

Friends of John Leigh Park Winter Newsletter 2019



Carols In The Park. Come along, bring a torch and join the singing in a short service with readings and music from Altrincham Baptist Church on **Sunday 22nd December 4.30pm to 5.15pm.** The Friends of John Leigh Park will have snacks and hot drinks available from their stand. Your donations will go to the Barnabus charity for the homeless and vulnerable in Manchester, and to The Boaz Trust, which supports asylum seekers in Greater Manchester.



2020 Calendars are Now Available!

£7.50 each, with envelopes. We also have packs of John Leigh Park Christmas cards showing a photo of the toddler play area in the snow, blank inside, with our logo on the back. In packs of 6, with envelopes. We still have packs of greetings cards with 6 different views of the park, blank for your own message, with envelopes.

A calendar + a pack of cards is £10.

They are available from:

Oldfield Brow Post Office

Dave Jolley, 29 Oldfield Rd, 07976 018418

Maggie Leslie, 33 Oldfield Rd, 07869 323175



AUTUMN HAPPENINGS

As we come to the end of 2019, a year of turbulent national and international politics, we look at life as it is on our park. Close to the earth. To summarise what has been happening in the park since the last issue of the newsletter:

After a busy summer of events and enthusiastic use of park facilities, we encountered some difficulties with young people gathering and misusing the bowling green area. The very worst day was September 20th when secondary school pupils organised a meeting of hundreds in the park at a time they would otherwise be at school or college. A fight escalated into a riot. Eventually the police were called via 999 and settled matters for a while. Perhaps just a touch of the unrest being felt by young people in response to austerity cuts and fierce exchanges in the media. There is much to be done to address the essential problems.



The following day was the first of the three schools cross country running events, always enjoyable, with hundreds of children taking part, their parents and family cheering them on. Two more of these events followed in October and November. It's great to see so many families enjoying the park.

Proceeds from the sale of snacks and hot drinks go towards the work of the Friends group in the park.

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On 11th October, a branch of a massive beech tree fell within the toddlers' play area. No one was hurt. Some equipment was damaged but there was an immediate and effective response from OneTrafford. The park provides a background of bluster and rain, falling branches, and contrasting days of quiet, brilliant sun and fabulous leaf colour. Our own volunteers continue to work alongside the Amey and Trafford personnel.

We have been delighted to have enthusiastic support from Duke of Edinburgh students, some working for their bronze award, others returning to continue to a silver award. They are making a difference.



North West In Bloom Awards, Southport.

This was the day when North West in Bloom announced awards for the assessments in various different categories across the North West. The Friends Group was nominated for the 'In Your Neighbourhood' category assessment.

It was our fifth year at the iconic Southport ceremony. We travelled with others from Altrincham and Stretford - lovely people, and we merged with about 300 others as well as the exemplary people who run the awards.



We understand the North West is the most active region in this RHS countrywide activity to encourage better care of parks, gardens and all things green. It was a lovely day. We were classed as 'Outstanding' - equivalent to Gold in similar exercises - and so were: Barrington Green, King George's pool, and Denzell gardens and The Devisdale - an Altrincham triumph!

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It was so nice to see and hear of work across Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Cheshire. Thanks to everyone who makes this possible - especially our own volunteers and colleagues in Amey and Trafford MBC.



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 8th December

10.30am Toy Service



Wednesday 11th December

8.00pm 'A Christmas Carol'

Phoenix Singers Concert

Tickets from the church office

Wednesday 18th December

1:30 Midweek Carol Service

A chance to sing Carols in church followed by refreshment

Thursday 19th December

6.00pm Carol Singing at Tesco, Altrincham

All are welcome to join us singing carols, proceeds to Action for Children

Sunday 22nd December

10:30 All Age Nativity

6:30 Carol Service

Proceeds for Action for Children

Sunday 24th December

4pm Christingle Service

Christmas Day Celebration

10am All Age Service

(bring an unwrapped gift!)

Looking Ahead

We have real belief that **Hartley Road Gateway** will be fixed during the next 12 months. Yet this has taken more than 3 years of negotiation since the early morning demolition by a runaway car.

There are similar delays ahead for simple and predictable **repairs to play equipment**. There seems to be no system in place for such repairs. We are trying to help One Trafford produce a scheme which anticipates maintenance and repair needs, to avoid delays like this for us and for other parks.

A feature of the year has been repeated approaches about establishing a café – mobile or static within the park. It is difficult to see how this can be achieved given the limited facilities, (there is no water supply and no kitchen in the bowling pavilion). Parking near the park is now even more restricted. For now, people are pleased to have ice-creams – and more – in the summer days.

We expect to continue the maintenance and improvement of the park and will organise a similar programme of events to that which has emerged these recent years. First in 2020 will be the Easter Bonnet Parade with Altrincham Church of England School. There will be another Green Flag inspection early in the Spring.

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WALKING FOR HEALTH



Every Monday at 10.30am, the Friends group volunteers lead a health walk, starting from the bowling pavilion.

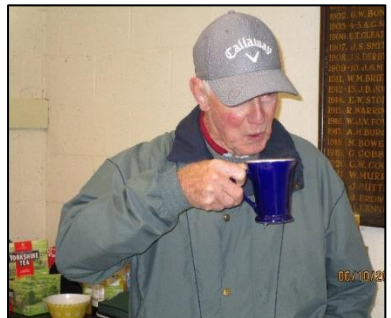
We are a friendly group who walk around the park and the area around it. The walk is around an hour.

GPs are signposting patients to the benefits of health walks. These walks are popular, and the numbers have grown, as has the walkers' interest in walking further, and getting to know about other health walks in Trafford.

We find areas of interest, and enjoy a cuppa afterwards, either inside or outside the pavilion, dependent on the weather.

Everyone is welcome. Follow this link for more information about health walks in Trafford.

<https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/trafford-walk-for-health>



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CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 22 Dec 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Stay after for tea/coffee and a mince pie

EVERYONE WELCOME

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday

10.00 am **Communion**
(first Sunday of month - Prayer)

11.00 am **Morning service,**
with Sunday Club & crèche

Wednesday (term time)

10.30 am — 12.00 **Take-a-Break**
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Your membership fee helps provide income for aviary costs, planting, maintenance tasks and for special events in the park.

The Friends group will email you with news about events, plans and progress relating to the park. Annual membership is only £5, due in June each year

Life membership is a one off payment of £50.

There is a membership form on our website: www.johnleighpark.org or ring Maggie Leslie, membership secretary, on 0161 928 6277.

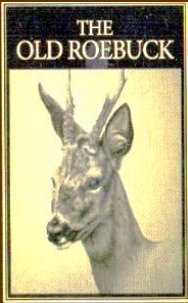
You can pay by cash or cheque to:

Rob Kean,
Treasurer, FoJLP
55 Oldfield Rd
Altrincham
WA14 4BH

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Friends of John Leigh Park.

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Best wishes to all, from The Friends of John Leigh Park