



It's all happening in Greenhead Park!

2012 looks set to be a really exciting year in the park with big events like the Huddersfield Carnival returning as well as celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and events linked to the Olympics. Alongside these major events, we're pleased that there will be a whole host of other activities such as Easter egg painting, the popular Pink Picnic, fund raisers for good causes and much more.

Greenhead Park is a great venue and the Friends are keen to see a wide variety of events and activities, big and small, which bring people in to enjoy our beautiful park. If you are interested in putting on an event or running an activity in the Park in 2012 – either outside or in the Greenhead Park Community Room – contact Park Activity Officer, Chris Smith (chrisl.smith@kirklees.gov.uk or 07814 387426).

Parks need Friends!

Continuing cutbacks in council spending mean that parks need Friends even more than ever. Keeping up standards with fewer staff is quite a challenge and funding for events like the popular brass band programme is under threat too.

We're pleased that the council have published a Management Plan for Greenhead Park (available at www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk) which sets out their aims and plans for the park. As a Friends group, we will do what we can to support staff in delivering these aims. But where there are things park users would like that the council can't afford, an active Friends group can make a real difference through voluntary effort or raising extra funds.

The Friends of Greenhead Park already have regular gardening and history activities - and we'd welcome new volunteers and new ideas. The more Friends there are, the more we can do!

The Friends of Greenhead Park

Annual General Meeting
is on **Saturday 10 March**
at **11am**

in the **Greenhead Park Community Room**
Come along to find out more about the Friends
and our activities

Before the AGM, we'll be taking a **walk in the park** with Activity Officer, Chris Smith, and local councillors. Join us at **10am** at the top park gates (near the Junction pub).

ALL WELCOME

Get fit and have fun

There are even more opportunities to get fit in the park in 2012.

Parkrun at 9am on Saturday mornings is now attracting up to 200 people for a weekly 5k timed run, and regular themed sessions add to the fun. To join in, register at www.parkrun.org.uk.

For gentler exercise, try a **Health Walk** at 10.30am every Monday. Set off from the top cafe near the tennis courts for an easy walk of up to an hour with a trained walk leader.

From 5 March, new mums can choose from three **Buggymovers** exercise sessions each week. The one hour sessions cost £2.50 per mum and buggy and start from the top cafe on Mondays at 1.30pm and Wednesdays & Fridays at 10.30am. Call Gill Logan on 01484 234097 for more details.

New for 2012 is **Nordic walking**, a fun and social activity which uses over 90% of the body's muscles. Walkers meet at the Park's Community Room on Fridays at 10.30am or 1.30pm. For people who are new to Nordic walking, there's a free half-hour session prior to the walk to learn the basic techniques, and poles are available for a small hire charge of £1 a session. To book contact Diane on 07814 387420.

More events and activities are on the way - check our website (see overleaf) and park notice boards for up to date details what's happening in the park.

A little bit of history

Back by popular demand, the Friends' 2012 History Hour programme starts on Wednesday 4 April with a session exploring old maps of the Greenhead area before and after the park was created.



On 2 May, local historian Pam Cooksey will talk about the Woodhead family and their connections with Greenhead and the topic for 6 June will be the royal visit to the park in 1912.

History Hour sessions are on the first Wednesday of the month from 12.30pm to 1.30pm in the Greenhead Park Community Room. There is no charge and all are welcome.

If you have suggestions for topics, or can offer to do a talk, contact us (see box below).

Roses are . . . white and pink!

By the end of March the circular beds in the Rose Garden should be full of roses again. There will be white scented bush roses with some pink standards to provide height, underplanted with purple Nepeta.



The herbaceous borders planted last year, should be looking good this summer too, and we hope to raise funds for

plants for the pergola to complete the picture.

Volunteers to join the Friends Gardening group on Wednesday afternoons would be very welcome - contact us for more details.

Poetry in the Park - Spring & all

On Saturday 24 March, Poetry in the Park comes to Greenhead Park. Bring a poem you like (or one you have written) to the Community Room at 1pm.

This event is organised by the Albert Poets, with the support of Kirklees Libraries' RAYS. Poetry in the Park has been a popular event for several years in Crow Nest and Wilton Parks.

Carols in the conservatory

The Christmas carol concert organised by the Friends of Greenhead Park and the Marsh Forum was a big success despite the weather. A switch of venue from the bandstand to the conservatory kept musicians from Huddersfield Youth Brass Ensemble and carollers warm and dry. We would like to thank Dale from The Park and Park Warden, Diane, for their help and support.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 10 March 11am Community Room	FoGP Annual General Meeting
Saturday 24 March 1pm - 3pm Community Room	Poetry in the Park
Sunday 25 March 9.30am - 2pm	Sport Relief Mile in Greenhead Park
Sunday 1 April	Jubilee Cricket Festival
Wednesday 4 April 12.30pm-1.30pm, Community Room	History Hour: 'Exploring maps'
Friday 6 April - Monday 9 April	Easter Funfair - weather permitting
Every weekend 1.30pm - 4pm	Miniature train rides - weather permitting

Don't get locked in!

The park gates will start to be locked at night from the beginning of April.

The park will open at 7am every day and close in January & February at 6pm; March & April at 8pm; May - August at 10pm; September & October at 8pm; and November & December at 6pm.

Help plant wildflowers

The wildflower seeds that we sowed last autumn are thriving at the council's nursery at Bradley and will be ready for planting out in March. This is part of the project to create a 'wild' area along the southern edge of the park. We have already planted lots of bulbs in the more wooded section and would like to thank everyone who helped.

We hope to plant out the wildflowers on Saturday afternoons in March - there are thousands of them so we need all the help we can get!

Look out for more details of planting sessions on the park notice boards and in the local press - or check our website.

Contact us

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or call in at one of our drop-in sessions in the
Greenhead Park Community Room (in the
Refreshment Rooms building near the tennis
courts) every Wednesday from 1.30pm to 3pm