

Friends of Stamford Park



Newsletter - Autumn 2008

Play Area Developments:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Consultation and planning for the redevelopment of the playground are now well underway. Amid concerns about anti-social behaviour, it is important to remember that this playground is an essential and much loved resource for our children. Trafford has relatively few public open areas and Stamford Park is one of the most used, happily absorbing people of all ages.

The Friends are in consultation with Trafford Council to achieve the best possible redevelopment. Your comments are welcomed:



What would you like to see in the new play area?

Please contact us at FOSP, c/o Family Contact Line, Mayors Road, Altrincham, WA15 9RP



Children's Event - what a wash out!

We've run six great children's events in glorious sun but our luck finally ran out! On Sunday 11th May we were hit by

a massive thunderstorm and had to abandon ship 20 minutes into the event. Even in that short time many families enjoyed making bug gliders, getting faces painted and doing the two treasure hunts. Never fear - we'll be back on

Sunday 12th October

with another event..... just remember to bring your waterproofs!

Welcome to our new friends!

Following the sad demise of our hippos you will have noticed that our frog and crocodile have been given a new lease of life. A warm thank you to local artist Polina Sparks who worked with the Friends to paint these funky new looks. As you may remember, we ran a competition to name the frog who is now Joseph (of techni-colour fame!).

Competition: Would you like to name the crocodile?

Suggestions on a postcard please to FOSP, c/o Family Contact Line, Mayors Road, Altrincham, WA15 9RP

Diary Date : CHILDREN'S FUN EVENT - Sunday 12th October 2-4pm

Are you ready for more fun & games in the park? Watch out for posters in and around the park. Fingers crossed for a sunny, dry afternoon!

Diary Date : BULB PLANTING - Sunday 2nd November 2-4pm

Let's make the park look extra special this spring. All welcome - young & not so young! We'll supply the bulbs & tools. Meet by the car park on Stamford Park Road

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Children's Corner Tree Spotting

It's conker-time again! Conkers are found on Horse Chestnut trees and there are several of these to be found in the park. Can you spot them? Here is a photo to help you

Unfortunately there is a disease, with the dramatic name 'bleeding canker', threatening horse chestnut trees in

Britain. Sadly we may lose some of our trees from Stamford Park over the next few years. The Friends are already thinking about suitable replacements.



Leaf stepping stones

During the violent storms in 2007 several trees were blown down. Most notably the large Poplar tree beside the Pond. Local tree carver, Tim Burgess, came to the park in May.



He created four leaf shaped stepping stones from some of the leftover wood (Sycamore, Horse Chestnut, Oak and Beech). These stepping stones will be installed in the grass in front of the Poplar tree stump. So look out for them and enjoy jumping between them!

What's new at the Pond?

Working together with Trafford Council the Friends have designed two Interpretation Boards for the pond. They are situated beside the bridge and we hope you enjoy them.

Unfortunately, the bird seed dispenser that was installed at the same time has been vandalised. Not to be beaten, we are planning to re-install it very soon. In the meantime please remember: try to feed the ducks and geese seed not bread!



Eyes on the park

Trafford Council have installed a CCTV camera by the children's playground in an attempt to curb anti-social behaviour in the park after dusk.

If you want to report any problems then please contact the Park Ranger Service on 0161-912-1111



Pond farewells

It is with sadness we say goodbye to Robin Davy our chairman and founder. We thank him for his enthusiastic leadership and determination to make Stamford Park a better place for its many and varied users. We hope to see him still at future events!

We would like to remember Bert Yates, one of the founding committee members and a keen bowler, who passed away earlier this year.

We'd also like to thank Colin Foster ex-councillor for all his support & input over the past few years.

Can you make a difference? Would you like to join the Friends Committee? It's a great opportunity to get involved in making the park an even better place to visit. No qualifications needed, all we need is enthusiasm! Please contact Hazel on 07946 376963 for a chat.

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