



Bandstand to host music, dance and drama in 2016

An exciting programme of events is lined up for the Greenhead Park bandstand this summer. The season kicks off with sounds of brass from **Golcar Training Band** on **Sunday 19 June** (2pm to 3.30pm) followed by **Stagecoach Theatre Arts** summer outdoor performance of music, theatre and dance on **Saturday 25 June**.

Next up is the **Kirklees Youth Brass Band** who will entertain visitors to the park on **Saturday 2 July** from 2pm to 4pm. And then there's a real treat for lovers of drama when **Huddersfield Thespians** stage extracts from Shakespeare's most popular plays - including Romeo and Juliet on the bandstand - to mark the 400th anniversary of his death. Shakespeare in the Park runs from **7-10 July**, 6.30pm-9.45pm including a half hour interval. The shows are free but you need to get a ticket from the box office at the Lawrence Batley Theatre.

Visit www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk for all the latest on the Friends and details of what's on in the park

More brass band concerts are planned for Sunday afternoons in August - look out for publicity soon.



Getting growing

In April we invited Growing Works to run a free Grow it & Cook it drop-in session with activities for all the family, including planting vegetables in the raised beds by the top cafe (opposite the tennis courts).

On **Thursday 2 June** there's another session in the same place - look out for the gazebo and mobile potting shed. There's no need to book, just call in any time between 1pm and 3pm for some growing and cooking fun!

These sessions have been made possible by a grant from Kirklees One Community.

Can you help?

Volunteers are needed to help with events on the bandstand - putting out chairs, shaking collection buckets and clearing up afterwards - and we'll also be looking for helpers with our stall and refreshments at the Kirklees Summer Show on August 13/14. If you can help, please contact us (see box over page for details).

The Thespians also need helpers for their performances of Shakespeare in the Park, including programme sellers, stewards and 'extras'. E-mail lynne.whitaker@talktalk.net for more details.

Nearly time for a paddle

The ever-popular Greenhead Park paddling pool will be filled up and ready to go in time for Spring Bank week. The pool will be open until the end of the summer holidays, although it may need to be closed for short periods for cleaning.

The water is treated daily to keep it clean and leaves, debris and litter are also removed every day by Parks staff. Pool users can help by avoiding contamination of the water and keeping glass bottles well away from the pool. Please note that children using the paddling pool must be under adult supervision at all times.

Celebrating Carnival

The Friends of Greenhead Park 2016 History Hour programme kicks off with a talk on the history of Huddersfield Carnival, which last year celebrated its 30th anniversary. This much-loved annual event made its home in Greenhead Park for many years, and will hopefully be back in the future if enough funds can be raised to stage it here.



The History Hour talk, by Natalie Pinnock-Hamilton from the Huddersfield African Caribbean Cultural Trust, is on **Wednesday 1 June**, 12.30pm to 1.30pm, in the Greenhead Park Community Room.

Look out for more Wednesday lunchtime History Hour sessions on **July 6, September 7, October 5** and **November 2**. They're free and there's no need to book.

Summer at The Park

Summer opening hours at The Park cafe in the conservatory start in time for Spring Bank half term. The cafe will open from 9am to 4pm during the week and 4.30pm at weekends & school holidays. Breakfast is served until 11.30am, lunch from 11.30am to 2.30pm & drinks and cakes all day.

There's a special Father's Day carvery lunch on **Sunday 19 June** too - and The Park now has a licence for weddings in the conservatory (limited to 3 per year). For details call 01484 221515 or e-mail GHPark.conservatory@kirklees.gov.uk.

Get a taste for a new sport

Huddersfield Petanque Club are going from strength to strength and now have their own clubhouse, noticeboard and Mediterranean garden alongside the terrain by the Marsh gates.

They are inviting people to try the game - also known as boules or French bowls - for free on **Monday 30 May**, 11am to 4pm. Spare boules are available and experienced players from the club will be on hand to offer guidance and coaching.

Anyone for croquet?

If petanque is not for you, how about croquet? This year for the first time the lower bowling green will be used by Huddersfield Croquet Club for some of their matches, as well as practice sessions on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings.

On **Sunday 5 June**, the club will be celebrating National Croquet Day with an open day (10am to 4pm) when anyone can come along and have a go. Croquet is a game for all ages and abilities - you can have fun and gentle exercise, but it's also good for those "competitive types"! All you need are flat soled shoes; the Club will provide all the equipment, helping hands and simple instructions, so that you can get an idea of the game.

For information on Huddersfield Croquet Club, call Rena Souten on 07799 895350 or e-mail huddscroquet@btinternet.com.

Bowlers welcome

You can have a go at bowling on the greens too - there's nearly always at least one green free for



public use. Bowls are available for loan (free) from the Pavilion by the greens on Wednesdays, 1.30pm to 2.30pm, and other times by arrangement with the Friends.

Greenhead Park Bowling Club are keen to recruit new

members as well. Contact Geoff on 07445 994791 or Richard on 07813 738162 for more information.

How to contact the Friends of Greenhead Park

- ★ c/o Refreshment Rooms, Greenhead Park, Huddersfield HD1 4HS
- ★ e-mail fogphuddersfield@gmail.com
- ★ via our website www.friendsofgreenheadpark.org.uk
- ★ at our drop-in session, Wednesdays 1.30pm to 2.30pm, in the Pavilion by the bowling greens