



The Friends of Springfield Mill Park Newsletter Nine - July 2009



Summer Gala - Everyone Welcome Saturday 11th July 2009 from 1.00pm

- Drum Circle
- Cake Stall
- Face Painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Tombola
- Golf Skills Competition
- Football Skills Competition
- West Yorkshire Police
- Fire Engine
- Games
- Refreshment Stall
- Ice Cream & Food

Come along with all the family and enjoy the fun.

If you can help by donating a cake or helping in any other way please get in touch - contact details on the back page.

Celebrate our Schools Success Friday 10th July 2009 1:45 pm on the park



As reported in our previous newsletter, the three local primary schools in the area have been busy producing illustrations and designs for information boards about the natural history on Springfield Mill Park.

Please join us for the official unveiling of the information boards by the **Secretary of State for Education, Ed Balls MP**, and the **Mayor of Morley, Cllr Shirley Varley**.

Representatives from the many organisations who have helped the friends group over the years have also been invited to attend along with pupils and teachers from the three primary schools who have been involved in producing the work. It will be a great day of celebration please come and join us.

Expensive Litter

The Friends Group are working in collaboration with Leeds City Council's Environmental Team to deal with the problem of littering on the park. Residents may have noticed the appearance of stickers on the waste bins confirming that a fixed penalty fine of £75 will be issued to anyone caught dropping litter on the park. The Council's Enforcement Team will also be undertaking visits to the park and speaking to those users who may be responsible for dropping litter. If anyone identifies someone who drops litter they can report the incident and action will be taken. Contact the Council on 222 4407 (then the "hold" option) or inform the Friends Group and we will assist.



Cllr Terry Grayshon with officer from the Council's enforcement team placing notices on the park bins

Environmental Work Finished (nearly!)

Everyone will have noticed all the work which has been undertaken on the park during the winter and spring but one remaining piece of work is still to be completed. The whole of this project was started because we wanted to ensure that the pond maintained its water level and was an important and attractive feature on the park. There have been a number of delays and consultations with expert advisers on how best to proceed. It has been decided that the current pond is leaking water and the only long-term solution is to completely rebuild and re-line the pond. If all goes according to plan this work will be undertaken in early autumn and will be the final jigsaw which puts together the whole of the environmental plan which started to be considered over two years ago. The new pond should maintain water to a more consistent level and a new pond dipping platform is to be installed to allow young people to learn more about the wildlife which can be seen in this natural habitat.

Dog Free Zone – Council to Act

Over the next few months, Leeds City Council will be looking at various measures across the whole of Leeds to tackle the problem associated with irresponsible dog owners. One of the measures which will be introduced across Leeds is to designate various public spaces as dog free zones. The council have already agreed that they will include the dog free area on our park as part of their overall proposals which are due to be implemented sometime in the next year. This will give full legal backing to ensure that we can maintain our dog free zone. A full public consultation exercise will be undertaken across Leeds when the Council's proposals are being formulated.

Please join us at our next meeting!!

**Wednesday 23rd September 2009
8:00pm Arkle pub, Springfield Avenue**

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Get involved, have your say, join the committee or just come along to listen. Everyone welcome.

*What event would you like to have in the park?
Rounders, tree planting, teddy bears picnic, football tournament?*

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"We will actively campaign for the promotion of and the positive engagement of, all residents living in the vicinity of Springfield Mill Park to facilitate the aesthetic development of the facilities of the park and thereby enhance the quality of life for the mutual long term benefit of the community."

