

# KGSA

Established 1949

Kensington Gardens Square Association

# FINALLY SUMMER



Summer is a busy time in the garden and it has been a busy time also for the committee. We are in the middle of collecting the annual subscriptions. What with the book keeping, the banking and chasing for payments, it takes time. If you have that cheque still sitting on your desk ready to send then please could you do so as the whole exercise takes a lot of effort and it is all done voluntarily by the committee.

**So do your bit and send the subscriptions without delay.**

## FENCING

As you will have noticed, we have completed the repairs to the fencing and the gates, yet again. We hope that there will be some respite in people climbing over, cutting through or simply breaking it. It costs to keep doing repairs, so please if you see anyone doing something that they ought not to then call the police.

## BBQ's

As summer is upon us there will be an increase in the use of the garden, which is fantastic, but again we have to watch out for ball games. **NO ball games are allowed**, they damage the grass and the borders and if you want a BBQ or a party then let us know. You need to know the rules and the fees. **Remember there are public liability issues with all events, parties and activities in the garden so do give us a call.**

The garden costs nearly £20,000.00 a year to run. The small fees we charge for the usage barely covers our insurance.



## ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY AND OPEN DAY

Put the 23rd July in your diary it is our annual summer party. It would be good to see you there. As well as co-operating with the London Gardens Open Day we will have a summer evening party. Entry will be free to keyholders and their guests. There will be a bar and food for sale. All the profits will be going to the upkeep of the garden and specifically the purchase a much needed new shed. The current one is so old and dilapidated that we ought to register it as an ancient monument.



# SUMMER SURGE

We have had a surge in individual key membership, which is great. Again we have to take it on trust that you keep up your annual membership fee or give back the keys when you no longer want to be a member. We have to occasionally issue new keys and change the locks to combat payment refusal and rogue keys getting in the hands of those that ought not have them. It's a bore and it costs money but it is the only way we can stop the minority taking advantage. So please do all you can to get the payment in and to not let that key go missing.

# DIFFICULT CALL

We have our local naughty boys and 'dealers' and the occasional young traveller who will gain illegal entry into the garden. They are often in the garden late at night drinking and smoking and leaving rubbish everywhere. Some even tried to light a fire! It is bad enough them climbing over the gate or breaking in through the fence, but mostly they can simply walk in with the gates being left open. Please, do not let people in without keys, do not leave the gate open unattended and if you feel a person or persons are not members then either have a polite word and ask them to leave. Or, simply call the police. Do not in anyway put yourself in danger or put it upon yourself to evict anybody.



**PLEASE** take your rubbish with you. I have found endless beer cans, empty bottles of wine and empty food containers. Also if you happen to see discarded rubbish, then be a good neighbour and pick it up.

