

John Leigh Park

Newsletter, Summer 2018



The Celebrations Continue!

We are celebrating another wonderful year in John Leigh Park, which is now 101 years old. This year's Big Lunch was a festival of fun and friendliness, with more people than ever enjoying family picnics in the sunshine in our lovely park. There was music and dance, bowls, football and tennis. There were fun games and crafts for the children, and woodturning displays. 2017 was the park's centenary year, and the Friends of John Leigh Park commissioned two Interpretation Boards, designed by Leslie Turner, to be made by Nature Sign Design of Timperley.



These boards were unveiled in a short ceremony at The Big Lunch. Leslie Turner, who is author of 'Celebrating the history of John Leigh Park 1917-2017', and David Rome of Amey, spoke about the wonderful legacy which Sir John Leigh made to the people of Altrincham toward the end of The First World War: Fourteen acres of hillside with splendid trees provide an ideal setting for relaxation, play and learning. The boards will encourage park visitors to find out more of the history and make best use of the park's pleasures.

The very next day we were assessed for The Green Flag – there wasn't a whisper of litter! Thanks to everyone for being so splendid.



Since The Spring Newsletter

Weather

April brought us a lot of rain, so much so that we couldn't get any gardening done or play bowls, but the weather really cheered up in May and June, with lots of dry, sunny days. The gardening could begin again. The perennial beds and wild flower beds in the ornamental garden are thriving, as is Manchester Rd corner, which the Friends group continue to plant and maintain.

Bowling

A large Laurel was removed from the edge of the bowling green to create more light and to protect surrounding trees. The bowling green is well used now. There is social bowling on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons, with several U3A members and bowlers from Timperley Methodist Church having joined us. All abilities are welcome.

Car Boot Sale, Dunham Massey Church Hall. Many thanks for your generous donations to the FoJLP stall at this event.

Spring Clean

This was a very successful Saturday morning event, with lots of volunteers turning up with buckets and scrubbing brushes to help clean the play equipment in the small play area. A great deal was achieved in a couple of hours. Many thanks to all who came.



The **dead beech tree** has been felled and will be taken away. Most park users are respectful of the park, but the use of **disposable barbecues** remains a concern as they damage the grass.

For the near future:

We believe that the new Trim Trail, (7 exercise stations), will be in place by the end of the Summer, and that restoration work will be carried out on the Hartley Rd gates.



This is a time of change: political control in Trafford has moved to Labour and we have two Green councillors. All councillors have been wonderfully supportive to us. We have lost some valued senior staff, but welcome others who are working well with us. There are strengthening contacts with other Friends groups in Trafford and beyond, with much to learn from each other. The future of parks depends on a strong Friends movement.
D. Jolley



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Sunday

10.00 am **Communion**

11.00 am **Morning service**

Sunday Club and Crèche



Wednesday (term time)

Ladies Group

10.30am – 12.00 **Take-a-Break**
coffee morning

Saturday (term time)

10.30am - 12 **Kids Club**

(for Kids in School years 1 - 6)

Youth Club (years 7+)

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

COMING EVENTS

MUSIC ON THE PARK

Sundays, 8th July and 2nd
September 2018

BRASS ON THE PARK

Sunday, 15th July.

SCHOOLS CROSS

COUNTRY running events:
3 autumn dates (TBC)


CAROLS ON THE PARK


Sunday 16th December

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