

Garden Events

The summer children's party. This year the date clashed with the Football and we were afraid that it would affect the numbers turning out for the party, but we proved to be so bad at our national sport that the viewers showed their disgust and came to our garden party instead! We had races, our very popular dog show, and *two* bouncy castles. It turned out to be a beautiful day despite the football!

FIREWORKS PARTY



This year's **Fireworks Party** was a great success with an excellent turn-out and a nice relaxed atmosphere. We took the plunge and enlisted the

help of Absolutely Fabulous Fireworks – a professional fireworks display team. The fireworks were spectacular and the team worked very hard to bring us a display tailor-made for our very tree encumbered garden.

Thanks go to the O'Keeffe 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. Many thanks also go to Paul and his team for building the bonfire.

GARDEN PROJECTS IN 2010

On our volunteer gardening day in April we planted various shrubs and small trees around the communal gardens including Dogwoods, Hawthorn, Acers and Euonymus plus smaller plants in the bed near to the Kensington park Road gate. This bed also had 5 new pyracanthas planted in the corner in an attempt to create a barrier, this will take time to grow but we hope will improve next year when the dead lilac tree is removed. The Arundel Gardens path was re-gravelled and the barleycorn edging restored. We also have a beautiful Pagoda tree in the corner near the compost heap, where the tree ferns are also flourishing.



WISH LIST – in the coming year we hope to start a list of projects and items that would enhance the gardens. This would be things that we could not cover with our precept. We occasionally have residents who would like to make a monetary contribution to the gardens, therefore anyone wishing to make a donation to the garden

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could consider contributing to a project from the wish-list.

We welcome any suggestions for projects or items that might be included in the list.

THE LONDON GARDEN SOCIETY COMPETITION 2010

The London Gardens Squares Society holds annual competitions for the best London Garden Squares. Arundel and Ladbroke Gardens received the Certificate of Excellence Highly Commended from The London Gardens Society in 2010, awarded for showing pride in London by the cultivations of flowers and shrubs.

Yet again credit for this award goes to Mrs Susan Lynn whose hard work and dedication in looking after the maintenance of the gardens, directing the gardeners, planning the planting and generally keeping an eye on things for us has paid off.

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

OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDENS



Autumn colours this year were particularly spectacular, due I am told because of the dry winter last year followed by this year's wet summer. So every summer cloud does have a silver lining!



OTHER NOTICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

Venue: CHARLIE'S CAFE
59a Portobello Rd.

Date/Time: Tues 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.