



Disc and foot golf comes to Beacon Park!

Try out two fun ways to play golf using fancy footwork or your best throwing skills.

Towards the end of August we unveiled foot and disc golf facilities at Beacon Park's 18-hole pitch and putt golf course.

Foot golf sees players follow the route of the golf course, but rather than teeing off, they kick a football into larger golf holes in the ground.

Disc golf allows players to throw flying discs into special raised nets and also follows the route of the golf course.

The goal of both games is to play each hole or net in the fewest kicks or throws as possible. The player with the lowest total for the entire course wins.

We hope the two new ways to use the golf course will encourage more people to get fit and active in our Green Flag park.

You can pay for your game and hire equipment at the Ranger Station, which is next to the crazy golf course.

It costs £8 for adults and £6 for children for 18-holes of foot or disc golf, which includes hire of the kit (a refundable deposit will also need to be paid). Discounts on games will be available for any Leisure Activity Passport holders and we also offer 9-hole games.



For more information visit www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/golf

Welcome to ParkLife
Welcome to our autumn edition of ParkLife.

This is the newsletter that keeps you up to date with all that's going on across Lichfield Historic Parks, which includes Beacon Park, Minster Pool and Walk, the Garden of Remembrance and Stowe Pool.

We hope you find ParkLife interesting. Please get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions.

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Brilliant drive-in

Hundreds of people joined us for our first ever drive-in movie on 12 August, seeing the cult musical Grease under the stars.

There was a fantastic atmosphere with plenty of people getting into the spirit and coming along in their leather jackets.

We'd like to thank all our movie-goers for their patience as it did take longer than we had hoped to get everyone into their places, but we'll definitely be improving that next year.

We've had lots of positive feedback, and are already planning next year's drive-in which will be on 10 and 11 August 2018 - so put the date in your diary and look out for more information in ParkLife.



Spectacular proms

The sun shone for our free entry Lichfield Proms in Beacon Park on 2 September. As always it was a packed event with great music, singing, flag waving, fireworks and community cheer.

Next year will be our twentieth proms so expect an even bigger and better event. It will be on Saturday 1 September and we'll look forward to seeing you all there!

www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/lichfieldproms



A gold award for Blooming Lichfield

We're all celebrating after Blooming Lichfield won a Small City Gold Award at the Heart of England in Bloom presentation event at Warwick Castle on 14 September.

The Blooming Lichfield entry is organised by Lichfield Chamber of Trade & Commerce, which has been working in partnership for six years to achieve gold, having won five consecutive silver/gilt awards.

The judges visited in July and were shown some of the amazing projects that Blooming Lichfield is involved with, including Swinfen Hall Hotel, Lichfield & Hatherton Canal Restoration, floral features at Lichfield City Railway Station, the garden areas at Andrew's House, Beacon Street allotments, Tudor Row and the city centre floral displays and of course wonderful Beacon Park.

Beacon Park was highlighted by the judges for its 'bold, block planting of annuals' and for the bowling greens which 'looked very well maintained'. They also recognised us for our composting and recycling as well as for producing ParkLife!

Our parks and grounds team are all delighted to have finally helped the city to achieve this gold award and look forward to next year's entry.



Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks

The Friends group makes sure park users and locals are involved in discussions about Lichfield Historic Parks.

The group meets at District Council House (Frog Lane) generally on the last Thursday of the month, from 6.20pm to about 8.15pm. To find out more email parcs@lichfielddc.gov.uk

Find the Friends on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FoLHP



Get involved

There are lots of ways to get involved with Lichfield Historic Parks - from becoming a Friend to taking part in conservation days.

The **Friends of Lichfield Historic Parks** meet each month to suggest ideas for how the parks could be improved. The meetings are also a chance to find out about events and conservation projects.

Our **Countryside & Parks Conservation Group** take part in two conservation days a month (except January). This could include digging a pond at Beacon Park to clearing scrub at Christian Fields.

We also host monthly Neaten and Natter sessions on the first Tuesday of the month for volunteers who want to help us keep Beacon Park tidy.

If you have any comments or suggestions about Lichfield Historic Parks, you can also come along to our Community Drop-in sessions, on the last Saturday of the month.

There are lots of other ways to get involved in our parks. To find out more visit www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/volunteers-friends.



Pick up our volunteering leaflet from the Ranger Station

NMA memorial

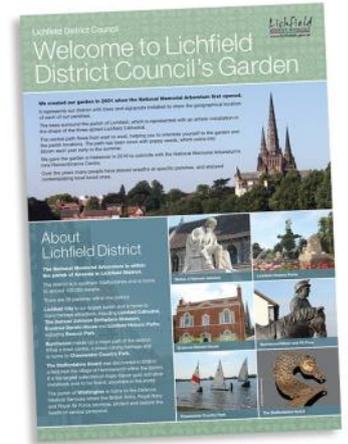
Did you know that Lichfield District Council has a garden at the National Memorial Arboretum?

It's on your left as you face the centre-piece Armed Forces Memorial. For our garden, we've used trees and signposts to show the geographical location of each of our parishes.

The trees surround the parish of Lichfield, which is represented with an installation in the shape of Lichfield Cathedral.

Over the years many people have placed wreaths at specific parishes and have taken a moment to contemplate local loved ones.

In 2016 we gave the garden a makeover, including new signposts, interpretation and new planting. Do remember to visit it the next time you're at the magnificent NMA.



What's on at Beacon Park - October 2017

To find out more about these events, please visit www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/whats-on or call the parks team on **01543 308867**. Remember - children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Date/time	Event details
Tues 3 Oct 1pm - 3pm Community Garden Volunteer event	Neaten and Natter Volunteer to help us look after Beacon Park, which could include litter picking and weeding paths. Call 01543 308869 to confirm your place.
Weds 4 Oct 11am start Ranger Station Free activity	Lichfield Parks Health Walks These gentle walks are open to everyone of any age and are a great way to discover your local parks and to enjoy health boosting exercise.
Thurs 5 Oct 10am - 12pm Community Garden Free activity	Butterfly and Bee Walk Join us on our monthly walks to help catalogue these important insects. The walks are dependant on the weather call 01543 308869 on the day to confirm the event is running.



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Fri 6 Oct 1pm - 3pm Discovery Hub Volunteer event	Event Volunteers Help the parks team with its packed event schedule. Tasks will include making props and resources.
Sat 7 Oct 11.30am, 1,30pm & 3pm Discovery Hub £7.50	Tulip Lasagne & craft workshops Layer a mix of bulbs in a large pot to have a glorious springtime bloom. You can also make twig men and animal creations as well. Booking essential - call 01543 308867 . All ages
13 - 15 Oct Various times	Pinders Circus All the fun of a big top!
Fri 20 Oct 1pm - 3pm Discovery Hub Craft item £3 BYO £1	Crafty Social & Workshop Bring your own craft item along to work on for £1 or you can make an item for £3. This month we're making a Halloween decoration.



What's on at Beacon Park - Oct to Dec 2017

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www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk/whats-on

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Date/time	Event details
21 Oct to 5 Nov 10am - 3pm Ranger Station £1	Halloween Puzzle Trail Follow a self-guided trail around Beacon Park and complete puzzles along the way. Aimed at ages 3+ with adult help. The clues are on noticeboards and in windows so the trail is easily accessible on paths. 
Sun 22 Oct 11am to 3pm Discovery Hub £1 per feeder	Feed the Birds Day Create bird feeders to put up in your garden to help local birds survive the winter ahead.
24 to 29 Oct 11am - 2pm Discovery Hub £2 per lantern Includes parade entry	Glow Ghost Workshops Make your own handheld glow ghost using willow, tissue paper, glue and a glow stick. Most suitable for age 3+. All children must be accompanied. 
Sat 28 Oct 11am - 12noon Ranger Station	Community Drop-in Meet with the parks team to ask questions and give suggestions.
Tues 31 Oct 4.30pm - 5.30pm Nr tennis courts £1 if bringing own lantern	Glow ghost and lantern parade Join the parks team for a lantern parade around a dusky park and spot Halloween characters along the way. An alternative to trick or treating for accompanied primary aged children. No naked flames. Torches recommended. 
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Fri 17 Nov 1pm - 3pm Discovery Hub	Crafty Social & Workshop This month we're making a Christmas decoration. £3 for craft activity.
Sun 19 Nov 10am, 12noon, & 2pm Discovery Hub £5	Christmas Decoration Workshops Book onto a workshop for adults and make Three Christmassy things in two hours. Learn how to make a natural willow frame decoration, an ornate card and paper baubles. No pre-existing craftiness required - honestly! Book your place by calling 01543 308869 . 
Sat 25 Nov 11am - 12noon Ranger Station	Community Drop-in Meet with the parks team to ask questions and give suggestions.
Fri 1 Dec 1pm - 3pm	Event Volunteers See 3 Nov listing for details
Tues 5 Dec 1pm - 3pm	Neaten and Natter See 7 Nov listing for details
Sat 9 & Sun 10 Dec 10am - 12noon & 2pm - 4pm Discovery Hub £15	Christmas Wreath Workshops Use a variety of locally sourced greenery to create your very own Christmas Wreath. Booking essential - Book your place on either of the workshops by calling 01543 308869 . 
Fri 15 Dec 1pm - 3pm Discovery Hub	Crafty Social & Workshop This month we're making beautiful paper baubles. £3 for craft activity.
Sun 17 Dec 9.30am - 11.30am Meet at Ranger Station	Bird Survey Day Join us in surveying the birds across Beacon Park and Minster Pool. 
Sat 30 Dec 11am - 12noon Ranger Station	Community Drop-in Meet with the parks team to ask questions and give suggestions.

Tennis for Free: Everyone's invited to take part in coach-led tennis sessions on Sundays at Beacon Park from 2pm to 4pm. Kit provided. Simply register and book in the Sunday you want to play online at www.beaconparktennis.co.uk
 Please note: The Tennis for Free Sunday sessions take a break for Christmas - see website for details.

