



Friends of Chislehurst Recreation Ground

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IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY!
Voluntary group arranges sponsored 'pop along n see' event
to see fallen tree trunk transformed into amazing
Teddy Bears Day Out bench art... plus future festival focal point

The Friends of Chislehurst Recreation Ground ("FOCRG" a completely voluntary group with over 300 supporters is based around and focuses on this historic, well-used park plus woodlands) arranged a free 'pop along' event over two days to see a long-standing felled tree trunk transformed into an amazing 'Teddy Bears Day Out' artistic bench by Chainsaw Carver artist William Lee of Chainsaw Carvings.

The carving cum bench is situated on a main path that travels from Chislehurst Rec to Walden Rec. The artistic process took place from 9am-5pm on both Friday 12th and Saturday 13th July with many visitors that popped-along to view the transformation carving in process from a safe vantage point on either side of the path.

Funding for the creation was met by local estate agent JDM of High Street Chislehurst and property developer Taylor Wimpey of neighbouring Kings Quarter, Chislehurst. London Borough of Bromley offered the usual facilitation and support.



The new Bear Bench will be a focal point at the forthcoming Chislehurst Rocks festival on Saturday 14th September from 11am-9pm where a brand-new section: the Woodland Acoustic Stage is being held, bringing together art and music in one place, thus making the woods even more appealing to a wide cross-section of visitors. Chainsaw Carver artist William Lee of Chainsaw Carvings stated that he is only too glad to be involved in the project.



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FOCRG Chairwoman Barbara Arora states:

"We are absolutely thrilled to be able to provide such an interesting inclusion to the Rec's already improved facilities and we are grateful to the sponsors for this attractive addition to the landscape. To be able to incorporate Chainsaw Carving's artistic piece with the artistry of acoustic music at the Chislehurst Rocks! woodland stage in September, will further extend the pleasure and audience for another of the Rec's landmark enhancements. Do please forward any feedback to us via the focrg.org website."

The Friends of Chislehurst Recreation Ground is a non-profit-making group. All of the Friends members give their time and expertise free of charge. FOCRG was formed in March 2010, to preserve and enhance the environment of Chislehurst & Walden Recreation Grounds for the benefit of the local community, in partnership with the London Borough of Bromley. The group grew out of a number of regular Rec users who felt that there were aspects of the park that could be improved. Instead of just moaning about it FOCRG thought they would actually try and do something! Visit www.focrg.org.uk for more information.

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If you would like more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Rachelle Harte on 07751 087413 or via rachelle@focrg.org.uk

FORTHCOMING FOCRG EVENTS

All events held in Chislehurst Recreation Ground, unless otherwise stated:

CHISLEHURST ROCKS! Sat 14 Sep 11am-9pm

MAKE YOUR MARK ON THE PARK Sat 28 Sep 10:30am

To discuss events, please contact Rachelle Harte of Lollipop Events on or via 07751 087413 rachelle@lollipoppevents.co.uk