

London Fields User Group

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March 2011 Meeting

Venue: Pub on the Park (Upstairs Meeting Room) - Date: Wednesday, 30th March 2011 8pm.

Dear Park User

BONFIRES & BBQ's

Already in March we have had people in the Fields with a large bonfire late at night, making lots of noise, enough to wake young children living nearby and leaving their empty cans strewn all over the grass. The police told complaining residents that it was a council matter, while the council on duty environment officer told the resident that, as it was in the park it was not an actual address so they could not respond to it. This burning problem will only get worse unless the council make a decisive decision to legislate against BBQ's and bonfires.

DOG CONTROL on the PARK

Felicity Jump, the Safer Hackney Communications Officer has asked to have an informal conversation about a Dog Control Orders in parks with our members. Many people are concerned about dogs in the parks. Come along and get involved with the consultation and hear what the council are currently considering.

NEW HEAD GARDENERS

I have been informed by John Wade (Head of Green Spaces), that with the new reorganisation of parks, the main parks in Hackney will all have a new management position, responsible for gardening and maintenance, called **Head Gardener**. They will be in a position to **respond directly to park users queries and concerns** instead of going through all the various levels. We shall look forward seeing how this new post works to solve park problems with less delay.

WATER FOUNTAIN OFF

We have had numerous queries about the water fountain not working for a considerable time now. We know that toilets are being refurbished, with the drains being replaced, but should this cause the fountain to be turned off? We would like to see it turned back on as soon as possible.

The toilet should have been completed by now and the MUGA started?

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

We are still waiting to finalise the play equipment. Although no one liked the play equipment we were offered, there were some very interesting items in the web catalogue Bruce sent us. <http://www.unitedplay.com/webcatalogue/> We have looked at this and find some of the items very interesting and would like to get a quote for them. There is No. 4.10200 the Big Play House; No. 7.77010 Climbing Walls, free standing; No. 7.68000 Queen Swing. Maybe we can get somewhere with some of it?