



THE FRIENDS OF
Rowntree Park

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June 2012 Newsletter

The summer weather on Sunday 17th was perfect for the Barrio Festival, a gathering of the Filipino community, with stalls, music and food. Although there were issues - the car parking situation was a bit crazy - it was great to see so many people packed into Rowntree Park's performance area. Let's hope for a few more days like that!

Friends' photo competition

Last chance to enter as the deadline is 30 June at 12noon. Full details are available on the enclosed leaflet or via the website. NB Entries can be left at 16 Norfolk St, as well as Grange Street.

Birthday Party 14th July

The park has its birthday party on the 14th of July, which is a Saturday for a change. There'll be lots of great stalls, for both crafts and community groups, as well as the usual selection of activities such as the birds of prey. The Friends will supply the birthday cake, this year made by local cake-maker extraordinaire, Sarah Prenty and we have lined up a fantastic local personality as cake-cutter! The Friends' stall will display the photo competition (results at 3pm), as well as information about our work, and the ever-popular hook-a-duck. Please contact Cath (parkactive@rowntreepark.org.uk) if you have cakes or plants for the Friends stall, or if you can help on the day. All help very welcome, even if just for half an hour!

Very Young Friends

For parents and carers of under 5s. For more information, call Lara on 07941 448594.

3rd July: flying our kites. Very Young Friends session. Meet at the pavilion at 12.30.

1st August (National Play Day): the Big 800. Come and create something big in Rowntree Park this play day!! Find us in the tent on the lawn in the enclosed garden. Help to create and decorate a gigantic installation of the number '800' to celebrate 800 years of York as a chartered city!

Older siblings are welcome in the summer holidays.

7th August: I scream for ice-cream! Very Young Friends' session. Older siblings are welcome in the summer holidays. Meet at the pavilion at 12.30.

URGENT! Lara's littlest one is no longer so little, so she's looking for someone to take over the organisation of the Very Young Friends; it's a relaxed and informal group, so volunteers need not be afraid to come forward to take it on! Please get in contact with Lara, or any of the Friends.

Park management

The café revamp is well under way, with hopes that we may be able to peek in, during the Birthday Party festivities. The Friends are continuing to work closely with the council, discussing décor, book purchases etc.

The cascade was working in time for the Green Flag judges (19th June-they were very impressed with the pond!), and we hope that the fountains will be working for the Birthday Party.

Membership

Annual membership is only £5 a household. Contact Naomi Whittaker 01904 635278 membership@rowntreepark.org.uk NB Naomi's postal address will be 1 Norfolk St, York YO23 1JY, from 28th June.

The next Friends' meeting is the AGM

7.30pm 10th October, Rowntree Park Café

All welcome - NOTE the venue!

Your chance to have a look round at the new café and ask Fiona Williams (CYC) about the renovations and the new arrangements at the café.

And to review the Friends' year and discuss plans for next year.

Refreshments.