



# Park Life



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Friends of Sandall Park

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## Toilets to close ...

July 17th, 2008

**Having being given assurances that the park toilets would be kept open and an assurance about their long term future only eight weeks ago, we are now informed again that the toilets will close at the end of the school holidays in September.**

Not good enough I'm afraid. The toilets are important to FOSP plans to develop the park and yet again we need your support and views on the closing of the toilets. The only reason that they have been kept open over the last year is through FOSP lobbying, backed by your support.

Please leave your comments on our web site; send an E mail response to [fosp@bigfoot.com](mailto:fosp@bigfoot.com) or telephone 0750 332 9309 to pledge your support. Better still send an E mail to [themayor@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:themayor@doncaster.gov.uk)

Personally I feel that the toilets will close and never reopen. Just like the Golf Course, the Miniature train, the Putting Green, the boats on the lake and more recently the football changing rooms. At least there will be nothing left to close!



## New baby Runner Ducks in the park!

July 17th, 2008

**As a result of the information being on our web site earlier this year about the three runner ducks in the park, we were contacted this week by people in Cheadle, across the Pennines and asked if we could take on three runner duck orphans!**

How could we not offer some Yorkshire hospitality to our friends from Cheadle, Manchester? The three ducklings had been raised by children at a nursery having been hatched in an incubator. After a tearful farewell in Cheadle the three orphans made their way (by car) to Sandall Park.

The ducks arrived an hour later than scheduled – traffic holdups on the M62. But they were very giddy to be here in sunny Donny (actually it was chucking it down – fine weather for ducks!) The big lake was rather a daunting prospect after the little 3” deep paddling pool they’d been used to, and they didn’t much like the idea of getting their feet wet.

**(You can read more on this story on our web site or in the notice board near the lake)**

The three ducks are currently safe and well and like ‘hanging out’ near the old boat house.

## Rounders for all!

July 17th, 2008

**Following the park rounders event we held last week, Friends of Sandall Park have agreed to purchase a set of rounders equipment for use by anyone in the park – FREE!**

We have yet to purchase the equipment - so watch this space for an announcement. The offer is open to families, groups or work groups. The only stipulation is that there MUST be an adult to take responsibility for the equipment.

Contact us on [fosp@bigfoot.com](mailto:fosp@bigfoot.com) or telephone 0750 332 9309 to book the equipment.

## Footballers litter.....

July 15th, 2008

**Having pointed out how well we thought we were doing about litter in the park - a visitor then brought it to our attention that things are still NOT that good in certain areas.**

Following the weekend it was noticed that there was an incredible amount of 'sport' type litter around the football pitch. The football posts have been left up over the 'closed' season to give people a chance to still 'knock about' during the summer. Brilliant idea.

This would appear to have become a magnet for training sessions (this is good) but after last weekend the bulk of the litter left in the park was in this area. It consisted mainly of soft drinks containers, sport drinks containers and the like.

Can we appeal to the people using this area and the organisers of training events to remove all litter when you go home. It took the gardener in the park the best part of the morning to remove all the debris! We thought leaving the posts up was a brilliant idea but we did not foresee this problem. Help!



## Thanks to the responsible dogs owners...

July 13th, 2008

**You cannot have missed the notices that we put up around the 'main duck' area of the park asking for dogs to be kept on a lead due to the ducks breeding in the area. Fortunately most owners have taken notice of the request and did just that. So, thank you to all the responsible owners - if the ducks could speak I am sure they would have said the same!**

Of course there are the minority who just ignored our request - and we all know what sort of people they are.....

The majority of visitors to the park love the wildlife especially the ducks and geese -we intend that the 'residents' in the park remain safe. We feel that we have the support of the majority of visitors and we will ensure that appropriate action is taken where the wildlife is put in danger.

To dog owners and visitors alike, thanks for your support.

## Another for the Diary - FOSP Quiz Night

Now the very successful Race Night is over it's time to make a note in your diary for our next FOSP fund raising event:

### Friday 24th October 2008

Up for grabs, the (in)famous FOSP Challenge Quiz Trophy. Friends of Sandall Park invite you to our Quiz Night. £2 per person. Food can be purchased on the night. Unique Quiz - all pictures and movies! Order tickets at [fosp@bigfoot.com](mailto:fosp@bigfoot.com) or tel: 0750 332 9309

Put it in your diary and we will remind you nearer the time.

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