FRIENDS OF RAPHAEL

& LODGE FARM PARKS



COMING EVENTS

Monday 25th February 7:30 to 9pm

Friends AGM Meeting Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, Committee Room 3B

1st Tuesday of each month 10am Litter Pick. We look forward to welcoming all volunteers at the park café

3rd Sunday of each month 10am Litter Pick, and we look forward to welcoming volunteers at Raphael Park Playground

Saturday 16th March 7pm

Spring Quiz Night Email: len@forlfp.org.uk



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2013

RAPHAEL PARK RESTORATION PROJECT CONTRACTOR WORK PROGRAMME

Borras Construction commenced on site in December 2012. The programme of major works can be summarised as follows:

- Park Lodge restoration/extension and service yard -December 2012 to September 2013
- Play Area Kiosk/Toilets Feb to July '13
- Bandstand restoration Feb to April '13
- Sports pavilions external works April to May '13
- Demolition of shelter and toilets Feb/March '13
- Lakeside repairs April to June '13
- Footpath works, gates and railings works and soft landscape preparation – April to Sept '13
- Planting Autumn/Winter

It is intended that the contractor will allow access to most areas of the park where possible. However some areas will be closed off on occasions in the interest of public safety. In the meantime we apologise for any inconvenience to park visitors. If you require any further information about the project call Martin Stanton on: 01708 432360.





"Please visit our website: <u>www.forlfp.org.uk</u> and become a Friend"



NEWS IN BRIEF FRIENDS SPRING QUIZ NIGHT

If you would like to join in our Spring Quiz Night, Saturday 16th March, 7pm start. Email: len@forlfp.org.uk. Ticket price includes a fish or chicken and chip supper all for just £10 per person, at St.Michael's Church, Main Road, Romford. We hold a raffle and each member of the winning team will receive a bottle of wine, kindly donated by our sponsors A.C.Preou Limited.



RAPHAEL PARK - WORKS IN BRIEF



- Late 2012 ground works were started on the Park Lodge restoration /extension, and to the playgrounds new Kiosk.
- As this newsletter was going to press, the demolition works to the toilet block had started. This is a very gratifying time for the Friends as after many, many years of lobbying Havering for new toilet facilities, we can finally see our hard work paying off.
 - The Friends are also pleased to confirm that during a project board meeting in early February it was agreed that Borras will bring forward the demolition of the raised bed at the lake edge close to the bandstand so as to allow standing water on the footpath to drain into the lake.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the extensive restoration of Raphael Park, it is with great regret that we will not be holding our summer concert. After many months of debating the pros and cons, the Friends decided it would be too difficult to work around the restoration works and are now looking forward to pushing all our energy into "Music in the Park 2014".



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Well we are now steaming into 2013 and what a year it's going to be. We have now signed up to facebook & twitter which are two great way of keeping in touch with the Friends and others interested in the parks, please visit our website for this link. We hope you enjoyed our round up of news. So much has happened it's hard to fit it all in. So please do try to come along to our Friends meeting on the 25th February, where you will have a chance to meet our team and Parks Services too.

Yours Truly, The Friends

