

# Friends of John Leigh Park Spring Newsletter



March 2017



Bring a picnic!

1917  
2017

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
11.30am – 3.30pm

You're encouraged to dress for any decade over the hundred years!

## Centenary Celebration



**Parade:** with marching band from Regent Rd Car Park into the Hartley Rd Entrance.

**Music:** 🎵 The Stretford Band, Altrincham Choral Society, ABC Music Group, Classical Trio, Jammin' in the Park bands.

**Competitions:** Short races, Tug of War. Bowling competition. 5 a side football tournament.

**Special Stands:** Sea Cadets, Leonard Cheshire Disability, Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society. 2 classic cars on display.

**Games, crafts and races:** for younger children and families.

**Special Guests:** Graham Brady, MP, councillors and others. Planting of Black Mulberry tree to celebrate the day.

**Dance:** Jannik Dance will again be performing some of their routines.

**Woodturning** demonstration.

**Exercise:** with pushchairs - a demonstration by Emma of **Buggyfit**, and without pushchairs – another fun visit from a **Pure Gym** leader.

**Healthwalk** and Tree Trail round the park: with Janie from City of Trees

**Defibrillator:** demonstration and talk: - the first defib in a Superbin.

**History:** Booklets about the history of Oldfield Hall and the park will be for sale.



**BUDENBURG BOWLING & SOCIAL CLUB. CANAL SIDE, JUBILEE WAY, BROADHEATH, ALTRINCHAM, WA14**



**Crown Green  
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Bingo  
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and other Social  
Activities**

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**Coming Events**

- March 28<sup>th</sup>. Easter Bonnet Parade with Altrincham C of E Primary School and Marie Curie Cancer Care.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> The very special Centenary Big Lunch.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Dogs' Delight afternoon.
- Altrincham in Bloom. This year, John Leigh Park and Denzell Gardens will be assessed as a component of the national competition – Britain in Bloom.
- We will be organising Jammin' in the Park on 2 Sundays in the summer.
- The Defibrillator in a Superbin will be with us within the next few weeks.
- We will soon have a new bench in the park, Kindly donated by Christine Whitman in memory of her husband, Bert.



**ALTRINCHAM METHODIST CHURCH  
EASTER 2017**

Lent Series Bible Study for six  
Sundays from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 18:30

**Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10am  
Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am**

The Abaana children's choir from Uganda will be touring the UK and will be at Altrincham Methodist on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6:30pm

**Kent Brower from Nazarene  
Theological College bible study four  
Sundays from 30<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm**

Our Sunday Services are 10.30 am & 6.30pm

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**Devonshire Rd Evangelical Church  
Devonshire Rd Broadheath  
0161 929 9364**

[www.altrincham-evangelicalchurch.org](http://www.altrincham-evangelicalchurch.org)

**Sunday**

10.00 am	Communion
11.00 am	Morning service & Sunday Club

**Wednesday (term time)**

**Ladies Groups**

10.30-12.00	Take-a-Break Coffee morning
1.30-2.30	Focus (time of Fellowship)

**Saturdays (term time)**

10.30-12.00	Kids Club (for kids in Years 1-6) Youth Group (Years 7+)
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**A WARM WELCOME  
TO ALL**

## House of Commons and Local Government Committee. Public Parks. Seventh Report of Session 2016 to 2017. Published 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017

In 1917 the population of Altrincham was roughly 18,000. The Lino Type Company had built 185 good quality homes between Oldfield Road and the Bridgewater Canal for its workforce, but the road from the Wheatsheaf to Oldfield Brow was essentially a country lane with few houses. The number of people living in Altrincham has more than doubled and the fields either side of Oldfield Road have been transformed by housing developments during the interim 100 years.

The House of Commons has been considering the current state of parks and their future 2017. Its report runs to 90 pages, includes many wonderful words and pictures and is accompanied by a fascinating and artistically pleasing interactive online version. But the conclusions and recommendations chill my heart to ice. The evidence is already clear that public parks and green spaces are being neglected as finance for all public needs has been curtailed and will be reduced further. Despite the earlier fine words and acknowledgement of the international appreciation of parks, these paragraphs roll out as a tedious exercise in sophistry. It is implicit that parks are seen as financial liabilities which have no value in terms which the authors recognise. Authorities are urged to find ways in which their parks have value ie are exploited to raise funds.

The proposal that the provision and maintenance of parks become a statutory duty rather than discretionary activity of local authorities is brushed aside, because 'it could become burdensome'. That is surely the point. If we want to have good parks, they require investment.

The membership of the committee included six Conservative, four Labour and one Scottish Nationalist MPs. All Parties should be ashamed.

The Lino Type Company made space for recreational facilities for their workforce. John Leigh gave space for the enjoyment of the people of Altrincham. Would it that we had men and women of such vision, generosity and commitment in positions of power today.

**We must move on from this disappointment.**

*David Jolley, February 2017*

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John Leigh Park  
Altrincham,  
Monday 11.30 am &  
Friday 10.30 am



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## Park Work

Members of the Friends group meet regularly with Trafford MBC and Amey to check progress with maintenance and improvements on the park, and contribute to work in the gardens as well as the aviary. People are welcome to join us.



Rather drastic pruning of the very tall holly trees in the ornamental gardens has taken place. This will bring benefits of improved light and we hope the grass and flower beds will now thrive.

The Friends planted additional daffodils and crocuses in the Autumn. Fingers crossed for a good display, including the Field of Hope.

Discussions are happening with a local tradesman in the hope that the original elements of the Trim Trail can be repaired/reinstated at an affordable cost.



We have been advised throughout recent months by our vet Sandy Weipers to take appropriate precautions against Avian Flu, hoping to avoid an infection. So far, our birds have appeared to be extremely well.

Traffic Issues have dominated our thoughts through 2016. Irresponsible parking and reckless driving on Oldfield Rd and surrounding streets have been very worrying. It does look as though action will be taken fairly soon.



## The Wheatsheaf

Church St.  
Altrincham

0161 928 1284

**Our upper function room is available – catering for small groups and larger gatherings**

Pool, Darts & Activities

Karaoke

**Log Fire in Winter.**



**Our beer garden won a North West in Bloom Gold Medal Award 2015**

