

Autumn/Winter 2016 NEWSLETTER



What's on



End of Summertime Sing

After the huge success of Earth Hour in spring, the Glasshouse (community) Gospel Choir will be singing British Summer out on Saturday, Oct 29 at 7:00pm. Come and join us around the picnic tables on the park for some autumnal fun and a sing. We'll be sharing snacks and a tipples so should you wish to please bring something along for the table.

Fitness Classes

Fitness classes are back in the park with Mum and Baby Class on Tuesday mornings from 9.30-10.30am. More information below.

Walks

The weekly Health Walks continue on Mondays at 11.00am (meeting at the bowling pavilion and ending there for tea and biscuits) and the Alzheimers Society Walk and Talk Group also continues to meet on Tuesday's at 10.30am at the Broad Road entrance.

Carols around the Dovecote

This year's event in Walkden Gardens is on Saturday 3 December 2016 from 12.30 pm. As well as stalls selling mince pies and mulled wine, there are performances by the Salvation Army Band and local primary school choirs. The FOWP stall is home to Father Christmas who has kindly agreed to call again this year. The Friends of Worthington Park also hosts a lucky dip with presents for younger children.

Carols in Worthington Park

This year the Glasshouse (community) Glasshouse Gospel Choir will be singing Christmas carols in Worthington Park on Monday, December 19 at 6:30pm. Always a special family event, you are invited to join them. Please bring a torch.

Christmas Tree

As in recent years everyone is invited to help decorate the Christmas Tree in the park from the beginning of December.



Mum and Baby Class, Worthington Park
Tuesday - 9.30-10.30am

Contact Becca Broadbent 07525 790 704

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£4 per session when prebooking for 5 sessions
£4.50 per session pay as you go

Friends of Worthington Park

Springwash

Back in April we held a very successful Springwash. Despite not having many volunteers (massive thanks to those we did have – you know who you are), with the help of some of the FOWP committee the benches, signs and even the poo bins were all given a good wash down. The sun shone so it wasn't too unpleasant a task and everything looked much better when cleaned. The timing was good as our Green Flag inspection followed shortly afterwards. Hopefully this will become an annual event so look out for signs and information next spring for Springwash 2017.



Fun Spring Dog Show

Despite the weather (which was not kind) this was a very popular and successful event. With more than 150 dogs registered, the money raised went to support guiding and scouting in Sale. Urmston Dog Training Club put on an excellent display which showed just how much pet dogs (several of them rescues) and their handlers can achieve with effort, consistency and training.



Green Flag

The Green Flag Award scheme is the benchmark national standard for parks and green spaces in the UK. First launched in 1996, it recognises and rewards the best green spaces in the country.

Awards are given on an annual basis and we are happy to report that, after an inspection in April, Worthington Park was again awarded a green flag.

Sale Art Zoo – Two by Two

This outdoor exhibition of life-size model animals on display across the Town Centre, parks and streets of Sale ran alongside an indoor exhibition at Sale Library presenting the story of George Mottershead from Sale who founded Chester Zoo. The sculptures were painted and decorated with original designs by all 19 Primary Schools in Sale, commissioned local artists, businesses and other community groups.

There has been a tremendous amount of interest in the rhinos and the crocodiles that came to live in Worthington Park with the children involved delighting in showing off their handiwork to their families and friends.

Unfortunately due to vandalism the rhinos had to be rehomed to Walkden Gardens. Happily they have had a pleasant summer there. Fortunately our crocodiles have been safe and we have even had three.



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Bowling competition

The Bowling Club recently played host to Timperley and district veteran pairs semi and finals. Played over three days, clubs from all over the Sale and Altrincham area took part with the trophy presentations taking place after the last match. All clubs in the area are looking for new members - if you are interested please email mike.burbery@btinternet.com



Anti-social behaviour in the park

Sadly over the summer there have been several instances of glass bottles being broken in the children's play areas and near the picnic benches. Fortunately as far as we know there have been no serious injuries there although one dog has required vet treatment due to bottles being deliberately broken and left on Clarendon Rec. There have also been fires set deliberately and instances of intimidating behaviour by teenagers. The Police have been informed and are patrolling more frequently. If anyone sees anything untoward please ring the Police on 101.



Skate Board ramp

This will need to be replaced in the near future as the wooden parts are starting to rot. The Friends group is putting in a bid for a replacement in consultation with Trafford Council.



Pokemon

As well as the the crocodiles from Sale Art Zoo, the park has also had a number of Pokemon living in the park over the summer. This has resulted in even more people enjoying the park.



Petanque

It has also been lovely to see people playing petanque (a form of boules) on the paths of the Sunken Garden.



Improvements in the park since the Spring Newsletter:

- the potholes have been filled in;
- the fencing round the lions has been repaired;
- there has been some work undertaken on the sunken garden and this is ongoing;
- the noticeboards have had new perspex covers.



Friends of Worthington Park

Friends group

Worthington Park Friends group meets regularly and welcomes anyone who would like to attend meetings. It has links with all the Friends groups in Trafford and representatives of the groups attend meetings with Trafford council where any issues and concerns can be raised.

You can keep up to date with what is going on in the park with

- * website: www.worthingtonpark.org.uk
- * FaceBook The Friends of Worthington Park
- * twitter @worthpark

If you live locally, why not join us to help improve the Park by coming along to our meetings. If you don't want to get too involved and can only help occasionally we would love your help at the events we organise in the Park. Such help can include helping put up Christmas tree lights and gazebos or helping with keeping the park tidy.

Please email volunteer@worthingtonpark.org.uk with your contact details if you are willing to join our database of helpers.

Volunteers

We have been fortunate also this year to have had two volunteers to help work in the parks with various tasks that they were happy and felt confident to undertake, if you are interested please let us know via the website, the FB page or Twitter.

