



## New home for Friends and Bowling Club

The long-awaited pavilion by the bowling greens - pictured above - was officially opened by Cllr Mehboob Khan on October 26. As well as bringing the Greenhead Park Bowling Club back to its traditional place in the park, this bright modern building provides a great base for the Friends too. We are grateful for all the support we have had during the long campaign to secure a fitting replacement for the out of date buildings demolished during the park's restoration. Thanks to extra funding from the council's Environment Unit, the pavilion is very well insulated and also boasts an attractive and environmentally-friendly roof covering made from sedum plants.



Park users are welcome to drop in and meet members of the Friends in the new pavilion any Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3pm - and the kettle is always on!

We're having an Open Day on **Saturday 24 November** too, so do come along any time between 11am and 3pm to take a look at the facilities and find out more about the Friends and what we do. We hope to share ideas for events and activities as well - or you can just enjoy a chat and a cuppa!

## Can you help bring back the music?

From the earliest days of the park, concerts on the bandstand have been a much-loved feature, but sadly there was no Brass in the Park programme this year due to council cutbacks. The Friends would love to see the newly restored bandstand being fully used in 2013 - but we need some help to make this happen. Please contact us (details below) if you could help to co-ordinate a programme of events on the bandstand next year.

## More space for Park visitors

Visitors to Greenhead Park should find it easier to park in Park Drive and Park Drive South now that the council has agreed to increase the number of spaces where parking is limited to 3 hours. This should free up spaces currently occupied by people parking for the whole day. There are also new parking spaces for Blue Badge holders next to the park entrances in Park Drive and Park Drive South in addition to the current spaces in the Pay & Display car park at the back of the conservatory.

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## Christmas cracker!

Get in the festive mood at our Christmas Sing-along with Spot On Musical Theatre Group on **Sunday 16 December**, 2pm to 3pm, in the Greenhead Park conservatory.

Everyone is welcome to this free event organised jointly with Marsh Forum. There will be a collection in aid of the Bridgewood Trust.



## Flying the flag

Greenhead Park has won a prestigious Green Flag Award this year. This national award scheme recognizes and rewards the best green spaces in the country and sets a standard for parks and green spaces to aspire to. Credit must go to everyone who's been involved in the restoration project and to all the staff – and volunteers! – who work so hard to keep the park attractive, clean and safe.

A flagpole has been installed near the conservatory, and members of the Friends of Greenhead Park are pictured raising the flag for the first time.

Detailed feedback from the judging panel has helped to pinpoint areas that need improvement and hopefully ensure that we keep our green flag flying in 2013.



## Art in the Park

Get creative in the park with a new monthly art club, for kids aged 5 to 12 years (must be accompanied by an adult). The club meets on the second Saturday of the month from 1pm to 2.30pm.

Join artist Jo Blaker to have a go at imaginative art activities inspired by nature. Activities take place in the Greenhead Park Community Room, next to the café opposite the tennis courts.

Cost: £5 per child, payable in advance. Places are limited – to book e-mail [drawandexplore@gmail.com](mailto:drawandexplore@gmail.com)

## So much to enjoy in 2012

This year the park has been full of people enjoying a wide range of events and activities. Despite the wet summer, crowds still flocked in to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Jamaican Independence and the Olympics, although we were sorry the rain meant the Huddersfield Carnival had to be relocated this year. We hope to see this popular event back in the park in 2013.

Charity events have raised lots of cash for good causes and all sorts of community groups and individuals, including the Friends, have organised activities for people of all ages to enjoy - with help and support from Chris Smith, the Park Activity Officer. There's been something for everyone - from sport and exercise to poetry, history, art, music, gardening and more - and we hope there'll be even more on offer next year.



There are lots of ways to find what's going on in the park, including the Events listings on the Friends website, the Greenhead Park Facebook page, posters, leaflets, and the local press. Members of the Friends of Greenhead Park get updates direct from us too, and anyone can join our e-mail circulation list by e-mailing us at [fogphuddersfield@gmail.com](mailto:fogphuddersfield@gmail.com).

## Explore the history of Greenhead Park

A new leaflet published by the Friends of Greenhead Park aims to encourage visitors to explore the park's fascinating history. The leaflet includes a map showing where you can find the ten Heritage Information boards in the park which tell you more about the main historic features. Current park facilities are also marked to help visitors find their way around.

The free leaflet is available from both the park cafes and you can also pick one up at the Friends' Wednesday drop-in session or the Open Day on 24 November.

The popular lunchtime History Hour sessions organised by the Friends have now finished for 2012 but will be back again next year. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers, we'd love to hear from you.



***A Friend-ly pumpkin joined the fun at the miniature railway's spooky Halloween event. This was a great success clocking up over 500 rides!***