

Diaries out for Blythe Hill Fields + Can you help with sustainable fuel for open fires?

Dear Members,

Our next meeting is on Thursday the **3rd of December at 7:30 p.m.** at the Ackroyd Community Centre in Ackroyd Road, SE23. Our Agenda is attached and we hope you'll join us. The Crofton Park Ward Councillors have allocated £1,000 to our Festival in 2010. So **thanks** to them – and let the planning commence. We'll confirm the date immediately after our meeting.

A hardcore group of us have volunteered to do a morning's work on the hedging we've previously planted in the Fields to help it establish itself properly so come and join us on **Saturday the 5th of December at 10:30 a.m.** for a few hours of healthy exercise. Glendale's are unable to support this one so we'll need to use our own tools. (Shears, secateurs etc. will be needed to clear around the existing plants). If you have any questions, please let me know.

But on **Saturday the 6th of February 2010** Glendale's are able to support us with a planting/clearing event and it's been planned to make it a "Green Gym" event too to hopefully draw in more willing helpers. More clearing to sustain what we've already done, and more planting to extend it. Thanks to Vicki at Glendale. **Make a note in your diary** and aim to show the kids a crisp morning in the park.

A member asks, "Do you know of anyone who delivers **sustainable fuel for open fires**? Last year I was able to buy this from Sainsbury's in Perry Vale garage. I think it was fuel made from wood chippings and wood waste which is suitable for smoke free areas. I'm trying to find a firm that delivers something similar, or failing that coal. Ideally, I'd like to buy from an independent local company. Any ideas I'd be really grateful!" **If you can help – get in touch.**

If you need something to do at the weekend, why not go into the Fields and count how many **new trees** have been planted in the last two weeks. I've already had gleeful reports from neighbours who overlook the park delighted with these much needed improvements.

Congratulations to India Smaller. Not only was she instrumental in our successful bid for funds to revamp the playground but, if you consult your November copy of Lewisham Life, you'll find that she won the "**Wildlife Garden**" class in the Lewisham in Bloom competition. Brilliant!

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