



## Southwark Park improvements



■ Getting their hands dirty in China Hall

Southwark Park is receiving a major makeover in a number of areas of the Park.

In the Ada Salter Garden a new balustrade has been erected by the lakes edge in the original 1920s design. Planting is being revamped with the introduction of exotic plants to replace existing bedding displays.

At China Hall an existing over mature shrub bed has been renovated with a new planting scheme.

“This is part of a three year planting scheme to regenerate the China Hall entrance to Southwark Park,” said Matt Preece, Head Gardener of Southwark Park.

The design of the shrub bed and work has been co-ordinated by Paul Highman, Park Manager and Matt Preece along with help from Quadron members of staff.

## Quadron working with Friends

The London Borough of Southwark held a People for Parks seminar for all Friends groups throughout Southwark on Saturday 1 March, 2008, that was sponsored by Quadron. The day comprised speakers from the Parks Agency, Groundwork and the chair from the Birmingham Open Spaces Forum.

In the afternoon a variety of workshops were held covering topics from events, fundraising and getting people involved. It was also an opportunity for Friends groups to meet and swap ideas and best practice.

“Quadron is working closely with Friends groups to improve the quality and maintenance of parks and open spaces in the London Borough of Southwark,” said Neil Lassus, Senior Contract Manager.

## New Head Gardener



▲ Joanna joins the team

Peckham Rye Park has a new Head Gardener – Joanna Hooper. Joanna joins Quadron from the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) where she was Programme Development Co-ordinator. Joanna has extensive experience in horticulture as well as being a qualified trainer.

“I welcome Joanna's appointment. She will compliment existing staffing levels at Peckham Rye Park and add additional value in horticultural expertise and staff training,” said Neil Lassus, Senior Contract Manager.

## Next generation



▲ Quadron's Southwark apprentices for 2008 (l to r): Christina Highman, Samuel Anstee and Jack Hilder.

A warm welcome to the new batch of Quadron's apprentices who are Christina Highman, Jack Hilder and Samuel Anstee.

All apprentices will receive training in Amenity Horticulture, NVQ Level 2 at Capel Manor College and receive mentoring from our Head Gardeners.

# Employee of the month



▲ *Kenny Peart: committed and dedicated*

Congratulations to Kenny Peart for being awarded Quadron's employee of the month for February 2008.

“Kenny has worked on the Southwark Contract for a number of years in different roles and is a committed and dedicated employee who is much respected by his fellow colleagues,” said Neil Lassus Senior Contract Manager.

## New faces

A warm welcome to:

- Nathan Mills
- Mathew Goode
- Thomas Hoad
- Gary Murphy.

## Pastures new

It is with great sadness that we have to say goodbye to Marcus Harvey, Contract Manager. Marcus has landed a position with English Landscapes managing a contract in Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Marcus has been a valuable member of the Southwark management team and much respected by all members of staff.

“I am sure you will all join me in wishing Marcus all the best in his new role,” said Neil Lassus, Senior Contract Manager.



▲ *Goodbye and good luck to Marcus*

## Thank you!

It is always pleasant to receive positive comments. Here's a couple of recent ones:

- Regarding the improved planting within Southwark Park, Celina Cronin, Park Warden wrote to thank Matt Preece, Head Gardener for improvements and interest of plantings.
- 15 members of the public turned up for a garden tour around Peckham Rye Park on Wednesday 2 April, 2008, organised by Agnes Appleby. What did our visitors think of the garden? They thought that the park is the best that it has looked for years.

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