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View from the Chair

In the middle of a very cold spell of weather it is a good time to reflect on what has been achieved this last year but, more important, to consider what we are going to do this year.

The visitor centre had a very successful year thanks to the increasing number of events held there and to Dave & Julie's Bacon Butty days.

The Happy Woodlanders who work on the third Saturday of each winter month have cleared skip loads of vegetation from the main path above the grottoes and our thanks go to Kirklees Council for providing the skips. Our Monday morning gardeners continue to work throughout the winter months and our events team are once again working hard to bring you entertainment in the summer months.

The AGM saw the welcome appointment of three new young committee members - young being a relative term. Any voluntary organisation needs new younger members who bring added enthusiasm and fresh ideas to ensure its continuity.

Whilst volunteers are not paid the time they spend working on behalf of the 'Friends' it does have a value and this amounted to over £40000 last year. In addition to this the 'Friends' also paid over £25000 for park improvements which came from grants, donations and visitor centre income. At a time of budget cuts this contribution to the Council is invaluable and ensures that the park is properly managed and continues to improve thanks to the efforts of John Mason and Josh.

Looking ahead we are currently working on the pavilion project and hope to install a drinking fountain shortly. A grant application has been submitted for the cost of the pavilion itself and we should know if we have been successful by the end of March. We will be working on the installation of services and hope that part of this project will be a community build where people will give their time but mainly effort. Thank you to everyone who gave donations it is very much appreciated.

We are also intending to install a Trim Trail along the woodland path where those of you who need the exercise can use it. I hope to see you there!

Our big event this year is Yorkshire Day on Saturday 1 August which will be a joint venture with Forget Me Not Trust. You will see from the diary dates that there is plenty of other activity planned for the year ahead. Come and join us.

We continue to work with and develop contacts with other voluntary organisations within the ward as we feel that, by working together, we can improve the wellbeing of people in the local community.

You can follow us on our website www.fobp.co.uk, Facebook (Fobpark) and Twitter (FOBeaumontPark).

Many thanks for your support

Peter Turner
Chair

Public Parks are necessary for large and populous towns to increase the happiness, promote the good health and elevate the minds of the people - Henry Beaumont

Park News (John Mason)

Despite the cold weather we have all been suffering of late there is one thing sure to warm me during my days in the Park: there are bulbs and even new shoots of herbaceous perennials poking through the soil almost everywhere you look. Evidence, should anyone need it, of the enormous amount of planting carried out during the kind weather of Autumn and early Winter. Many thanks to everyone who gave us plants from their gardens and greenhouses, from packets of tiny poppy seed to some really splendid specimen shrubs. All should provide huge impact throughout the coming year.

Thanks also to the Saturday volunteers and Kirklees forestry teams for clearing so much of the greenery from the viewpoints along Beaumont Park Road. If you have not been down that way lately please treat yourselves to some really spectacular, newly-revealed views of the valley though be warned: some of the views are truly vertiginous. Many wildflower seedlings were planted in this area last year and I hope the increased light levels will benefit their continued growth. With any luck the moss on paths may also be less problematic.

Many of you will by now have met Josh, the new Kirklees apprentice who has been with us since October. I am really happy to have him here with us and fervently wish to keep him throughout his one year term - and beyond if at all possible. Naturally, that decision will not be mine to make but I know many Park users have mentioned what a pleasant, capable young man he is and I ensure you all positive feedback cannot hurt. Well done, lad, keep up the good work.

One person definitely not with us this year is Elaine who has decided to retire from her duties here. I will miss her so much and so too will many of the Park users for whom she has been a fixture for many years. Her commitment to, and love of, this park is remarkable and she has been a joy to work with during my five years here. It will not be the same without her.

Mixed feelings, then, but hugely positive about the coming growing season. And it *is* coming, even if it doesn't quite feel like it. Take the time to look about when you are next here to truly appreciate how much there is to look forward to in 2015.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

We are very fortunate to have so many willing volunteers who help out in the visitor centre and around the park and we appreciate all the help and expertise. These are our volunteer teams:

Cake bakers, Catering and events organisers, Cleaning team
Repairs and maintenance volunteers
Plant suppliers both for the park and for our plant sale
Newsletter co-ordinators and deliverers
Move More Often leaders, Social History leader, Photo Group leaders
Website, Facebook and Twitter administrators
Wedding co-ordinator
Wednesday and Friday walk leaders
Saturday & Monday woodland/park workers

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for wool. Beryl has been very busy knitting hats, scarves and baby items. All proceeds go to the Pavilion Fund.

Many hands make light work so if you have any free time new volunteers are always welcome

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

2nd Saturday in the month FoBP PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP 10.30am

Problems with your digital camera, need a little help? This is the group for you. For further details see our website

1st Tuesday in the month September – April SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP

£2 to cover speaker and tea/biscuits. Telephone Ken Kaye for Further details 01484 663625
Everyone welcome

Wednesday Breast Cancer Care Best Foot Forward walks

Ring for dates/times
Tel 0845 077 1893

Thursday NORDIC WALKING

Meet Margaret and Karen
10.30am at the depot
01484 656468
0787 0787 261

See Kirklees website for dates or notice in the visitor centre

3rd Saturday in the month HAPPY

WOODLANDERS 'THE GREEN GYM' Vegetation Management Team September to March Volunteers wanted

Further details contact
Darren dnhsmith62003@
yahoo.co.uk
07801 431 837

Kirklees Council Street Scene
Compliments and Complaints
please telephone

01484 414700

WEEKLY PARK ACTIVITIES

Monday
10am-noon

Monday Volunteers.
THE GREEN GYM

Meet at the depot near the main gate.
Tidying and weeding involves light
exercise in the fresh air.
Everyone welcome

Monday afternoon 2pm
MOVE MORE OFTEN

Gentle exercise, social gathering and
refreshments for over 55s
£2.50

Monday Evening 7pm
Kirklees Wargames Group
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Meet in the visitor centre
[www.kirkleescrusaders.
blogspot.com](http://www.kirkleescrusaders.blogspot.com)

Tuesday
2pm

Uke in the Park for over 55s
Ukulele lesson 2pm-3pm
3pm – 4pm ukulele strum
£3.50

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.

Second Wednesday - walk
elsewhere - see website

Wednesday Afternoon
12noon to 4pm summer opening
Visitor Centre /Tea Room
open
for refreshments
1pm – 3.30pm Nov - Mar

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

Sunday Afternoon
12noon to 4pm summer opening
Visitor Centre /Tea Room
open
for refreshments
1pm – 3.30pm Nov - Mar

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR
COMMUNITY SHOP**
Crosland Moor Community Shop,
167 Blackmoorfoot Road,

Tel: 07843 994 597

Donate your unwanted clothes, books,
presents, etc. All the money raised
benefits the local community.

NEW ON THURSDAY EVENINGS

6pm-7.30pm WELLNESS CLUB in the
visitor centre. Start the New Year off
with IMPETUS...Whatever your goals:
To lose, gain or maintain weight,
improve fitness & Nutrition, change your
lifestyle OR just make new friends and
have fun.

£2 per week (First session free) Family
& concession discounts available.
Suitable for all ages and abilities.
Families Welcome

For more information please contact:
Matt Barker 07788 733392
info@balanceback.co.uk
or Ian White 07591 487866
ianwhite63@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you to Shelagh for obtaining a grant
and organising the music for the
Multi-Cultural Event in 2014.

SOUNDJATA (community arts group)

Available to book for schools/ community
events etc

Tel: Shelagh 07879053671
Facebook: Shelagh'Soundjata'

MYERS BUILDING SUPPLIES

Crosland Hill Branch
585 Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Hill
Huddersfield, HD4 7AA

Tel: 01484 485040
Mon - Fri: 7am - 5pm;
Sat: 8am - 1pm

T W BIRKS & SON

Family Funeral Directors
317 Meltham Road, Netherton,
01484 665115

EAST PENNINE ORIENTEERING CLUB

If you are interested in orienteering see
the website below
www.eastpennine.org.uk

WANTED CAKE BAKERS

Phone Julie 01484 655234
and

**Plants for our sale in
May 01484 645217**

Bacon Butty Days
Visitor centre open
from 9am on the dates
below

8 March
22 March

19 April
3 May

10 May
17 May

21 June until 1pm
5 July

26 July

16 August
6 September
27 September

11 October
25 October

15 November
29 November
20 December

FURRY FRIENDS

Pooches in the park fun
dog show was a great
success last year and will
be repeated again on
16 May 12noon – 4pm.
Volunteers are needed to
help – please contact
01484 645217 or
friends@fobp.co.uk.

MEET NEW FRIENDS

Morning dog walkers
congregate at the top of
the playing field about 9ish
each day. New dog
owners are welcome to
join them.

DOG FOULING

Most dog owners are
responsible and clean up
after their dogs however a
few inconsiderate owners
are not cleaning up. If you
notice the culprits please
contact the dog wardens
01484 414739

2015 DIARY DATES

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Saturday 7 March 7.30pm	DINE AND DANCE Tickets £10 (inc 3 course meal) Bring your own drinks
Sunday 5 April from 1pm	EASTER FAMILY QUIZ Collect quiz sheets from the visitor centre Theme - Easter Bonnets
Saturday 18 April 7.30pm	MALCOLM'S QUIZ NIGHT Tickets £8 inc supper Bring your own drinks
Sunday 19 April 1.30pm	HUDDERSFIELD SCOUTS St George's Day Parade – meet at the main gate
Saturday 25 April 11am-3pm	SPRING FAIR – visitor centre event – email friends@fobp.co.uk
Saturday 2 May 7.30pm	MAGIC, MUSIC & MAYHEM Fun evening Tickets £8 inc supper Bring your own drinks
Sunday 10 May	ZOMBIE RUN – Organised by the Round Table
Saturday 16 May 12noon – 4pm 2pm – 4pm Hade Edge Band	POOCHES IN THE PARK – Furry Friends Fun Dog Show. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Sunday 17 May 10am	EXAMINER CHALLENGE for Wheelchairs and Pushchairs ORGANISED BY THE LIONS – See Examiner for entry form
Sunday 17 May 1pm-3pm	ANNUAL PLANT SALE near the depot (If you are digging up or splitting plants please drop them off at the depot by the main gate)
Saturday 30 May 7pm	CLAIRVOYANCE EVENING Tickets £8
Thursday 4 June 2pm	LADIES TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA Tickets £8
Saturday 6 June 11am-4pm Sunday 7 June 11am-4pm	BPPG ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION in the visitor centre. Come and vote for your favourite photo. Refreshments available
Sunday 21 June afternoon and early evening near the depot	MIDSUMMER MADNESS EVENT – further details to follow. BBCUE 4pm to 8pm - Music
Saturday 27 June 1pm – 4pm	HEARTS AND FLOWERS AFTERNOON with crafts, cake stall, cream teas, etc in the visitor centre. Free admission
Sunday 28 June 2pm-4.30pm	J B GOODE Rock 'n Roll at the Bandstand
Sunday 19 July 2pm-4.30pm	SUNDOWN SWING at the Bandstand
Saturday 25 July 6.45pm	JAMES ANDERSON SINGS Tickets £12 inc 2 course supper
Saturday 1 August 1pm – 5pm	YORKSHIRE DAY – a joint event with the FORGET ME NOT TRUST All things Yorkshire, ferret racing, shire horses, donkeys, games, stalls Honley Male Voice Choir and Band, Pennine Jazz
Sunday 9 August 12noon-2pm	GOLCAR & TEWKESBURY TRAINING BANDS on the bandstand
Saturday 5 September 12.30pm	LADIES THAT LUNCH Tickets £10 2 course lunch
Saturday 12 September 7.30pm	NORMAN'S QUIZ NIGHT and supper. Tickets £8 bring your own drinks
Sunday 13 September 2pm-4.30pm	LINDLEY BAND – Last night of the proms theme at the bandstand
Saturday 3 October 7pm	YORKSHIRE DIALECT EVENING Tickets £8 inc Yorkshire supper
Saturday 31 October 7.30pm	HALLOWEEN QUIZ – Prize for best outfit £8 inc supper
Saturday 21 November 7pm	RACE NIGHT – further details later
Saturday 12 December 11am-3pm	CHRISTMAS MARKET
Sunday 13 December 2pm	ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT at the bandstand weather permitting. KIRKLEES MUSIC SCHOOL YOUTH BRASS BAND, Santa procession 2pm CAROLS from 2.15pm Mulled wine and mince pies
The events on the bandstand this year are funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Crosland Moor Community Shop and Friends of Beaumont Park	