

Garden Events



This year's **Fireworks Party** was a great success with a good turn-out and a nice relaxed atmosphere. Thanks go to the Wicken family for making the guy for the bonfire. Food and mulled wine were provided by the members of the committee with the help of some of the other residents and the fireworks display was organized by Caroline Nelson and Bibi Nelson. Many thanks also go to Paul and his team for building the bonfire.

The summer children's party was a success for the first part of the afternoon and Barbara Droth did a wonderful job of organizing the races, coconut shy and the painting table, and we did manage to finish most of the main activities and the dog show before the heavens opened! The rain did not deter the children however who were having a wonderful slippery time on the bouncy castles all through the downpour, I hope that none of them caught any colds!

PROJECTS FOR THE GARDEN IN 2009

This year the main expensive garden work was to the trees; sadly we had to finally remove the old twisted Hawthorne on Arundel side of the garden, there is now a Birch to replace it. A Laburnum on the centre lawn, was replaced with

a Cherry, and another Hawthorne on Ladbrooke Garden side was replaced with an Acacia, and finally the Lime near KPR was replaced with a group of beautiful Silver Birches which will look very pretty in the spring and summer next year.

Other garden work: we have decided to remove the broken fencing around the children's play area and allow the shrubbery to grow up around it instead. Elsewhere there was general maintenance and tidying up.

OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

Our Gardens become more beautiful every year which was demonstrated to me when I recently came across photos that were taken of the gardens in 1987, I moved here in 1986 and I was quite amazed to see how much the gardens have changed and improved, I took some photos from similar vantage points to illustrate the differences. You can see all the photos on the Garden website.



The Centre Lawn in 1987

THE LONDON GARDEN SOCIETY COMPETITION 2009

The London Garden Society obviously agree and the committee are very pleased to announce that Arundel and Ladbrooke Gardens *again* received a

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Certificate of Excellence Highly Commended from The London Gardens Society, awarded for showing pride in London by the cultivations of flowers and shrubs. This is no mean feat in a woodland style garden such as ours, we are competing against gardens which are much more manicured and easily maintained.

Yet again credit for this award goes to Mrs Susan Lynn who tirelessly looks after the maintenance of the gardens, directing the gardeners, planning the planting and generally keeping an eye on things for us. And over and above the call of duty Susan also gets involved in doing some of the weeding and planting.

Of course we also have Paul and his team of gardeners to thank for their hard work.

The London Gardens Squares Society holds annual competitions for the best London garden Squares.

NEW WEB SITE

Our old website was getting a bit past it and not working as it should but we now have a new Arundel and Ladbroke Gardens website featuring all the information that you need to know about the gardens such as Gate Keys, Building work, News about the gardens and Event notices. We also have the History section as written by Susan Lynn and the photo gallery.

Brand new to this site though, is a very useful section to feature tradesmen that have been recommended by other residents. This section relies on your input to make it work, if you have personal experience of good tradesmen please tell us about it by filling in the form on the website. It will not only be helpful to other residents but also, in these times of recession, help to keep good workers employed.

If you don't have access to the internet but would still like to contribute and / or would like a list of the featured business you can contact Caroline Nelson 020 7727 0451.

Visit the website at:

<http://www.arundelladbrokegardens.co.uk>



OTHER NOTICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Venue: CHARLIE'S CAFE
59a Portobello Rd.

Date/Time: Monday 7th December
7.30 PM - Wine and snacks
8.00 PM – Meeting

Join other residents and take part in discussions, make decisions about the running of YOUR communal gardens.