



Newsletter Summer 2019

Summer Is Here!

Coming Events in the Park :

- Sat 29th June Dogs' Delight Day
- Weds July 3rd Visit of NW in bloom
- Sun July 14th Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Mon Aug 26th Stall at Car Boot Sale, St Margaret's Bowdon
- Sunday July 7th Jamming On The Park
- Sun Sept 1st Jamming On The Park



We're having a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Sunday 14th July 2019, from 2 – 4pm. It will be in the ornamental garden. Bring your teddy bear, a picnic, and join in the fun!

The Teddy bear's picnic is a new event, which we hope to add to our events calendar following on from the success of the Big Lunches. The event is to encourage our youngest visitors and their families to explore the park. Attendees, including adults are encouraged to bring their favourite bear, or soft toy. We're hoping for better weather than we had at the Big Lunch this year and weather permitting we'll be joined by the biggest bear in Altrincham!



Jamming On the Park 2018

- Fri Sept 20th Last Bowling
- Sat Sept 28th Oct 12th, Nov 16th Schools Cross
- Weds Oct 30th Country Running
- NW in Bloom
- Awards, Southport
- Sun Dec 22nd Carols In the Park

Summer is with us and the park is busy, busy. The weather has become less settled, following on from a warm and sunny Spring which let the bowlers and tennis players practise their skills almost every week. More episodes of rain are good for the plants and trees and the park is looking good without the need for desperate watering which took time and energy last year. Growth is wonderful, but brings its own challenges to keep things looking tidy. We are pleased to have secured an agreement with Trafford MBC and Amey to cease the use of weed killer on the park – the agreement is that no weed killer will be used and we will attend to areas which might otherwise have been treated in this way. Several other parks are keen to follow this lead. We have a good relationship with the officers of Trafford MBC and Amey. Monthly walkabouts identify potential problems and give chance to plan ahead and make useful contacts. One outcome has been the repair and painting of the gutters, soffits and doors of the mess building and the gutter of the bowling pavilion by Amey. We will paint the doors and shutters of the pavilion. The much loved orange flying saucer has been repaired, though the new specification does not give such flexibility of movement as the original. Unhappily the cradle swing has been taken out of commission as the suspending beam shows signs of deterioration. Everyone is keen that this be replaced as soon as possible. The saga of Hartley Road gateway continues – now three years since the night the big black VW completed the demolition. Money has been identified and options are being considered, but it is a painfully slow process. Decisions and action should be achieved during 2019.

A marvellous feature of the year is the work of students on Duke of Edinburgh projects: Seven students have spent time in the aviary and in the gardens. A big task was clearing brambles and ivy from a raised bed behind the aviary and replanting it with specimens purchased with a grant won in competition from Skipton Building Society. The students have continued work in other gardening projects in the park and on Manchester Road Corner (which we have maintained these past three years and is now a good place to be). Other grants have been won from Trafford Community Fund – This has purchased a set of 50 folding chairs and a trolley to transport them. They will save hundreds of pounds which we would otherwise have spent on renting such chairs for events: Clever eh!

Another £500 comes from ASDA – Thanks to the votes of shoppers – This money can be spent flexibly – a great benefit which makes things possible.

July is expected to bring the National Citizens Service to us for a second year. Last year they fixed the inside of the mess and cleared the yard. This year we are looking at all equipment on the park.

So there is a lot to celebrate. Strength comes from the membership. £5 per annum or £50 for life buys you belonging and ownership of what goes on, and what goes on depends on the members and others who use and love the park. We do have some problems with antisocial behaviour – the use of barbecues damages the grass and is disrespectful to other park users, noise and the use of bikes or football or other games on the bowling green upset others and spoil the environment – We can do better than that. Let's enjoy Summer 2019: Dogs' Delight, Jamming sessions and a Teddy Bears' Picnic are special features in addition to the fabulous every day.

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FRIENDS GROUP PLANTER
 Members Alan and Lynne have again worked their magic with the new planting scheme in our planter near the hospital. The theme is 'Colours of the Rainbow', to represent diversity and inclusion.



PLANTING AT MANCHESTER RD CORNER
 The Friends group has also taken over the planting at the corner of Oldfield Rd and Manchester Rd. The plants, some bought with a grant and some donated, are really thriving. We're all grateful to Dave Jolley for all the work he puts into this project.

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 coffee morning

Saturday (term time)

10.30—12.00 **Youth Group**
 (School Years 7 and up)





GRANTS NEWS

SPRING CLEANING MORNING, 11TH MAY
Many thanks to all those who gave us their time to help with the clean up of the equipment in the toddler play area.



John Leigh Park has been fortunate to have been given a grant by Trafford Council Inclusive Neighbourhood Event Grant initiative. The grants are to encourage community events and activities to bring people together and benefit residents of Trafford. We used the opportunity to apply for funding to purchase folding chairs and a trolley, which will cover not just one event but all our events and activities throughout the year. In the past we've had to pay to rent chairs so this grant will help us to save money on event costs. We were awarded £500 which enabled us to purchase 50 chairs and a trolley to transport them round the park.

Chairman Alan Rydout is pictured receiving a cheque from Asda for £500. It was presented in the park by the manager of the Altrincham Asda store, Dan Grindrod. We are very grateful to Asda and to all the shoppers who voted for us. Thank you!

The Big Lunch, 2nd June 2019

Wet, but wonderful things going on



'Bollin Morris' entertained us with their colourful costumes, face paint and vigorous dancing. The juniors, called Morris Minors, danced too. Brilliant!



5-a-side Football Champions with their winners' cup and free ice creams



The wonderful Cadishead Public Band delighted us with their 2 stirring sets



The Jan Nik Dancers performed magnificently despite the rain



Andrew and Mark again led games and crafts with the children.



Jamming with musician and singer Jon, the band 'Recycled', and with busking friends Ian and Ruth

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD VOLUNTEERS

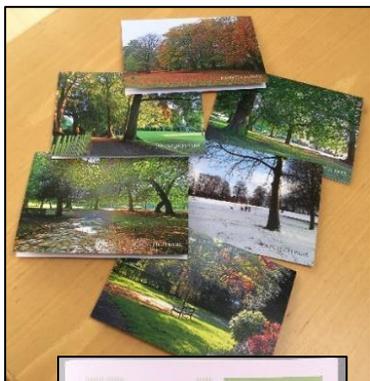
Seven students have spent Saturday mornings working in the park as part of their D of E Award projects. They have



been involved in gardening and planting tasks, as well as working in the aviary. Their work has been invaluable.

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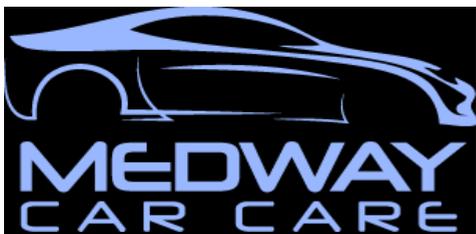
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Holiday club for children aged 4-11, week of 19th -23rd August 2019.

All enquiries to the church office

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Rooms available to hire for children's parties

Our Sunday Services are 10.30 am & 6.30pm

Contact details

Church office 0161 928 0022

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Annual membership is now due!

Thank you to all those annual members who have already renewed. Please see payment details below if you wish to renew your membership, or become a member.

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
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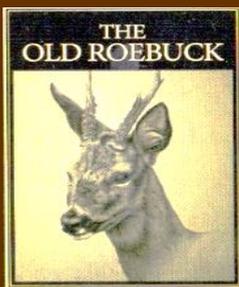


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