



Park Life

(Health Walk Special Edition)



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Friends of Sandall Park

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Welcome to Sandall Park

On behalf of the Friends of Sandall Park can we welcome you to the park for the first of several Health Walks for 2009 around the borough.

Sandall Park has undergone many changes over the years, the last three years have been no exception and we would like to think we played a part in the many positive changes.

During the walk one of our walk leaders will explain something about the history of the park, the changes that have taken place and the plans for the future.

You can keep in touch with the changes and news by visiting our web site on www.sandallpark.org.uk

Park Toilets to close in March

The park toilets will remain open over the winter to April 2009. They will only be open on weekends until the end of March.

This is good news for all park visitors but particularly good news for the Friends of Sandall Park who have been campaigning to keep the toilets open for the last two years. These key facilities, which are in excellent condition having been refurbished not so long ago, would have been closed then, and their use a distant memory.

The toilets are still not safe and unless funding is found for the next financial year, the toilets will close this March for good.

Users of the park need to be more vocal in their support for these essential facilities in the park. They **WILL** close in March. You can write to the council, leave your comments on our web site or send us an E mail with your views and we will make them known.

No comment means **NO TOILETS**



Egyptian Goose Spotted

Within the last few days a pair of Egyptian Geese have been spotted on the lake. If anyone sees them again we will award a free pair of Quiz Night tickets if they can take a photograph of the geese in the park.

Egyptian Geese haven't been seen here before. One did appear to be injured slightly so it may well be they had just dropped in for a rest - but keep your eyes open. If you don't know what to look for - Visit the news page of our web site.

2009 And Lots To Do.....

Another year and another chance to make a difference in the park. Lots of things have changed in the last twelve months. The new picnic area has been built, the old golf course is now 'open', we actually caught six people stealing and committing damage (damage/theft is now at an all time low), the 'bog garden' is now prepared for the spring and more than 4000 bulbs have been planted on the golf course.

But what will 2009 have in store for us? Not all will be good news. An early setback may be the closing of the toilets (due at the end of March) unless someone with the power to make this happen comes to their senses. Positive targets on the horizon for us are picnic benches on the golf course along with outdoor fitness equipment, a continued reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour, the Fakefest in May, another 5k run in September for Aurora, maybe another concert in the park or how about a ticket or two for litter dumping and dog fouling?

2009 will have its challenges but 2008 has shown that we actually have more 'Friends' in the park than we ever realised and if we achieve as much this year as we did in 2008 we feel we will have done the genuine visitors to the park proud.

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Aurora 5k Park Event 2009

Several people have been asking if the popular 5k event to raise funds for the Aurora Centre will go ahead again this year. We are pleased to report that the Aurora Centre has asked the Friends of Sandall Park to support the event again in 2009.

This was the biggest single participation event in the park in 2008 and we are delighted that it will go ahead again. We are meeting the Aurora organisers in January and all the indications are that the event will go ahead at the beginning of September on a date to be arranged.

Rockfest Coming

On Saturday 23rd May 2009 Sandall Park will, for the first time in Doncaster, host a 'Fakefest' - a Rockfest of tribute bands.

Fake Festivals present The Antarctic Monkeys (Arctic Monkeys), New2 (U2) and Coldplace (Coldplay) tributes plus support bands and special guests. All inside a massive marquee plus licensed bar and food garden area.

Early bird tickets bought before April 23rd 2009 are priced as follows:

Adult (18+ years) £12.50

Child (7-17 years) £10.00



FOSP Meetings

FOSP Meetings are held every third Wednesday in the month in the Sandallwood Centre. See our web site for copies of previous minutes of meetings. It's the AGM in January.