



Park Life

(Fairground Edition)



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Friends of Sandall Park

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

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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.

Race Night Success? – You bet!

The recent FOSP Race Night raised more than £1000 in total for the group. This was made possible by Lloyds TSB matching the amount raised on the night.

Thanks to our treasurer Neil Gething for organising the event.

Major League.... errr Rounders!

Friends of Sandall Park are the proud owners of a full set of rounders equipment. The equipment is available FREE to anyone who would like a game with their family or work colleagues. All we ask is that there is a responsible adult present.

Contact us via our web site or telephone the number at the top of this page.

Bog Pond Area - developing nicely

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.

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.

A Summary of our recent web site entries

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Fire Bugs!

Yet again we have someone in the park intent on destroying it. After a series of fires earlier in the year, particularly in the Bog Pond and Golf course area, 4.30pm Saturday 26th July saw further evidence of someone trying to set fire to the trees on the Old Golf Course.

It is fortunate that we now have many decent people using the park who are prepared to do something when they see things going wrong. On this occasion not only did a visitor extinguish the fire but they took photos and video of the scene and sent them to us. Of course these photos and evidence are now in the hands of the Safer Neighbourhood Team and the police.

Nice work guys!

No sooner was the damage to the children's play area reported than the guys from the council came and did their stuff preventing injury to the kids and also preventing even more damage by vandals.

So from the Friends of Sandall Park, thanks for the prompt and efficient service. They may not realise it but the parents of the kids who use that area owe you one - well done.

Also thanks to John the gardener who has made an incredible difference.

Dog fouling and litter – the scourge of the park.....

The park has looked great this summer. Not perfect, but we are working on it.

The annoying thing is that the very people who come and enjoy the park are often the people who leave it in a mess and expect someone (often us as volunteers) to clean up after them.

Not only do we contend with drunken youths who throw their beer cans and vodka bottles in the lake, but with children who have not been taught that it is wrong to throw paper on the floor.

Then there are the visitors who come and feed the ducks with bread and then throw the bread wrapper in the lake – dozens of them! **YOU'RE KILLING THE DUCKS WITH THE LITTER – STAY AWAY WE DO NOT WANT YOU HERE!**

Then there are the irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs. A slide tackle has whole new meaning on the football pitches.

We are currently pushing the authorities to prosecute more of these people who make the lives of genuine visitors a misery. Help us identify them – just drop us a line. We will do the rest.

Quiz Night Already Sold Out!

July 26th, 2008

There are still three months to go to the next Quiz Night - but if you have not got your tickets I'm afraid it's too late, it is SOLD OUT!

90 tickets all sold three months in advance - we must be doing something right. Thanks to everyone who has enabled this to happen. We can now just concentrate on organising a great night.

The next Quiz night will be on Friday 13th February 2009 – contact us to book tickets.

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, Manchester and asked if we could take on three runner duck orphans! They are now here!

(See the web site for more details)