

Skate Park Update

Those of you who've visited the park recently can't help but have noticed the progress being made on the skate park. Although there have been a few minor delays we hope that it will open as planned during the summer and give hours of fun to young people.



Improving the Environment

Staff from Cummins Engineering in Stockton have volunteered to carry out Environmental improvements at the rear of Butterfly World, cutting back overgrown vegetation, clearing the ponds and restoring footpaths.

This will improve the appearance of the area, give birds and other wildlife a better habitat and improve the visibility



for pedestrians crossing the road to the overflow car park.

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Your Museum and Park need
You.

The Friends of Preston Park
needs more members to be
involved in planning events,
publicising them and helping
out on the day. You don't have
to go to lots of meetings, just
help in whatever way you can.

Do get in touch and let us
know what you can do to help.



Newsletter

June 2014

Orienteering in the Park

The bad weather didn't deter a brave few from trying their hand at our Orienteering event in April. Jointly organised with Cleveland Orienteering Klub (CLOK), it showed that there is some interest in a new sport within the park.



These youngsters were certainly proud of their achievement in completing the course.

Following the April event we have decided to hold one during the school summer holiday: Monday August 11th. There will be

an opportunity to try orienteering on a very easy course or to extend your skills to include map reading across a wider area of the park at any time between 11am and 3pm. Just look for the Friends of Preston Park tent on the front field. Why not bring the family?

Silver Gilt Winners!



Gardening volunteers, guided and supervised by Keith, Preston Park's professional gardener, were thrilled to win a Silver Gilt award for the garden they entered in Harrogate Flower show this spring.

This is the first time they've done anything like this, but we wonder if they've caught the bug!

Make Do and Mend

Some of the benches in the park near the museum have been looking rather uninviting for some time until one of our members offered to refurbish them. Hours of work later and the result is plain to see - useable benches once more.



A huge thank-you to Gerald for his work, much appreciated.

Happy Snapper or Serious Photographer?

Whichever you are, we have a challenge for you - capture the essence of Summer in Preston Park.

For all ages we have a *fun competition* to produce a print on that theme, no bigger than 8 inches on its longest side, unmounted and not framed. You'll need to put your name and contact details on the back but we won't be able to return them unless you collect them from the stall at the end of the show, bringing some ID to make sure that the right person gets the prints.

The prints will be on display at Stockton Summer Show, August 24th/25th on the Friends of Preston Park stall and certificates will be awarded to the best in two age groups - 16 and under, or over 16.

Closing date for entries is August 17th. Entries can be left at the museum in a sealed envelope addressed to Friends of Preston Park or sent to Friends of Preston Park, 25 Roundhay Drive, Eaglescliffe, TS16 9HW.

More serious photographers can enter a separate competition on the same theme, Summer in Preston Park. Prints to be no more than 16 inches and no less than 10 inches on the longest side, mounted on card but not framed.

These prints will be on display at our AGM on 23 September, doors opening at 6.30pm for a 7pm meeting so there will be plenty of time to admire the results on the night. We hope also to have them included in a small exhibition at the museum during the autumn but the details of this are yet to be arranged. The closing date for this competition is Sept 1st and entry forms are available from the museum or on our website.

The best prints will receive a certificate and could be featured in future publicity.



Congratulations

to the staff and volunteers at our museum, shortlisted in the Customer Service category of this year's Museums and Heritage Awards for Excellence, though they didn't win this time.

Preston Park Museum and Grounds was selected alongside the following organisations:: National Trust, Wordsworth House & Garden; Rochford District Council, Rayleigh Windmill; Edinburgh Museums & Galleries, Writers' Museum Volunteers; Quarry Bank Mill, Cheshire, Channel 4's "The Mill": Fact v Fiction. Being up against such competition was a big compliment to the work they do.