

Quiz Night

Newsletter

22nd August 2007



The Friends of Marple Memorial Park are having a very successful year so far and the money that is raised tonight will help us to make even more improvements to the park. So thank you all for supporting us this evening and thank you to the Ring o' Bell for these great quiz nights every week that help so many local organisations and charities.



Tree Sculpture

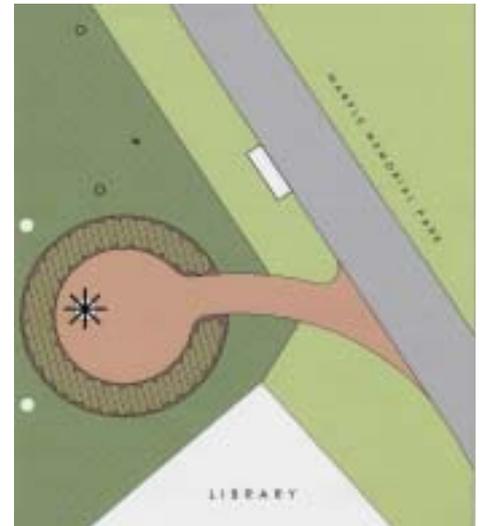
One of our greatest successes this year must be the new tree sculpture in the park created by chainsaw artist Andrew Frost, which has turned the sad demise of a mature tree into a really positive outcome that is being enjoyed by young and old.

Local school children have named the owl "Midnight" and voted for their favourite creatures to be included. They also produced nearly 500 designs and drawings that can be viewed in the Children's Area of Marple Library.

The project was funded by donations from Marple Area Committee, Marple District Centre Regeneration Partnership and a Voluntary Arts Grant from Stockport Council.

BBC Breathing Places Grant

The Friends have been awarded a grant of £6,460 by the Big Lottery Fund as part of the hugely successful BBC-led Breathing Places campaign. The money will be used to improve the existing woodland area at the rear of Marple Library for both wildlife and people. It will feature a circular reading area with full disabled access penetrating into the woodland, creating an outdoor 'room' that will provide a window into the natural wildlife habitat surrounding it. Other additions will include a wooden sculpture that will incorporate bird feeders, bird and bat boxes and an interpretation board explaining the different flora and fauna to be found living in the woodland itself. The local Beavers are also getting involved by planting new hedgerows supplied free by the Woodland Trust around the perimeter of the site as part of celebrations for the centenary of Marple Scouting in 2008.



Task Days – Last Saturday each month

The Friends hold regular Task Days on the last Saturday of each month between 10am and 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join in for as long as they wish during these times. The next one is this Saturday, 25th August, and we'd be delighted to meet you in the park.

Woodland Trust - Tree Planting Event

The 27th October Task Day is a special one when we will be planting 121 new trees, thanks to a £100 grant from the Woodland Trust's Tree for All scheme. So why not bring a spade and give us a hand!

Teen Rotator

Thanks to the effort of the Friends of the Park and the council's Parks and Recreation Team a new "Teen Rotator" will soon be installed in the area between the Teen Shelter and the Skate Board Ramp.

This new piece of equipment was originally ordered for another park but it proved to be too large and has now been acquired for Marple Memorial Park.

This artist's impression is not to exact scale but it gives a good idea how the Rotator will look once installed.



Lock 17 Flowerbed Display

Working in partnership with Marple Locks Heritage Society and the council's Parks & Recreation Team the Friends have obtained planning permission to permanently recreate the 2006 Tatton Show Gold Award winning flowerbed entry based on Marple's locks. The display will be sited in Oldknow Gardens, on the corner of Stockport Road and Strines Road, near to Lock 13. The display will become Marple's 17th Lock and will be dedicated to the memory of waterways and local history enthusiast Gordon Mills.

Infants Play Area

This is the Friends' vision for the replacement of the infants play equipment destroyed by arson last year and the money raised tonight will help to realise this. We hope to tell more about this at the next quiz night for the Friends of Marple Memorial Park on Wednesday 26th September.

