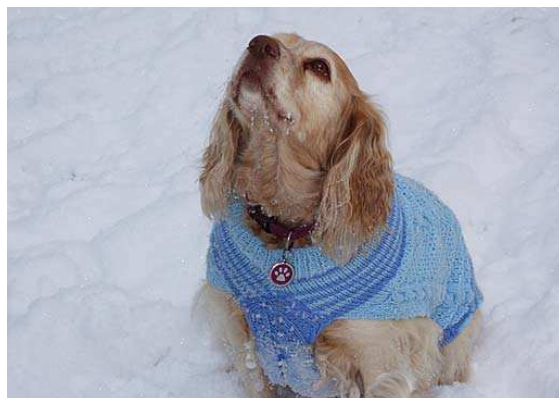
# Fancy a date in 2010?



Date	Event	Where	Time
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2010	<b>Clean-Up Day.</b> We aim to clear a path through the old allotment area. Bring shears, secateurs, stout gloves and wear protective clothing! If people are willing, we could make this a regular monthly event until the path is cleared.	Meet at the car park or at the junction of the Green Chain Walk with Dothill.	11am
30 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	<b>Clean-Up Day.</b> We aim to clear a path through the old allotment area. Bring shears, secateurs, stout gloves and wear protective clothing!	Meet at the car park or at the junction of the Green Chain Walk with Dothill	11am
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	<b>Summer Fete.</b> This year we are looking to expand the Fete with more stands and things to do.	Top car park	To be announced
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	<b>Our Annual General Meeting</b> will be held in the Park (weather permitting). We will be holding an event at the end of the business.	In the Park - exact location to be confirmed	To be announced
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	Following the great success of the 2009 walk, we are arranging a return visit to find out more and observe the Park's bats on the <b>Bat walk</b> .	Top car park	7.15pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	We will be holding a 2010 <b>Christmas event in the Park</b> . Fingers crossed for a white Christmas.	To be announced	To be announced



It  
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be nice  
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# Picture Corner

We are aware of the many talented youngsters who use and visit Shrewsbury Park. In recognition of this talent, we would like to feature art work from those 16 years and younger in our newsletter and on our website.

Just send us an email with a file of your artwork attached, to [fspdog@hotmail.com](mailto:fspdog@hotmail.com) and we will add it to our gallery.



Ben and his Dad playing football (Ben, 4).

I think we can all agree, this is a super picture of Ben and his Dad. You can almost see the ball moving.



Looking across the field (Isobel, 13)

This picture reminds me of one of those sultry afternoons in Summer. I think I know the spot Isobel has captured.

## Graffiti - Naffiti

The Safer Neighbourhood Team would welcome information of any graffiti spotted in the park. We don't like it either. Not so much Art as vandalism. What's more its unsightly and costs lots to remove. The Safer Neighbourhoods Team can be contacted at: [shootershill.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:shootershill.snt@met.police.uk); or telephone 020 8649 3540.

## It's a Dog's Life

Greenwich Council has introduced new Dog Control Orders to tackle anti-social behaviour and irresponsible dog owners.

Shrewsbury Park is designated as a 'Dogs allowed off a lead area'. However, the new Orders mean:

- You should not have more than four dogs under your control
- You are required to clean up after your dogs.
- An authorised officer may ask you to put your dog on a lead

To report a breach, call 020 8921 4661. You can also send an email about the problem to [contact-centre@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:contact-centre@greenwich.gov.uk).



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