Worth Park has been restored to its former Victorian glory

Bring your family along with a picnic to this free, traditional, fun day and enjoy the great entertainment arranged throughout the day in the grounds of this beautiful and historic park. And for those with a sweet tooth, there will also be delicious cream teas available for sale.

Listen to live music from the Milton Mount Community Choir and 4Tune Seekers barber shop quartet, take part in Victorian sports and crafts, hands-on archaeology, learn Victorian photographic techniques with the chance to have your picture taken or discover more of the park with a tour led by the park's head gardener.

You can even try your hand at the popular Victorian sport of croquet on the park’s specialist lawns or have a go on the swing-boats or merry-go-round with free rides for anyone wearing a Victorian costume!

Then at 2pm the opening of the park will be celebrated with the switching on of the huge Pulham fountain by the Mayor of Crawley, Councillor Chris Cheshire. This will be the first time the fountain will be operational in decades since its restoration as part of the park’s multi-million pound regeneration programme financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the Big Lottery Fund.

Councillor Chris Mullins, Cabinet member for Wellbeing, said: “We’re very excited to mark the opening of Worth Park and I hope as many people as possible attend and enjoy the great entertainment in this lovely setting. The highlight of the day will undoubtedly be the switching on of the wonderful fountain.”

Stuart McLeod, Head of HLF South East, said: “We’re delighted to celebrate the opening of this beautiful park, which has been made possible not only by the investment of National Lottery players’ money but also the hard work and passion of staff, volunteers and the local community. This project, and indeed this celebration event, offers a fascinating insight into Crawley’s natural and Victorian heritage. We’re proud to play a funding role.”

Further information

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Fig 20.29 - The planter' in the old Fountain Garden

Archive image of the historic Worth Park Fountain Garden

Worth Park to be restored with £2.4m Lottery support