



# Summer 2011

## Newsletter

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### GREEN FLAG SUCCESS

We were all delighted to hear the news that Kirklees Council's application for Green Flag Status had been approved and the flag has now been raised for all to see. People ask what advantages Green Flag status gives and the answer is that the public know that it is a high quality green space. From the Friends point of view the main benefit is that the Council is committed to continuing improvement in the park as a five year management plan has been drawn up and Green Flag judges inspect annually to ensure that targets are being achieved.

To find out more about the Green Flag Award please visit their website. If you look at Award Winning Sites/Yorkshire and Humberside and click on the flags in Huddersfield you will find Beaumont Park. There is a further award called People's choice and if you cast your vote for the park we may achieve even further success.

Congratulations are due to the Council as not only have they achieved Green Flag Status for Beaumont Park but also for Crow Nest Park in Dewsbury and Wilton Park in Batley.

I would also like to praise the efforts of John Mason, our head gardener and his team of, Elaine, Andy, Tom and Mark who all work extremely hard to ensure that the park always looks at its best.

### BANDSTAND RESTORATION

Many of you will have seen the new bandstand which was finished in time for the opening on 5 June this year. It has been an excellent restoration project following the design of the original bandstand and we have to thank Lost Art of Wigan for all their hard work, help and enthusiasm in designing and manufacturing this outstanding addition to the park.

So far the feed back has been very positive not only from the public but also from the musicians. The acoustics appear to be very good and the bandstand is a welcome attraction. The opening event, which was funded by Heritage Lottery, enabled us to thank all those involved in the restoration including all the contributors to the Beaumont Park book now on sale.

### SUPPORTED BY



### PARK ACTIVITIES

#### WEEKLY

##### Monday

**Monday 'Gardening Club'**  
10am till 12 noon meet at the Depot near the main gate. Planting, tidying and weeding - everyone welcome

**Kirklees Crusaders Historical Wargames Group** - meet in the visitor centre at 7pm  
[www.kirkleescrusaders.blogspot.com](http://www.kirkleescrusaders.blogspot.com)

##### Wednesday

**BP Wednesday Walkers**  
10.30am - meet by the main gate for a 5 mile maximum walk. Soup and Sandwiches available afterwards in the visitor centre.

**Visitor Centre /Tea Room summer opening** for refreshments.  
1.30pm - 4pm  
Winter opening 1.30pm to 3.30pm

##### Thursday

**Mums/Dads/grandparents & Toddlers** meet at 9.30am to 11.30am in the visitor centre. Lots of toys for the toddlers to play with and make new friends. Starts again 8 September.

##### Friday

**Beaumont Park Health Walkers**  
Meet every Friday in the visitor centre 2pm. Refreshments afterwards in the visitor centre. Everyone welcome

##### Sunday

**Visitor Centre /Tea Room summer opening** for refreshments.  
1.30pm - 4pm  
Winter opening 1.30pm to 3.30pm

## *View from the Chair*

**As Beaumont Park** becomes more attractive and popular with visitors we find that our volunteers are spending more time arranging and managing our various activities. We need more volunteers to share in the work we do otherwise it becomes a toil and not a pleasure. If you feel you can help in any of our activities we will be delighted to see you so please make contact.

**Events** - In the last newsletter we asked for a volunteer to organise events and Emily Edgar has now come onto committee with the intention of ensuring that we have a full programme for the bandstand next year. She will be working with Kirklees Council and other organisations. She has already introduced us to 'twittering on facebook' and has attracted hundreds of 'friends' already. We have been delighted to see that there are some young volunteers who are warmly welcomed by the 'more mature' members of committee.

Yorkshire Gala Day was a huge success. The weather was kind and we provided entertainment for all the family.

We are aware that parking does cause problems in the neighbourhood when events are held but we are doing our best to tackle this in co-operation with Kirklees and the police. We are trying to publicise parking availability at Moor End Technology College and this facility is now getting known but it takes time to get the message across. We are also aware that car drivers are not always sensible in their parking but this is something over which we have no control. It is almost certain that no clear solution will be found and we may have to accept a certain amount of inconvenience for three to four hours on these days.

**Visitor Centre** - This year has seen a large increase in the number of people using the centre partly due to increased opening hours in the summer months and partly to the regular monthly events that the fund raising sub-committee organise. They are also prepared to organise buffets should anyone wish to book a special event in the centre. The Wednesday and Friday walking groups are proving popular with numbers regularly in the 'twenties' for each group. Cake bakers and volunteers are most welcome.

**History and Heritage** - As part of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the restoration of the Bandstand we had to research the musical history of the park and the information gathered has now enabled us to produce a book on the History of Beaumont Park written by John Pearson, one of our members. This is a very interesting read and at £5 would make an ideal Christmas present for people who know or have known the park.

**Park** - Many people have commented on and praised the improvements in the park in the last few years and cutting back the overgrown vegetation has created new areas for planting. The bandstand has become a focal point and we have been studying old photographs which indicate that it was visible from a long way down the main drive. Due to trees developing to maturity we will be unable to achieve the same view but we will be taking out some of the tall rhododendrons on the banking by the bandstand which will be replaced by new specimens at a much lower height. This will give more emphasis to the bandstand.

We have also identified other areas for improvement and have drawn up a list of plants needed which will be planted at the appropriate time over the next few months. The cost will be borne by part of the Heritage Lottery Fund, a grant from Yorkshire Gardens Trust and a contribution from the 'Friends'.

Students from Moor End Technology College completed the mosaic project and this can be seen at the entrance at the corner of Butternab and Beaumont Park Road. We are building a very good relationship with all the local schools and are discussing further projects which will enhance that co-operation and be of benefit to all the local community.

We will shortly be coming to the autumn and winter season and our volunteer woodland management working parties will be starting in **OCTOBER** and will continue on the second Saturday of each month throughout the winter.

**The dates are 15 October, 19 November, 17 December, 14 January, 11 February, 10 March and 14 April. Please meet at the depot by the main gate at 10am.**

Many thanks for your support.

Peter Turner

## WE THANK THE FOLLOWING

All our cake bakers and volunteers in the visitor Centre and helpers at all our events.

**Harry Gill** for giving a talk on Innovation.

**Michael Silvester** - replaced the ducting cover in the outside sitting area, painted it and provided large signposts. Made disks for the tree Monty plaques and orienteering plaques.

**Clifford Tunnacliffe** - painted the hand rails near the visitor centre.

**Roman Tymchak** - repairing the depot gate (no more lifting and struggling!)

**Eric Brook** - donated a wheelbarrow.

**John Durrans** - repair of planks on pond dipping platform, repair of heron (several times!), clock repair and installation of Monty leaflet dispenser. Photo Displays.

**Michael Brook** tree and plant identification.

**Douglas C Adams & Co Ltd** trestle tables donated.

**Monday Club Gardeners, Crosland Moor Junior School and Moor End Technology College pupils** for all their work in the park and in the woodland.

**Norman Battye and Ray Mallinson** - various repairs around the visitor centre.

**Colin Hodgskinson** - improving appearance of the notice boards in the visitor centre.

All our newsletter distributors

## DOGS - Diane Clifford, Kirklees Park Warden

Reminds everyone to clean up after their dogs. The gardeners and volunteers request that you clean up after your dogs especially in the flower beds.

Thank you.

## PLANTS!

Thank you to everyone to donated plants for our plant sale in May. Regular visitors to the tea room will have noticed that we are continuing to sell plants throughout the year. Brian and Beryl Irving are organising the plant sale area to ensure we have good quality ones for sale.

We have now received over £1,200 which will go into the park plant fund to improve new areas in the park and replace old specimens for everyone to enjoy.

If you are splitting or digging plants up please bring them to the depot area your donations are greatly appreciated.

## CASTLE HILL NURSERIES

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## VISITOR CENTRE/TEA ROOM

An ideal venue for small parties up to 30 persons. Catering can be arranged for funeral teas, anniversary and birthday parties and meetings.

## JUST GIVING

Help Friends Of Beaumont Park - Huddersfield to raise money whenever you shop online - It's very simple - just visit

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beamontpark/>

to register and shop with over 2000 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay and many more. Whenever you buy something, the retailer makes a donation to Friends Of Beaumont Park - Huddersfield.

## Registered Child Minder has vacancies. MINI ME'S CHILDCARE

Contact Lisa on  
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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The visitor centre is open for refreshments 1.30pm to 4pm Sundays and Wednesdays. Do you have any free time? If so, call in and put your name on the rota. It is a great way to make new friends and raise money for the restoration of the Park.

## MYERS BUILD & DIY

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and welcomes new and existing customers, both trade & retail.

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Saturday - 7am to 4pm  
Sunday - 10am to 4pm  
Bank Holidays - 10am to 4pm

<p align="center"><b><u>MONTHLY</u></b> <b><u>ACTIVITIES</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u>2nd Saturday in the month</u></b></p> <p><b>FoBP Photography Group</b> Problems with your digital camera, need a little help? This is the group for you. For further details see our website</p> <p align="center">****</p> <p align="center"><b>1st Tuesday in the month Sept - April</b></p> <p><b>SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP</b> meet at 10.30am Telephone Ken Kaye for Further details 01484 663625</p>		<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2011</b>
	<b>Thursday 18 August &amp; 25 August</b> 10am - 12noon	<b>TEDDY BEARS PICNIC</b> with Lisa. Meet at the depot and bring a teddy Further information phone Lisa 07881944811
	<b>Saturday 20 August</b> 2pm - 4.30pm	<b>MARSDEN BAND on the Bandstand</b> - A Kirklees Council event. Bring your own chairs
	<b>Saturday 3 September</b> Register at 12.30pm	<b>ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY MEMORY WALK.</b> Refreshments available in the tea room/visitor centre For more details <a href="http://www.memorywalk.org.uk">www.memorywalk.org.uk</a>
	<b>Sunday 4 September</b> 2pm - 4pm	<b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PERFORMERS AT THE BANDSTAND</b> 2pm - 3pm <b>HEAVY ARTS</b> performing 3pm - 4pm <b>TIME TRAVELLERS</b>
	<b>Sunday 11 September</b> 1.30pm - 4.30pm	<b>HERITAGE DAY</b> - Marsden Concert Band on the bandstand, Heritage themed stalls, donkeys - provided its not raining, vintage roundabouts and refreshments. Punch and Judy shows. African Drummers will be doing a workshop.
	<b>Saturday 24 September</b> 7.30pm	<b>QUIZ NIGHT WITH NORMAN</b> £6 per person. Supper included. Bring your own drinks
	<b>Saturday 22 October</b>	<b>SIXTIES NIGHT AND ABBA EVENING</b> Further details to come
	<b>Tuesday 25 October 1pm-4pm</b>	<b>GEODAY</b> - geology for children with Alison Tyman and Neil Windett.
	<b>Thursday 27 October</b>	<b>AUTUMN WATCH</b> - further details to follow
<b>Sunday 30 October</b> 5.30pm - 7pm	<b>CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN FUN</b> in the visitor Centre. TICKET ONLY £2.50 per child	
<p><b>PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY SHOP</b></p> <p>Donate your unwanted clothes, books, presents, etc. to the <b>Crosland Moor Community Shop</b>. All the money raised benefits the local community. 167 Blackmoorfoot Road, Huddersfield Tel 642873</p>	<b>Saturday 19 November</b> 7.30pm	<b>CALL MY BLUFF WINE TASTING EVENING £12 per team of 4 people.</b> Bring 2 identical bottles of wine for the tasting. Nibbles provided but bring additional drinks
	<b>Sunday 4 December</b> 3pm to 4pm	<b>CAROL CONCERT AT THE BANDSTAND</b> with Golcar Band and St Barnabas choir. Mulled wine and mince pies
	<b>Saturday 10 December</b> 10am - 12 noon	<b>CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP</b> with Carol Jarvis. This event will be held at Lockwood Baptist Church to ensure there is enough space. £15 per person. Maximum 25 people
<p><b>Friends of Beaumont Park Ltd, The Depot, Beaumont Park, Huddersfield HD4 7AY</b> Tel: 01484 645217</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:friends@fobp.co.uk">friends@fobp.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.fobp.co.uk">www.fobp.co.uk</a> Charity No. 1129268 Company No. 6834350</p>		
<p><b>Kirklees Council Street Scene</b></p> <p>Compliments and Complaints about the park please contact the Kirklees Council call centre Tel: 414700. Lack of facilities and other issues need to be logged on the Kirklees call centre records.</p>		