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**FRIENDS OF
ROUNDHAY PARK**

WINTER 2019

“ *To appreciate a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.* ”
Aristotle

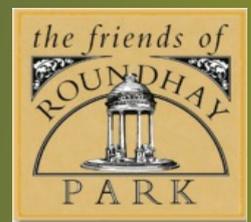
Enjoy the park all through the winter.

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.....and so much more

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★ *SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS* ★



Chair's Letter

Another year passes, and it has been a busy, successful year in the life of the park and for all those who have taken an active part in maintaining and improving it.

Building on their tremendous success in raising the money to re-build the lakeside children's playground, those same indomitable mothers have continued their work with renewed vigour raising even more funds to spend on equipment for the upper playground and, perhaps, more importantly devising and introducing a number of new activities to involve and include younger children in the life of the park, teaching them to respect and appreciate what it has to offer. In addition to the many new activities that the "Little Friends" have planned, the park management has also kindly allowed an area for the children to plan and develop their own Children's Garden. If you have young children or grand-children or maybe friends or neighbours, why not get them involved too?

Thanks also to our many working party volunteers who clean, dig, plant, improve, tidy and so very much more, assisting the loyal park staff in keeping the park looking its best, come what may. We are also grateful to the many other volunteer and sporting groups who frequently give their time to assist our own volunteers. Could you help?

Summer saw the Ed Sheeran concert, our first major 'pop' concert in years. Unfortunately, the first night suffered bad weather but, fortunately, it cleared up for the Saturday. The concert went

well, was well organised and caused few problems. However over the year, we experienced increases in anti-social behaviour. Our open meeting in July attracted many people but we are still monitoring how effective or otherwise the responses of the police and council members have been.

Looking forward, work is about to start to divide 'Mary's Tree' into three sections to be installed at the original site. This will then allow the footpath to be re-opened once repaired. Early next year, we have arranged for work to start on major renovations to the shelter facing the canal at the end of Canal Gardens. Our grateful thanks to our member, David Binns, who has planned and developed the work on our behalf.

Thanks are due to the many unsung heroes of Friends but I mention here two of our volunteers, Carol and Peter Stagg, who produce these most interesting and informative newsletters and to our hard-working secretary, Carol Haughton.

Now, finally, may I take this opportunity on behalf of the committee to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and joyous Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you all enjoying the park in 2020.

Richard Critchley



Thank you to the Coop.

On behalf of Little FoRP, Petra Smith (lt) is presented with a giant cheque for funds raised by the Coop Local Community Fund.

Kal Sian, Coop manager and project co-ordinator is on the right.

Full story on p3

Co-op support for plans to enhance the upper playground

Following their spectacular success in raising funds for the complete renewal of the Lakeside children's playground, did the amazing FoRP playground appeal team sit back and bask in their well deserved glory? Of course not! The team have immediately turned their attention to the upper playground overlooking Princes Avenue, with the aim of installing a major new piece of play equipment in this very popular and well-used area. More funding-raising efforts were required. FoRP greatly appreciates Leeds City Council's offer to provide £20,000, which would need to be spent by the end of May 2020 – giving us another tight deadline. More is required however, and so the playground team put in a bid for funding under the Co-op Local Community Fund which is a national initiative drawing on contributions from Co-op members, delivered locally to support local projects.

The FoRP team bid for funding through our local cluster of six Co-op stores, including the Street Lane store, and Co-op stores at Street Lane garage, Moortown, Nursery Lane, High Ash Drive and Hollins Park. Once again we must congratulate our playground team (Little Friends of Roundhay Park) for a successful funding bid, making FoRP one of three local charities to be awarded funding through the generous efforts of the six local Co-op stores. In total, these six stores raised the magnificent sum of £18946-59 for the three chosen charities, of which FoRP receives £6449-21 towards playground equipment.

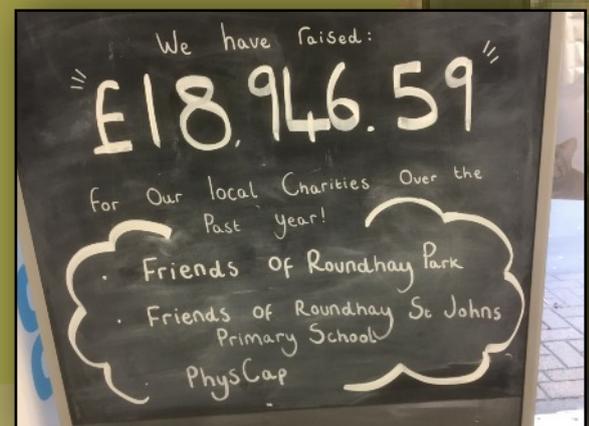


On Saturday 23rd November, Petra Smith representing Little Friends and the playground team and Peter Stagg (co-editor of the FoRP newsletter) were delighted to accept an invitation to visit all six Co-op stores to meet staff and say a big "Thank You" on behalf of FoRP for their generous support for our work. A giant cheque was presented to FoRP. (Mince pies and other cakes were close at hand!). Speaking for FoRP, Petra Smith said *"It has been fantastic to work with the Co-op to raise money to improve our community - it really is a win-win, and we're very happy with the total raised. We are very excited about the prospect of improving the upper playground and this money is another big step towards our goal"*.

Kal Sian, manager of the Street Lane Co-op coordinated the Local Community Fund for the cluster, and Kal accompanied Petra and Peter on the visits to the six participating stores. FoRP is very grateful to Kal and all his colleagues at the stores for all they have done in helping raise funds towards the playground equipment. It was good to learn from Kal that his Co-op colleagues also feel some benefits from taking part. Kal said *"At first, some colleagues were a bit introverted and not sure about stepping forward, but once they get a taste of it they find it rewarding to realise what we can give back to the community"*. Referring to future links with FoRP, Kal said *"Even though your term as one of our local causes ends in December, we will continue to have a healthy relationship with you. Whether it be doing some volunteering or participating in an event that you are involved in. Everyone uses Roundhay Park and it is only fitting that we should be giving something back in some way"*.

So, thank you to the Co-op, both locally and nationally, and to Co-op members who contribute to the Local Community Fund through their spending in the stores. In addition this is a good place to thank Kal and his colleagues for volunteering to help on some of the FoRP working parties alongside Tom Cooper and his team. Much appreciated!

Meanwhile, the playground team have a particular piece of play equipment in mind.....but yet more funding is still needed, so look out for more news in the next newsletter.



The Little Friends/Playground Team members are Laura Webb, Lexi Moffatt, Sara Dawson, and Petra Smith, with fantastic support from Julia Wilson.

A Winter Visitor in Trouble

Once again – in all weathers – our intrepid bird correspondent Dave Johnston has been out with his binoculars and trusty camera.



Another less familiar duck appeared on Waterloo Lake in November: the pochard. This is classed as a medium sized duck. It is 42-49 cm long, smaller than a mallard, which is 50-65 cm long. The females, like many ducks, are basically brown. The males have a chestnut coloured head and a grey back. Two males could be easily seen close to the paths, feeding with 50 or so tufted duck.



The pochard story is worrying at the moment. Although roughly 48,000 of them come to the UK in the autumn, this is a drop of 65% in the last ten years. Overwintering numbers in Northern Ireland have also dropped, by over 70%. They breed in Scandinavia, Russia and Turkey, where they are found on lakes and marshes. They are a diving duck, feeding on water plants, seeds, crustaceans, aquatic worms, water snails and non-biting midge larvae.

Between 8 and 10 eggs are laid, and incubation takes 25 days. Once hatched, the young take 55 days before they can fly. This could be one reason for the decline of this species. The shooting season in their breeding range starts before most of the young have fledged. The

males have already started to migrate by then, so it is the females and young birds which are killed.

The other reason seems to be pollution of the lakes and marshes where they breed. This has seriously reduced the numbers of midge larvae in the water, which they eat in late spring and summer.

The two males on Waterloo Lake spent most of the time near tufted duck. Both species could be seen making frequent dives and surfacing with water snails in their beaks. Pochard prefer open water in the winter, so you might see them at Roundhay Park again any time this winter. Rodley nature reserve, Fairburn Ings and St. Aidan's are all good places to see pochard. In all cases there are far more males than females.

Goosander, gadwall and wigeon were also seen on both lakes in mid-November. Little grebe has had a successful year at the park, with seven seen together on the Upper Lake, feeding on stickleback.

Dave Johnston

English Art at the Mansion – here to stay

You may have seen and visited art exhibitions put on by the English Art Company in the Garden Room at the Mansion in Roundhay Park. The company sells our calendars, cards and prints, as well as donating a percentage of the sales of calendars produced by resident artist David Lyons.

As this newsletter is about to go to print, we are delighted to learn from Catriona Moore of the English Art Company that they have agreed an ongoing relationship with Dine at the Mansion, and will be putting on more art exhibitions as well as tea and history events in the coming year. So watch out for more information about future events, and support your local artists.

Food for Swans - a social media storm hits Roundhay Park

Two years ago Tom Cooper, leader of FoRP's working parties launched a project to encourage the feeding of a more healthy diet to swans and other waterfowl, using prepared bags of food, rather than bread. Previously, excessive quantities of bread had been thrown into the lake causing unsightly pollution. The project has proved a great success, dramatically reducing the amount of bread in the lake. Recently the feeding of ducks and swans has become a topic of national debate. To set the matter straight, Tom has provided this information.

You may well have felt the effects of the media storm about feeding bread to ducks and swans, as it made it on to mainstream media, both national and local. It was in the press and on Radio 2. It has featured on Facebook and Twitter and there was also a post by someone on our web-site.

The RSPB has said that feeding small amounts of bread to swans on *flowing* water is not harmful. However Waterloo Lake is not flowing water. In the past, excess bread accumulated in the corner of the lake by the boathouse to form a horrible grey brown mass which stretched all the way from the lake to underneath the boathouse itself. The rowers and canoeists christened this disgusting mass "bread pudding" This was the motivation for putting up our banner and providing balanced, floating food as an alternative. (See newsletter Dec 2017)



The initiative has been successful and the "bread pudding" (pictured left) has not been seen for more than two years. The swans are in excellent health, as can be seen by the increase in numbers, and so is the lake. I know the rack is often empty but 350 - 400 bags of food are put on the rack each week. Then a mystery notice appeared about it being OK to feed bread to ducks and swans. It is interesting that at the same time that this notice was put up our banner vanished. However, this has now vanished and been replaced by a FoRP banner.



Mystery notice

John Ferguson has attached a notice to the railings beside our banner, explaining our position. Here is what it says:-

"Posters first appeared in a park in Buxton, Derbyshire. The poster has been traced to Swan Support a swan rescue charity based in Windsor who are concerned about malnutrition of swans along the river Thames. Their proposed solution echoes a similar proposal some 18 months ago by the Queen's Swan Marker, David Barber, who organises the annual Swan Upping swan count along the Thames. Why their proposed solution of feeding more bread is suggested, rather than better alternatives is not clear. The RSPB states that small amounts of bread can be fed to swans but there are many more nutritious alternatives such as, corn, grapes, oats, wheat, lettuce, vegetable trimmings and peas, plus specially formulated food such as the pellets provided by the Friends of Roundhay Park. The situation is also different between a river and still water such as lakes and canals. In a river any uneaten bread is washed away. Local park authorities throughout the country and the Canals and River Trust object to bread, not only for its lack of nutritional value, but also because rafts of rotting bread build up in static water attracting rats and providing a health hazard to water sport users. By all means continue to feed ducks and swans but with many of the alternatives to bread."



I hope this is the end of the problem, for the sake of the ducks and swans and for the health of Waterloo Lake.

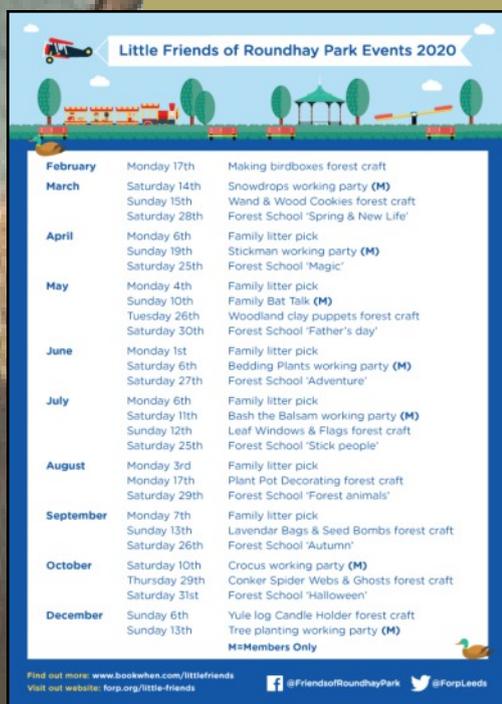
Tom Cooper

Little FoRP launches its programme for next year

2019 was a trial year for Little FoRP and we are pleased to announce it was a great success. This allows us to return next year with many more exciting activities including forest schools, forest craft workshops, litter picks and family accessible working parties. The first event of the year is a forest craft workshop making bird boxes, led by our park rangers. This is a great opportunity for children to get arty and crafty with natural materials.

The last Saturday of the month sees Little FoRP's forest school return to Ram Wood in March, with Sally from Grass Roots Muddy Boots and Siobhan from Treetops Forest School. The first session is themed around spring and new life.

Our first working party is in March, marking the annual planting of 2000 snowdrops by FoRP members and their families. The event was so popular last year it was even covered by the Yorkshire Evening Post who joined the 50+ group to plant some snowdrops. The family friendly litter picks begin in April, when it's a little warmer. We're excited that the West Yorkshire Bat Group will be joining us in the spring to give a children's talk on the bats of Roundhay Park, and potentially to lead a guided bat walk during the summer.



Little Friends of Roundhay Park Events 2020

February	Monday 17th	Making birdboxes forest craft
March	Saturday 14th	Snowdrops working party (M)
	Sunday 15th	Wand & Wood Cookies forest craft
	Saturday 28th	Forest School 'Spring & New Life'
April	Monday 6th	Family litter pick
	Sunday 19th	Stickman working party (M)
	Saturday 25th	Forest School 'Magic'
May	Monday 4th	Family litter pick
	Sunday 10th	Family Bat Talk (M)
	Tuesday 26th	Woodland clay puppets forest craft
	Saturday 30th	Forest School 'Father's day'
June	Monday 1st	Family litter pick
	Saturday 6th	Bedding Plants working party (M)
	Saturday 27th	Forest School 'Adventure'
July	Monday 6th	Family litter pick
	Saturday 11th	Bash the Balsam working party (M)
	Sunday 12th	Leaf Windows & Flags forest craft
	Saturday 25th	Forest School 'Stick people'
August	Monday 3rd	Family litter pick
	Monday 17th	Plant Pot Decorating forest craft
	Saturday 29th	Forest School 'Forest animals'
September	Monday 7th	Family litter pick
	Sunday 13th	Lavendar Bags & Seed Bombs forest craft
	Saturday 26th	Forest School 'Autumn'
October	Saturday 10th	Crocus working party (M)
	Thursday 29th	Conker Spider Webs & Ghosts forest craft
	Saturday 31st	Forest School 'Halloween'
December	Sunday 6th	Yule log Candle Holder forest craft
	Sunday 13th	Tree planting working party (M)

M=Members Only

Find out more: www.bookwhen.com/littlefriends
Visit our website: forp.org/little-friends

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Class Pass launched

Based on feedback from parents this year, we are launching a new ticket in 2020 for family members called a **Class Pass**, which offers 30% discount on tickets prices for forest school or craft workshops. A **Class Pass** (pre-paying for 3 classes upfront for a child) offers the best value tickets available, and will allow parents the flexibility to book classes as and when they choose.

One class must be booked when purchasing a Class Pass. Book the remaining 2 classes whenever you wish. There are **Class Passes** available for 1, 2 or 3 children to suit your family.

If a **Class Pass** doesn't appeal, family members will continue to get the 20% discount on single bookings as you pay for them.

Sara Dawson

To find out more about Little Friends and how you can join in, visit the FoRP website www.forp.org

A full programme of events for 2020 is shown (left). Sorry if this is a bit small to read! You will also find the programme on our website, and there will be posters displayed e.g. in the notice board by the Lakeside Café.

Excellent reviews for Little FoRP's Forest School

One of the initiatives set up by Little FoRP in 2019 was the introduction of 'Forest School'. Amongst those attending were members of North Leeds Mumblers – the local branch of a country-wide parenting community. They have written an excellent review of the Forest School. Here are some extracts:

My mini Mumblers love the outdoors. Spending time in the woods playing with sticks and building dens is definitely their thing so when we saw the forest school class advertised by Little Friends of Roundhay Park they both wanted to book straight away. The session was run by Sally from 'Grass Roots and Muddy Boots' and Siobhan from Treetops Forest School in the wooded area just off Park Lane (although you can also easily walk to it from the Mansion as well).

We were all really impressed by the number of different activities. The session caters for children age 3+ with activities to suit and challenge all ages. My two are 8 and 5 and they really liked the 'hands-on' nature of the sessions.





Forest School activities include the use of natural materials for building and making things, including the use of simple tools. A variety of play and music activities are provided. The review also said:

It was a really relaxed atmosphere and the kids benefited from that freedom.

It's something that we will definitely be back to enjoy again and next time the mini Mumbler have already said they will be bringing some of their friends so they can all play in the dens.

You can read the full review at <https://northleeds.mumbler.co.uk/mumbler-reviews-little-friends-of-roundhay-park-forest-school/>

Little FoRP launches first children's trails in Roundhay Park

Exciting news from the Little FoRP team. Sara Dawson reports on new adventures for children in 2020

It has been a busy Autumn for the Little FoRP team. As well as hosting the monthly offerings of forest craft, litter picks, working parties and forest school workshops, the team have been busy preparing Roundhay Park's first ever children's adventure trails.

A survey conducted by FoRP last March revealed that support for trails in the park from the local community was high, so the trails were a key priority for this year with the view to launching next year. Our aim is to open the trails officially on 24th January 2020.

The Little Friends have been working with Yorkshire Trails to design and implement the trails that have kindly been funded by FoRP. The trails are free to use by all park visitors, with clue sheets being accessible in the Lakeside Cafe, Tropical World and the Mansion conservatory. In addition there will be three large information boards located round the park.

The team have provided two trails, the first is an imagination trail called The Magical Fountains of Roundhay. It is aimed at under 6s and is fully wheelchair and pushchair accessible. The second is an adventure trail where older children (6+) have to solve The Secret of Roundhay Castle by undertaking various tasks.

Yorkshire Trails held clue writing workshops with year 5 pupils at Talbot and Gledhow Schools to design the clues, some of which were used in the actual trails. The aim is to refresh the trails periodically to keep children engaged.

We are encouraging children to undertake the trail and upload a photo to social media with the hashtag #littlefriendstrails. The answer sheets, certificates of completion and further information can be found on the FoRP website.

A sneaky peek – a taste of what is to come

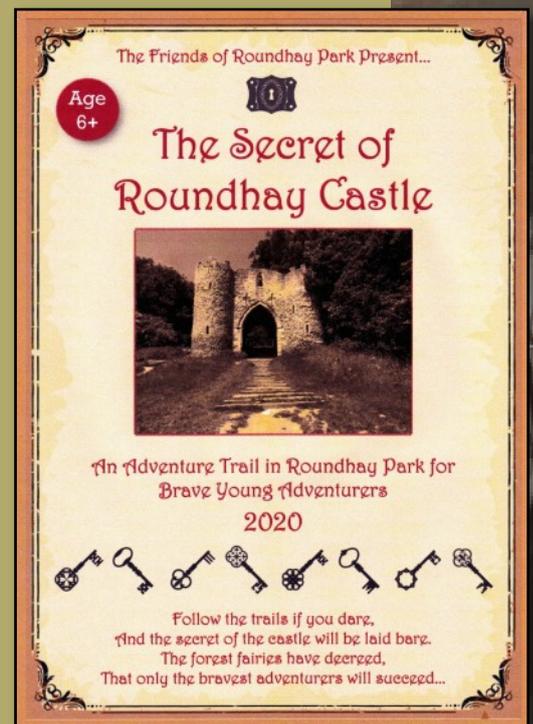
Under 6s trail

Explore The Magical Fountains of Roundhay. The route is fully wheelchair and pushchair accessible. As you follow the trails around the park, on a magical quest you shall embark. The Roundhay Tree Folk need you to help them out, so get ready for a magical walkabout...

Over 6s trail

Solve The Secret of Roundhay Castle.

Follow the trails if you dare.....And the secret of the castle will be laid bare. The forest fairies have decreed that only the bravest adventurers will succeed.....

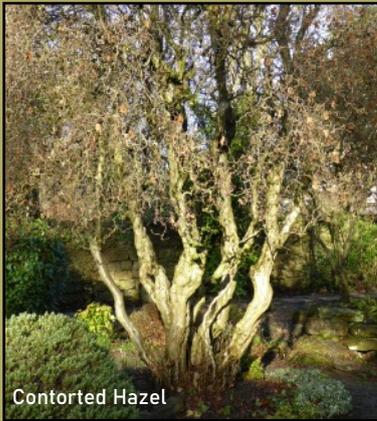


Cecily Jarvis and the intrepid Friends Gardeners continue their excellent work all year round, maintaining and developing the beautiful corner of Canal Gardens that is the Friends Garden. Thank you, Cecily, for this update and the photos.

Autumn and Winter Season in Friends Garden

Like everywhere else, Friends Garden has suffered from the very wet weather we have had this autumn. Gardening sessions have had to be cancelled on six occasions this year because of heavy rain. On the other hand, Friends Garden temporarily got its water back albeit with a good covering of duckweed! We garden organically and chemical treatment, even if available, is not an option. We just have to hope for a cold spell to naturally kill off these tiny plants or better still, persuade some ducks to come in and eat it.

Another problem we have this year is box blight, a fungal disease of box plants which is particularly active in wet weather. There are several box "balls" in Friends Garden showing the symptoms – brown patches and leaf fall. There is no means of stopping its spread except by careful management such as improving ventilation around the plant and collecting and removing any dead leaves. We will wait and see how it progresses before considering removal of the shrubs.



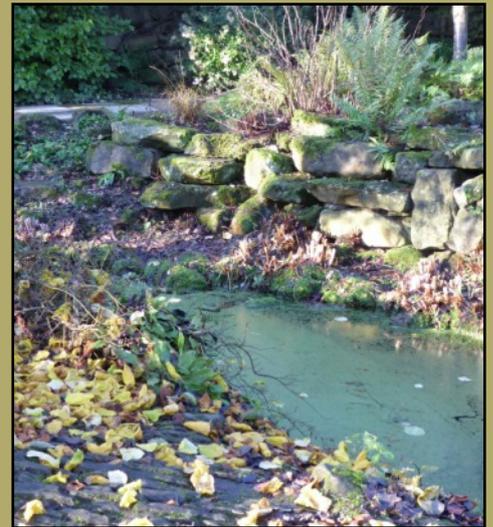
Contorted Hazel

On the subject of dead leaves, the annual leaf fall has kept everyone busy sweeping and collecting and we should have a good supply of leaf mould ready for use in spring. We also had a new compost box installed this year which is nearly full so, again, lots of good organic material for the garden.

The tree canopy in Friends Garden is now so extensive that certain areas of the

garden are extremely shady and dry and it is a challenge to find plants which will cope with the conditions. However, discussions are underway with Estate Manager, John Roebuck, to decide how best to tackle the issue and let in the light.

This all sounds very downbeat but in fact Friends Garden as an arm of FoRP continues to thrive. We have put in close to 300 hours of work since March and have a regular team of up to 16 individuals. The parks gardeners are helpful in removing our non-compostable waste and in return we help out with weeding in the long border in Canal Gardens.



Finally, The Friends Gardeners send *Seasons Greetings* to everyone and although we don't have any holly berries in the garden, the cotoneaster (right) more than makes up for it.

Cecily Jarvis



Roundhay Park history boards win top award

Another award for FoRP! We reported on the history boards in the spring newsletter. Their excellence has been recognised through this award, which was collected on behalf of FoRP by Chris Ward at the Civic Trust AGM on 25th November. Congratulations to Sara Dawson and the timeline team. Sara writes:

Roundhay Park's first ever history boards created by volunteers have been honoured with a top award from the Leeds Civic Trust. The Friends of Roundhay Park (FoRP) worked with local historians to create a large picture-led timeline showcasing how people in Leeds have enjoyed using Roundhay Park over the last 200 years.

The Civic Trust awarded the park volunteers a bronze award for the boards in its annual Snaith Awards that recognises the work of communities across Leeds which boosts understanding of the city's natural environment

Carol Haughton, FoRP secretary said: *"The timeline is the first ever timeline of Roundhay Park on public display. By creating it we have brought the park to life. Our hope is that in the future the park is still as beautiful in 100 years time, and another century of facts have been added to our timeline."*

Sara Dawson, the curator of the timeline said: *"Around 46,000 children visit the park every year, that's potentially 46,000 children who could leave the park with new-found knowledge and a deeper understanding of why we should protect and love Roundhay Park."*

"FoRP has an extensive archive of images made up of photographs and images donated to the charity. This was a fabulous resource for the timeline. Gaps we had in images were generously filled by Leeds Museums and Galleries and the Yorkshire Post. The Yorkshire Post donated fantastic images of the pop concerts in the eighties, from the likes of Madonna and the Rolling Stones. Through Leeds Museums and Galleries we were able to source newspaper drawings depicting when John Barran purchased the park for the people of Leeds."



The history boards are visible in the new lakeside playground opposite the Lakeside Cafe. They have also been reprinted and displayed in the gardens outside Tropical World by Leeds City Council.

Sara Dawson

An Autumnal Party in the Park

Whatever the season, throughout the year, the enthusiasm and hard work of FoRP's working parties never wanes. Once again we thank their leader Tom Cooper for this report.



Spot the workers

The trees in the park have been showing great colour this autumn, but some of the working parties have taken place under leaden skies. Luckily, we have managed to avoid working in the rain most of the time. Some tasks have taken several sessions to complete. One was to cut back the epicormic shoots growing from the bottom of the trees by West Avenue. This was highlighted as a cause for concern at the anti-social behaviour meeting in July. The park management left a trailer for our use close by the trees and this was quickly filled with branches before the job was finished. We only managed to complete the job on the second occasion because Martin used the filled trailer as a bouncy castle. This made room for the last few trimmings.



Filled - with pride

the Roundhay Fox. The crocuses are in two shades of yellow, so look out for them in the spring. They only fill half the area, so we have another "family friendly" task lined up for next October.

Friends of Roundhay Park like to encourage the public to see the more remote parts of our park. Bill Fraser still takes people to see the fascinating geological features in the park with his geology walk. John Ferguson's hidden park walks, held as part of Heritage Week, proved immensely popular this year. Working parties were used to make sure that the geology was obvious and that the paths that John uses were passable. I would recommend each of these walks if you have not already been on them.



Melting in the heat

Back in the summer, Estate Officer John Roebuck was keen to remove the weeds under the court dividing netting at the tennis courts. The first session had to be curtailed when the temperature reached 30°C and we ran out of shade. The job got easier over the next 2 visits as the temperature dropped and the ground became wetter. I am pleased to report that the tennis courts are weed free and looking much smarter.



Left and above

Clearing the paths for the hidden park walk and the Geology Trail

In the spring some FoRP families helped plant snowdrops. This autumn another "family friendly" working party planted lots of crocuses. For some of the children however, collecting worms was much more exciting. I know there

are already lots of them in the park (crocuses that is, not worms), but we started on a crocus free area next to the circular flower bed at the back of

If you fancy joining our exciting adventures, e-mail me at tomandcath@ntlworld.com. We meet 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month. We meet at the Carriage House behind the Roundhay Fox at 10.00am and are done by 1.00pm.

Tom Cooper



Planting snowdrops

Anti-Social Behaviour – an update

In July FoRP set up a public meeting at St Andrews Church in response to noticeable increases in anti-social behaviour in the preceding months. The packed meeting identified a number of action points for the council and the police to consider. Since that time, whilst we have had feedback that, in the locations affected, CCTV cameras would not be appropriate, there has been a more visible police presence and there seems to have been a reduction in incidents. (Also, perhaps anti-social behaviour is a seasonal activity?). The message for all of us is that, as a community we need to keep reporting incidents if we witness them. There are community meetings where issues can be discussed with representatives of the council and police. For example:

- PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings are held between 18.00 and 19.00 on the first Tuesday of each month at the Parochial Hall, Fitzroy Drive.
- Tesco Community Contact Point (in Tesco store, Roundhay Road) every Friday between 17.00 and 19.00. (Please note, on occasional Fridays, staffing pressures may mean Tesco staff cannot be there to meet people).

If you see incidents of anti-social behaviour, please do report them to the council either by phone (0113 222 4402) or email LASBT@leeds.gov.uk
Criminal behaviour should be reported to the police.

You may find other useful information at <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice/abuse-anti-social-behaviour/anti-social-behaviour/anti-social-behaviour/how-we-can-tackle-anti-social-behaviour>

Our Much Loved Park

Of course we have always loved our park. But now it's official. Roundhay Park has been awarded 'Much Loved' status by the Fields of Trust UK Best Parks 2019 awards. This achievement was featured in North Leeds Life magazine, where Councillor Mohammed Rafique (LCC member for environment and active lifestyles) said:

"We are absolutely delighted and very proud that Roundhay Park has received 'Much Loved' status in the Fields of Trust Best Park 2019 awards.....To see Roundhay Park placed within the top 20% of all nominations UK-wide is a wonderful achievementAn incredible amount of work is undertaken every day to ensure that Roundhay Park is looking amazing. I would personally like to thank members of our council's parks team for their hard work, and also the local Friends group for their tremendous support and contribution".



From left to right

Helen Gill (Dine at the Mansion)

Cecily Jarvis
Tony Quinn
Carol Haughton
(all from FoRP)

Cllr Rafique

John Ferguson
(FoRP)

(Photo from
North Leeds Life)

Notices

Little FoRP nominated for Yorkshire Choice Awards – Don't forget to Vote!!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of the Little FoRP team who achieved the renewal of the lakeside playground, Little Friends of Roundhay Park has been nominated for two highly prestigious awards – Local Fundraiser of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year. But we need all FoRP members to vote to secure the awards.

You can vote by visiting <https://www.yorkshirechoiceawards.co.uk/votehere> Don't delay – Do it now!

Children's Garden – Adult volunteers needed!

In response to positive survey feedback, Little FoRP will be setting up a Children's Garden within the walled garden opposite Tropical World. Children will be very involved in planting and occasional maintenance work. But we will need help with regular maintenance work. Can you commit to some regular gardening work to help us develop and maintain this small garden? If you can help please contact editor@forp.org or mrssaradawson@me.com

FoRP Calendars – Get organised in 2020

Don't miss those important dates. The beautiful FoRP calendar for 2020 is available from With Love (Roundhay Rd. Oakwood), Dine at the Mansion, Lakeside Cafe, Philip Howard Books (Street Lane Parade), Tropical World shop, Headrow Galleries (Harrogate Rd. Alwoodley), One Stop Shop (2-4 Chandos Gardens). Price: £7.00 (If ordered through the website, the price is £8.50 including postage).

Address Label

The next FoRP General (Open) Meeting will be on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7pm in the Education Room, the Mansion, Roundhay Park. All members welcome.

