



Park Life



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Friends of Sandall Park

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News Flash! Toilets to stay open.....

August 6th, 2008

Hot off the press and good news indeed. The park toilets will remain open over the winter to April 2009. From September though they will be open on weekends only.

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. This key facility in the park would have been closed then and their use a distant memory.

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

Thank you to all who supported this latest campaign. For your part we would ask that any suspicious activity in or around the toilets be reported - damage caused to the toilets costs money to repair and each incident of damage or unsavoury activity can be construed as a reason for the toilets to close.



We can't win 'em all!

July 31st, 2008

Over the last couple of months FOSP have been preparing a funding proposal for Awards for All (Sport England). The proposal was for several pieces of outdoor fitness equipment to compliment the popular Fitness Trails and would have been sited on the fitness trails in the area behind the cafe. Unfortunately the proposal was not successful.

We can't really complain as Awards for All did fund the fitness trails. As always we tell it as it is about the park - the good and the not so good! We are aware that we spoke with many visitors in the park about the feasibility of such equipment and they may be wondering what the current position is.

We are not deterred. We have many projects in the pipeline for the park that we are progressing and should the opportunity arise to install outdoor fitness equipment in the future - we shall do so.

E Mail Change

August 8th, 2008

Due to problems with our E mail provider we have been forced to change our E mail address. Please note that from this date (08/08/08) our E mail address will be:

sandallpark@googlemail.com

[TV Stars Wanted!](#)

August 8th, 2008

4pm Tuesday 12th August - in the main car park in the park. Yorkshire TV are coming to do some filming to promote the Care To Run event on September 7th in the park. Be there or be square.

So, turn up and be prepared to wear a valuable Care To Run T shirt and run in front of the cameras. Sean Bean must have started his acting career at some time - this could be your big chance!



[First New Notice Board in place...](#)

August 6th, 2008

On the day we find out that the park toilets are staying open, the other good news is that a new wall mounted notice board has been installed on the wall of the toilets next to the path leading from the car park to the cafe.

This is the first of several that will be installed in the park to bring our visitors up to date with 'happenings' in Sandall Park. The original notice board near the lake has been such a success that it was felt we were missing 'passing trade' and visitors who did not actually walk to the lake side were missing out. As with the original notice board the new ones will have up to date information linked to our web site.

This notice board and those that will soon follow have been 'recycled' from derelict notice boards around Doncaster. Friends of Sandall Park have used their own funds to obtain what we believe are a valuable asset to the group and the park.

[Rounders Players Vs The Elements!](#)

August 10th, 2008

On Sunday 10th August our intrepid rounders players braved the elements on the Old Golf Course and with high winds and driving rain forecast a dozen turned out to give it a go.

Only the next two days (to let our aching bones and joints subside) will decide if we actually enjoyed the afternoon or not!

[Next FOSP Meeting](#)

August 7th, 2008

The next Friends of Sandall Park meeting is next Wednesday 13th August 7pm at the Sandallwood Centre (Opposite the park at the Old Golf Course end) and of course you are welcome.

To view the agenda click on the icon below. The minutes of the previous meeting are on the publications page of our web site.

[Bog Pond Area - developing nicely](#)

July 29th, 2008

After many setbacks due to theft and vandalism over the last two years, the Bog Pond area is actually looking quite nice now. Although the Water Irises flowered several weeks ago, the water lilies are giving a fine display for the first time. If you have time - take a look. This area is again earmarked for some work during a volunteer week in October. If you would like to help us - let us know.

A Summary of our recent web site entries
www.sandallpark.org.uk