



Friends of John Leigh Park Newsletter Winter 2018

Carols in the Park

Come along, bring a torch and join the singing in a short service with musicians and readings from Altrincham Baptist Church.

Sunday 16th December 4.30pm – 5.15pm. The Friends of JLP will be selling snacks and hot drinks from their stand. There will be a collection for the Barnabus charity for the homeless and vulnerable in Manchester.



John Leigh Park 2019 Calendars and Christmas Cards

The Friends of JLP are again selling our beautiful calendars, with lovely seasonal views of the park. They are for sale at £7.50 each.

This year, in response to many requests, we have produced packs of Christmas cards. There are 6 cards of one design, with envelopes, in each pack, priced at £3. Or you might want to buy a calendar and a pack of cards for £10.

They are available from Oldfield Brow post office, or call 07869323175, (Maggie Leslie), or 07976018418, (Dave Jolley).



John Leigh Park Christmas cards – a photo of the toddler play area in the snow. Blank inside, with our logo and contact details on the back.

Recent Happenings

Schools Cross Country running events: The park has hosted three Saturday morning events, which, despite rain on one day, were very well attended. The Friends group made a modest profit on the sale of hot drinks and snacks.

North West in Bloom Awards: We are delighted that for the third year running the Friends of JLP has achieved 'Outstanding' in the category 'In Your Community'. Ours was one of eight Altrincham entries which achieved outstanding.

Bowling Green: The Amey team have been carrying out their Winter work, scarifying and adding nutrients to the green.



Trio Bins: These are now in place, and most park users have accepted them.



Health Walks: These are becoming very popular, with more people joining us in recent weeks. We meet at the bowling pavilion every Monday at 10.30am. Refreshments afterwards if you choose to stay for a chat.

Skipton Building Society Grant: Our bid for a £500 grant was successful. Thank you for your votes! The money will be used to buy plants for the steep bank behind the aviary in the toddler play area.

Trim Trail is now installed!

At last, after a long wait, the Trim Trail has been reinstated around the park. The installation is now complete and has been approved by ROSPA. There are 7 elements, some are new, some have been restored. The installation has been efficiently done and we are very pleased with the results. Posts with diagrams have been erected near each piece of equipment, describing how it might be used and which muscle groups would benefit from the activity. This project has been funded with 106 monies paid to Trafford MBC by the developers who are building on the site of the former Stamford Bowling Green behind St George's Church



Looking To The Future

We have an ambition to extend the **bowling pavilion** in some way to make it more usable. We would like to put in a water supply and kitchen equipment. We are encountering problems in getting advice within One Trafford as to how to begin the process of planning and funding improvements.

We are planning to apply for a **Tesco Community grant**. We are in the process of gaining approval from Trafford MBC for the placing of a **secure container** to be located in the yard behind the aviary and mess building.

Programme for 2019: We plan a range of activities through the year similar to that which has been successful in 2018.

Hartley Road Gateway: We remain determined that the Gateway will be restored to a high standard. Trafford MBC has set aside capital monies and there is now agreement to free some of this to obtain a formal estimate of costs, so that the project can proceed. Watch this space carefully

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Christmas Services

Carols By Candlelight

Sunday 23 Dec 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Join us to sing carols old and new Stay
after for refreshments and a chat

Christmas Day Celebration

Tues 25 Dec 11.00 - 11.45 am

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Advent Craft Day
Saturday 1st December
Fun Crafts for children to make and
take home, from 10am

Sunday 9th December
10.30am Gift/Toy Service

Sunday 16th December
6.30pm Carol Service

Wednesday 19th December
1.30pm Afternoon all age Carol service

Thursday 20th December
6.00pm Carol Singing at Tesco

Sunday 23rd December
10.30am all Age Nativity

Sunday 24th December
4pm Christingle Service

Christmas Day
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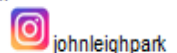
Annual membership is £5, due in June each year. **Life membership** is a one off payment of **£50**. Membership forms can be downloaded from our website. Or ring Maggie Leslie, membership secretary, on 0161 928 6277. Payment can be made by cheque or cash to: Rob Kean, Treasurer FoJLP, 55 Oldfield Rd, Altrincham WA14 4BH. Alternatively, you can make a direct payment to:

Friends of John Leigh Park,

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