



April 2016

# Friends of John Leigh Park Spring Newsletter



**THE pupils of Altrincham Church of England School marched on John Leigh Park with smiling faces and brilliant bonnets.**

Children and parents came to celebrate Easter and to re-establish the Field of Hope which was first planted more than 20 years ago, in support of a family whose mum was very ill with cancer. Thousands of daffodils were planted – the daffodil is the emblem of the Marie Curie Foundation which supports families with cancer.

Many of the original daffodil bulbs have been lost so new bulbs have been planted by the Friends group this year - 2,000 daffodils, 1,000 snowdrops and 1,000 bluebells.

The children went on to hunt for Easter Eggs in the gardens of the park, on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The school held a collection and donated in excess of £270 towards the work of the Marie Curie Foundation.



## Progress on the park!

After many months of prayer and persuasion, the weakened struts of the aviary have been repaired to a high standard. GREAT!

In addition, we have 2 new picnic benches – sponsored by Trafford Thrive and a generous individual.



Birds, owls, bees and tree creepers have new homes – some assembled by volunteers.



### ALTRINCHAM METHODIST CHURCH

**MID WEEK ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**  
Parent & Toddler groups, lunch club,  
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides,  
Boys Brigade  
and lots more

**Our Coffee Bar is open Mon, Tues,  
Thurs & Fri 10am to 2pm**  
everyone is welcome

Rooms available for children's parties

**Our Sunday Services are**  
10.30 am & 6.30pm

Contact details

Church office 0161 928 0022

Email: [amc.office@btconnect.com](mailto:amc.office@btconnect.com)

Or visit our website:

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



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## NEW VENTURES!

### Green Flag Submission

Judging will take place in May.

### First Aid

Members have trained to deal with emergencies. Would you like to do this too?



### Health Walks

Members are training to qualify as leaders of health walks. We will offer walks to people of all ages, including people with disabilities or conditions such as Dementia. We are becoming Dementia Friendly.

### Bowling Green Fence

A grant from The Community Trust is providing a Chestnut Paling fence to protect the hedges, gardens so that they grow and add to the beauty of the park.



### BUT!!

### WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT THE TRIM TRAIL?

Suggestions welcome!

## Coming Events

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Car Boot Sale, Dunham Village Hall. (Donations welcome).**

**5th June. The Big Lunch!** Bring your picnics and come fly a kite with us!  
11am – 3pm

**25<sup>th</sup> June. Dogs' Delight Day,**  
2pm-4pm. Fun for you and your dog!

**3<sup>rd</sup> July. Music on the Park, 2pm-4pm,**  
with local musicians.

*Also, take an evening walk on the Wild Side with The Cheshire Wildlife Trust in August, and enjoy September Songs with another Sunday afternoon musical event in the park. (Dates to be announced).*



Devonshire Road Evangelical Church  
Devonshire Road Broadheath

0161 929 9364

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

### **Sunday**

10.00 am

11.00 am

**Communion  
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)

### **Saturday (term time)**

10.30—12.00

**Kids Club**

(for kids in Years 1—6)

**Youth Group**

(Years 7+)

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL**



**The  
Wheatsheaf**  
Church Street  
Altrincham

### **Home Cooked Food**

**Available 12 noon – 7.30pm**

**2 Roast Dinners on Sundays - £10**

**Mon and Weds - Karaoke**

**Tues and Sun - Quiz &**

**Play Your Cards Right**

**Live Act every alternate Saturday!**

**0161 928 1284**



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



## Membership

Becoming a member of the Friends of John Leigh Park means you will receive regular email updates of news and events. Your membership fee will help to support the aviary, buy plants and bulbs, and generally help with the upkeep and improvements to the park. Annual membership is £5, due in June each year. Life membership is a once only payment of £50.

**Annual subscriptions are due at the beginning of June!** Some members may wish to set up a standing order with their bank to pay this amount each year into the Friends of John Leigh Park Account. If you'd prefer to pay your subscription in this way, please complete a Standing Order Mandate Form and send it to your bank. This is available on the website. Existing members will receive this form by email or through their doors. Alternatively, you may pop your subscription through the door of 33 Oldfield Rd, or post it to:  
Jim Leslie, Treasurer F of JLP, 33 Oldfield Rd  
Altrincham, WA14 4EQ Thank you.

## Zorro the budgie



Zorro was born with a left leg which is not quite right. Never mind, he flies, sings and feeds happily enough! Our amazing vet, Sandy Weipers, has named him Zorro!

## We're Bowling Again!

Social bowling has resumed, Monday evenings, 7pm. All ages and abilities welcome. Just turn up. Bowls are available. A Ladies Bowling Club meets on Wednesday afternoons on the park. Contact: Irene Burke, 07443945550

## Send us your Photographs!

Many of you have bought a Friends of John Leigh Park calendar, and we hope you're enjoying using it. Already we're thinking about next year's calendar, collecting seasonal photos as we go through the year. We're sure that there are promising and talented photographers among our membership, and we'd be delighted if you email us any photos of the park that you're pleased with. Perhaps you took one when the snow was on the ground, or when the crocuses and daffodils were emerging? Perhaps a magnificent sunset? Next year we hope to have an even better calendar, and we want YOUR photos to be in there! Your photo might be selected to appear in our calendar, or on our website, our Twitter or Facebook page, or in our quarterly newsletter. We will add your name to be sure you get the credit!

Please take photos throughout the year and if you like them, send them as attachments to [friendsofjohnleighpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofjohnleighpark@gmail.com)

N.B. Please note that we're not permitted to include photographs of children in the calendar. We look forward to receiving your pictures!

**We still have packs of cards for sale. £3 for a pack of 6 views of the park, blank inside, with envelopes. Contact Maggie on 0161 928 6277 or Dave, 07976018418**

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**If you have news, comments, contact: David**

**Jolley, 07976 018418 or**

**[friendsofjohnleighpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofjohnleighpark@gmail.com)**

**If you're interested in becoming a member or a sponsor, please contact: Jim Leslie, 33 Oldfield Road 0161 928 6277**

**[www.johnleighpark.org.uk](http://www.johnleighpark.org.uk)**



**We meet weekly at the Wheatsheaf at 7.30pm on Thursdays. Please come and share your thoughts.**



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