



# FoLaR

## Friends of Latchmere Recreation Ground

Hello again FoLaR friends,

Coming up are two Action Days and two Xmas events, news of a very important donation, some updates and of course some picture memories.

Firstly, lots of great tree news, we have successfully bid for whips (saplings) from the Woodland Trust.

Planting whips is great fun, good exercise (if you want to make it that!) but 'slow and sure' is good too! It's a wonderful feeling knowing you have put a tree in the ground and an especially magical experience to share with a child. Dates below! Make a little time and help us too!

**Two Action Days coming up !**

**There are saplings to be planted to create a native hedge:**

**Thursday Dec 5th 10am-1pm**

**Saturday Dec 7th 10am-1pm**

**Meeting by the logs in North Wood (Tudor Drive end)**

**All welcome**

**We will have some gloves but do bring your own if you have them.**

**Snacks and tools provided.**



## Christmas Fun Run

On the 21st December at 10am FoLaR brings you  
**The Christmas Fun Run and Carols**  
on the Rec  
to raise vital funds towards our new  
community cafe



further details coming soon.

....and the amazing 'goodgym' will be preparing some of  
the ground beforehand for us!

The avenue of maples crossing the Rec will be completed by the Council this winter and we have three oaks to go in the ground that were donated by the Faith Forum. Our tree officer, Kirsty, (who is responsible for all the trees in Kingston!) is coming to meet us to talk about maintenance and raising the canopy of some trees.

## HELP NEEDED TO PUT UP EVENTS POSTERS AROUND THE REC

Can you help to put up posters around the Rec and to take them down again after the events are over?

We would like to have a pool of people we can call on through a WhatsApp group and then, whoever is available, can volunteer. The job involves collecting the 6 posters from Durlston Road and attaching them to each of the gates around the Rec.

Contact Gloria, [info@folar.net](mailto:info@folar.net). Thank you!



We are delighted to tell you that the junior parkrun is coming in early 2020. We achieved funding from the council in September for the set up costs We now have an offer of a defibrillator, which is an essential requirement, thanks to the great generosity of 'Physio & More'. We have had a wonderful response to our request for volunteers to help run the weekly event, thank you! As soon as we have a date we will let you know!



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### **The toilet block and storage/ cafe area.**

We understand the council is progressing plans to renovate the toilet block (at last). we re continuing to be in touch with them about starting the work. Its fingers crossed again I am afraid!



## FoLaR Carol Singing

Wednesday Dec 18th at 7.00pm

meet by the big Rec gates on  
corner Latchmere Rd /Latchmere Lane



get the Xmas spirit and join us for  
a whopper carol sing, all welcome.  
Collecting for our Cafe Fund.



## Picture Memories

Silver Sunday was held in October. A massive thank you to Sue, of Countess Marquees in Latchmere Rd., who again put up a wonderful marquee for us. It looked stunning! We celebrated the lives of older people by entertaining them with the music of their youth. Luckily, (or by design?), that era features songs everyone loves, performed by a band made up of several very talented committee members and family, aptly named the 'Reccers'. Children's performances were the icing on the cake! We all had a ball...and a fistful of amazing cake to boot. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it a success and to all our volunteers who played, sang, made cakes, and especially to the brave, talented children who were totally delightful.



and the following week we were getting those bulbs in the ground....



Great volunteers...lovely to work with you all! Thank you!