



*We were expecting to be writing this time about the re-opening of the Gallery after its splendid refurbishment and extension, but for a variety of reasons that will not now happen until **February 14**. But then, there will be a new art garden, sculpture terrace and orchard garden, a third more space (using proportionately much less energy), a café in the trees and some great new exhibitions as well as the wonderful historic collection, which will be much more accessible than ever before.....it's going to be worth the wait!*
In the meantime here's a shot of the natural play area on a beautiful, quiet October afternoon. Very different from 100 years ago, when the five big trees in the middle of the shot were much smaller and enclosed the very popular bandstand shown in the lower photo (not from the same angle).
(Postcard photo courtesy Bruce Anderson).



Visit Moss Side Market this autumn for ghoulish gifts and festive fare!

MOSS SIDE MARKET
NEW VENUE
WHITWORTH PARK

Halloween Market
Friday 31st October
11am - 3.30pm
Bring the kids and sample some ghoulish goodies - and see what other great local goods, gifts, food and drink are on offer at Moss Side Market.

Small business Saturday Market
Saturday 6th December
11am - 3.30pm
We are supporting this national grassroots campaign, which celebrates small businesses and encourages people to shop local.

Christmas Market
Saturday 13th December
11am - 3.30pm
Come along to our festive themed market and pick up some tasty stocking fillers and unique gifts for friends and family.

If you're interested in trading at the market please contact Tom Cass at Manchester City Council on 0161 234 4112 or visit www.MossSideMarket.co.uk. If you're new to trading we can give you plenty of help and advice. www.MossSideMarket.co.uk

Moss Side Market is being launched in partnership by Manchester City Council, City South Manchester and Moss Side Housing.

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But there's always something happening ...and here is a quite new experience for the Park, although we saw something very similar a year ago when the Gallery had its closing extravaganza.

*On Friday, 31 October, between 11am and 3.30pm, **Moss Side Market**, which has been trading monthly in Great Western Street for some time, will have lots of treats for kids and gifts, food and drink for everybody in their debut in the Park – it will be on the Oxford Rd side on the paths running parallel to the road between Edward VII and the war memorial.*

Come and give it a go – it's going to be a great addition to the Park. There will be further Markets before Christmas, on Saturdays 6th and 13th December. You can check Moss Side Market out at www.MossSideMarket.co.uk but much better to come and see for yourself!

Let's Meet Under the Trees. Another innovation! Older people will remember that this Friends group started in reaction to the decline in maintenance and repair of the Park following the cuts in the 1980s and 90's. This neglect inevitably led to antisocial behaviour and worse and such was the Park's reputation that new students arriving for the first time at the University were advised not to use the Park. So it's good to see that this year Naomi Kashiwagi, student engagement coordinator and FoWP member, was able to organise a welcoming event on 19 September that attracted over 50 students who made waterproof drawings, played with "lets meet in the park" frisbees and listened to a student string quartet that played for two hours! Many other people joined in and enjoyed the activities.



Every year on *Sewa Day* the NHSF (National Hindu Student's Forum), led by Nitesh Rathod, tries to push boundaries and bring members out of their comfort zones, by performing "Sewa", which means 'selfless service' or work performed without any thought of reward or repayment. This year, on October 5th, we were able to help them achieve this and inspire others to carry on acting selflessly for others, by helping them plant a young oak, grown on from a sapling by Ken Shone. Their work is community related, and this year, after planting the tree, the students prepared and distributed meals for the homeless and worked in the Fallonfield Secret Garden. The students made a generous donation of £100 to our planting fund for which we are very grateful.



Centre Circle 1915-2014 The chap on the far left is one of the number of gardeners who each year planted out and maintained the intricate arrangements that were the centre piece of the Park in the Park's heyday. The 1915 Park Superintendent's report said that, whilst Whitworth Park was "different from the other city parks in not focussing on bowling green, tennis courts and the like, the show of flowers from spring to autumn offered a welcome and delightful relief to the drab of the streets. The terraces and banks of flowers and flowering shrubs around the gallery make an attractive foil to the level character of the land, as do the numerous belts of trees and the winding walks. The aim and art of the landscape gardener have been to avoid formality and to allow the place to look as natural as possible." We don't have a park super any more let alone an annual report to the council, (or a gardener for that matter!) but

the chap on the right frequently gets interrupted in his weekly labours to be told by passers-by that "you are doing a good job" on our 2009 installation – a display of perennial plants designed to give a changing display through the year. It's well established now and plants need dividing. *If you have experience of this kind of work will you come and help us do the division and perhaps carry on and help us with other seasonal jobs. Any offers?* As to the terraces by the gallery – we have to wait until next year for Sarah Price's contribution to the remaking of the Park – from what we have seen it would not offend the eye of the superintendent of 100 years ago. (postcard photo courtesy Bruce Anderson)

Walking for Health Another innovation! As part of the Whitworth's expanding Park activities, Wendy Gallagher has worked with the Walking for Health, MacMillan Nurses, the Ramblers and the Health and Culture team to set up a great programme of free short walks around the Park aimed at getting people doing that little bit extra that will make them feel better and make new friends. Meet at the Anchor Coffee House, 5 Nov 11-12am then 2-3pm, repeats on 26 Nov, Dec 3 and then Jan 7 and 29.

Stop Press!!!! We got a silver gilt award in our first entry of the Centre Circle to NW Britain in Bloom 2014 "It's your Neighbourhood".

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Escape the every day and explore art outdoors with our volunteer led walks designed in partnership with Walking for Health

Supporting you to get active and stay active

Walking is great for your well being and puts a spring in your step. With Walking for Health, you can take part in free short art walks at the Whitworth park to help you get active and stay active at a pace that works for you.

It's an excellent way to stretch your legs, explore what's on your doorstep, and make new friends.

Our timetabled Walks in the Park will run 11am-12pm and 2-3pm, meeting at the Anchor Coffee Shop on Moss Lane East.

2014/15 Dates:	Nov 5 and 26	May 6 and 27
	Dec 3	June 3 and 24
	Jan 7 and 28	July 1 and 29
	Feb 4 and 25	Aug 5 and 26
	Mar 4 and 25	Sep 2 and 30
	Apr 1 and 29	Oct 7 and 28

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