

If you go down to the woods today...

You're sure to be in for a big surprise at the Arboretum Park on the 28th May 2009, as Hyson Green based charity, the Partnership Council, is hosting a very special family picnic as part of National Family Week.

National Family Week is a new initiative launched by the government to celebrate families - and help bring them together. The initiative is being supported by schools, community organisations and charities amongst others and includes giving families throughout the UK the chance to enjoy events like the Partnership Council's family picnic as well as competitions, offers and promotions.

The free event, which is being held at the top end of the Arboretum, near the High School tram stop, will run from 12 noon till 3pm and will include play activities for children of all ages including parachute games, juggling, relay races, sack races and the chance to make bird boxes.

In addition, the Partnership Council is asking anyone who'd like to come along to bring unwanted books, CDs, DVDs and computer games (in good condition) for a special 'swap shop'.

Moby Farrands, one of the event organisers and the charity's Volunteering Development Officer explains:

"With many parents feeling the pinch because of the credit crunch we decided to arrange a free event for families so that they can enjoy half term without breaking the bank. We came up with the 'swap shop' idea so that children could go home with a new book, CD, film or computer game without parents having to spend any money."

Paul Booth, a Partnership Council Board Member who's put a lot of his own time into organising the event adds:

"We thought the picnic would be a great way to bring local people together whilst encouraging families to enjoy the great outdoors and with so many activities on offer they'll definitely be something for everyone young and old!"

Nottingham City Council's Area 4 Neighbourhood Management Team is providing free fruit and light refreshments but the Partnership Council is asking families to bring along their own picnic food. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun - simply go along to the Arboretum on the 28th May from 12 noon.

To find out more please call Moby Farrands on 0115 970 8200 or email moby@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

To find out more about National Family Week visit - www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk

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