



**North Meols Civic Society
Newsletter
Winter 2008**

An Invitation to a

'Munch and Mingle'

7.30pm

Thursday 4th December

Churchtown Primary School

Together with friends from

Botanic Gardens

Action Group

**Including a showing of a short digital
presentation of the**

'Art in the Park Festival'

By Churchtown Primary School

Refreshments will be served.

**If you can let us know you are attending it
would help with the Catering-
but please come anyway!**

Contact any committee member

'Art in the Park' Festival.

21st to 24th October

This event was organised by Churchtown Primary School but the Botanic Gardens Action Group (part of the North Meols Civic Society) had a considerable input into the events. We obtained funding towards the cost of the chainsaw sculpture and now the 'Churchtown Dragon' is a big attraction especially with the children. There have been numerous positive comments made and Sefton are now seeing if they can fund more such sculptures, not just in the Botanic but all over Sefton, including street sculptures. They will also bring in tree trunks to the Botanic from other areas. All depends on the money!!

The Festival continues with an exhibition in the Museum, if you haven't seen it yet do try to get.

Open until February,

Tuesday to Sunday 12noon to 3.50pm.

World War II Memories.

Several members of the Society went to Churchtown Primary School to assist Year 6 pupils with their project on WWII. This meant speaking to 4 classes of children. In fact we were interviewed quite intensely by the children and the whole event was recorded for them to put a 'blog' on their web site. It was made particularly relevant as most of us had been pupils at the school during the war

Beryl Jones and myself later went to the Museum to show the children round the exhibits. We were able to put our local knowledge to good use.

This shows we are not just interested in old buildings!

Check out the schools web site. www.churchtown.org.uk

Lancashire Day – Thursday 27th November.

The West Lancashire Town Crier will read the 1295 'Royal Proclamation' of the forming of the County Palatine of Lancashire from the Museum steps at 2pm. A choir from Churchtown School will also be there. The Cafe has said that they will put on a Lancashire menu that day. Hotpot anyone? Or even black puddings!

On **Saturday 29th November between 11am and 1pm** the **Southport Swords Morris Dancers** will perform outside the Museum. They will do two performances, with a break for suitable refreshments!! at the Hesketh.

Please support both these events if possible – it will be a good opportunity to recruit support for the Society and to canvass public opinion.

New Bandstand for the Botanic?

As part of the proposals for improvements to the Gardens it has been suggested that it should have a proper bandstand or performance area.

At the present the Brass Bands, which play in the Gardens on a Sunday in summer, just place their chairs on the grass.

There are three possibilities at the moment. One is to replace the kiosk with a larger bandstand structure, re-siting the snack bar nearer to the playground. Another is to build a shell like structure near to the bands store building. The third is to provide a see through structure backing onto the lake.

The Civic Society will be involved in the decision process as the Gardens are a Conservation Area

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More people needed on the committee to help in the organisation. Can you help? Usually only one meeting a month . Contact the Secretary.

The 'Churchtown Dragon'

Friendship poem written with Alison Cosholm and 26

Friendship Tree

True friendship makes strong roots.
So the trunk will never break;
New friends grow into new branches.
Twigs are kindness and helpfulness.
Hearts you share turn into buds.
Every leaf that appears is a helping of joy.
Friends will have not yet matured the wisdom that
twines leaves.
This special tree makes friendship come to life

