



NEWSLETTER 2018 (1)

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The Friends of Beaumont Park have been busy working hard to continually improve the Park for YOU and all visitors. Read below our achievements.

The Woodland Path has been partially resurfaced from the main avenue to the Troll Bridge. Many thanks to BAM and Johnsons Quarries for their support and to Nicole Giglia, a FOBP member, for her project management work. Further works are planned to continue the repair work from the Troll Bridge to the Butternab Road entrance. As mentioned previously, there will be some disruption to the park but visitors are already commenting favourably on the improvements done so far.

The report on the Review of Leisure and Play opportunities in the Park has started. Working in partnership with Kirklees Council, the Friends asked park visitors to complete a questionnaire on play and leisure opportunities in the park. Local primary schools and students at Moor End High School were also involved. We have held 2 focus group meetings and, by the time you read this, will have met staff at two local Special Schools to discuss what children at those schools need to enjoy their park visits.

By the time you read this, the report will be available for you to view in the Visitor Centre. We are currently writing our report which we will share with our colleagues in the Council and with members and friends via the website. It is anticipated that the report will provide evidence for further work for the Friends of Beaumont Park and Kirklees Council to work on in partnership.

Work on updating the website has begun. Our website has become dated and it is now not easy to use or upload information. We are working with a local company on this project and look forward to an impressive replacement which will work on phones, tablets and computers.

Cascade Refurbishment started in Autumn 2017 when Simon and Brian from Creative Waterscenes began to reinstate the two central cascades at the top ponds. It was agreed to use smaller in-pond immersed pumps and slimmer, low volume, high pressure pipe work. The lower cascade spillway was rebuilt since it had a serious leak with new stone walkways, and the existing outlet for the upper cascade was found to be in good order. Both pumps were connected to the existing time switch set to run from dawn until dusk, and the new setup was switched on in early November.

The sight of the cascades working as they were originally intended was very rewarding to those who were involved in the project, and hopefully to all those who visited. At the same time, the fountain was moved to create an area of still water for water lilies and for over 30 water plants. So this summer the pond should be quite a colourful sight!

The cascade now runs efficiently and reliably and the pond system will be regularly maintained by Creative Waterscenes to ensure this central attraction continues to provide enjoyment for many years. If you've not already taken a look, go and pay the ponds a visit. I hope you'll be impressed, in particular with the sound of water rushing over the stones and tumbling into the pond below. And if you are minded to try the newly refurbished woodland path down to the wooden bridge, you'll be greeted by a really lovely view of the lower cascade through the stone bridge especially if it's sunny. It's worth the short walk, I promise you.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at the Visitor Centre

MONDAY

10am – 12 pm Gardeners

Meet at the depot near the Visitor Centre. Light gardening. Everyone is welcome.

2pm Move More Often

£2.50 Gentle exercise and refreshments for over 55s

7pm Wargames Group

For details see website www.kirkleescrusaders.blogspot.com

WEDNESDAY

10.30am Walkers

Meet by the main gate for a 5 mile walk. Soup and sandwich lunch available afterwards in the Visitor Centre.

2nd Wednesday in month walk elsewhere see www.fobp.co.uk

FRIDAY

Pilates in the park (see article)

2pm Health Walkers

Meet every Friday in the visitor centre. Afterwards refreshments in the visitor centre. Everyone welcome.

7pm – 9pm Singing in the Park for fun and with friends

Pop, gospel, world songs, old time. No auditions or need to read music. Come for a Free taster session then £4 per week incl refreshments. For details contact Jaynie 07985 420505 or see the posters in the park and Visitor Centre.

Visitor Centre & tea room opening times

Winter Nov – March
Wed & Sun 12noon to 3.30pm

Summer April – Oct
Wed & Sun 12 noon – 4pm

Jottings from the Chair

This is my first “Jottings” as Chairman, so let me introduce myself as Nevil Hall. I moved to the Beaumont Park area with Donna in 2015 having fallen for the park during a winter walk in the twilight. To those of you live in the park’s vicinity, I compliment you on your choice of location.

I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the out-going chairman, Roy Mason, and to the ex-Secretary Ed Day who stood down late last year. Both of you did sterling work and deserve a big round of applause which I extend to all volunteers.

Volunteers have helped organise a number of great events including the annual carol concert and guest Santa appearance, with real snow! That event, and others, proved that the decision to buy a catering van was absolutely the right one as we’ve been able to offer a better service at more events.

The park has also had a number of school visits over the last few months, hosted by John and Joe, park gardeners, and while these are not Friends’ activities, it is great to see children, including those with mobility difficulties and/or learning disabilities, enjoying the outdoor environment of the park.

Nature’s Footprints have hosted a number of Forest School sessions over the autumn and winter months in the woods by the old railway line which have been again very successful, despite the weather.

The review of play facilities in the park resulted in over 400 surveys being returned. Thank you if you were one of them. A comprehensive report has now been written and is available to view in the Visitor Centre. The management committee is now planning the next steps of the process which should be underway by the time you read this.

This year we have a very busy events calendar including a Gala Day, quizzes, and a wine-tasting evening. Any event takes up quite a bit of person-power either in the organisation beforehand or on the day. If you’ve ever thought of lending a hand, even just occasionally, we’d be very pleased to hear from you.

Our park projects this year centre upon completing the paths project in the woodland, scrub clearance and trying to open up the views across the valley. If there are other specific things you would like to see us doing, please do get in touch with me. We do also have quite a bit in the pipeline which I can’t yet tell you about, so please bear with us. I would rather delay an announcement than get it wrong.

If you see a bloke walking two daft poodles (Jaffa and Fudge) in the park, it’s probably me. Come and say hello.

Nevil, Chair

Do you know our use of Facebook is increasing and we love sharing photos which members send in. We publicise our events there so please look for Beaumont Park. We are also using Twitter again. Look for @FOBeaumontPark.

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES
at the Visitor Centre**

**Photography Group
2nd Saturday in the month
10.30am – 12 pm**

Do you enjoy taking photos? Want to improve or having difficulties? This could be the group for you. Details at www.fobp.co.uk

**Social History Group
1st Tuesday in the month
September – May (rolling
programme) 10.30am - 12pm**

£2 to cover speaker, tea & biscuits. Telephone Ken Kaye for further details 01484 663625

**Happy Woodlanders
Vegetation Management Team
September to March**

For details about the work and meeting dates contact Darren on darren@fobp.co.uk or phone 07801 431 837

**Bacon Butty Sundays
9am – 3.30pm winter
April 1st and May 6th
more dates to follow**

Many hands make light work so come along and join us either once a week or once a month or for only a few days a year.

Can you help us help keep the park looking beautiful or organise events or get involved with community projects?

If you can help please contact:

nevil.hall@totalise.co.uk
(07711 861662)

David at events@fobp.co.uk

Thank you

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the foundation of the Friends of Beaumont Park. It was an altogether different place back then, when the Park was going to wrack and ruin. Visitor numbers have increased greatly and we are constantly reminded by them of the Park's regeneration.

As part of the celebrations, we will be creating a new arboretum in the area behind the bandstand, to replace the old, outgrown one that exists at present. The trees there currently will be removed and new specimens planted in their place. In keeping with the original Victorian idea, we will be planting new and unusual varieties that will be enjoyed by generations to come. Higher light levels will allow for more under planting, and a pleasant area for seating and picnicking. Additional crown lifting of trees is planned to improve the already wonderful views, and the woodland path will soon be resurfaced between the troll bridge and Butternab Road making access much easier.

There is no denying that it has been a pretty dismal winter, and I have to say that I am pretty fed up with the wet and cold. But there are lots of signs of Spring throughout the Park. The last two years has seen a massive bulb planting effort, and we are currently planting double snowdrops and lily of the valley at the bandstand.

John Mason, Head Gardener

Pilates in the Park has a new instructor

"Hi, I have taken over the Pilates on a Friday morning. The classes are physiotherapist led so have a maximum of 12 per class. Most classes are full but if you would like to be put on the waiting list then please contact me at fran.whitworth5@gmail.com

I am a physiotherapist working for Locala in rehabilitation, for people after stroke, fractures, falls, neurological conditions etc.

I have lived in Beaumont Park since moving to Huddersfield when my daughter was born over 16 years ago. I am a member of Holmfirth harriers and Thongsbridge tennis club".

Fran Whitworth, Pilates Instructor

Do you have practical DIY skills to help us look after the Visitor Centre? We would like to expand our team of volunteers who we can contact for advice and/or skills.

For more information please contact nevil.hall@totalise.co.uk
(07711 861662)

Local buses that stop near Beaumont Park are:

328 nearest stop to the park is Balmoral Ave/Forster Ave stop
324 nearest stop to the park is the Big Valley Garage stop
387 Beaumont Park Circular stops at Dryclough Road and also Beaumont Park Road no Sunday service

EVENTS 2018 events can be subject to change – see www.fobp.co.uk for details

April	Sun 1st	Easter Family Fun & Bacon Butty Day 9am	Park and Visitor Centre 1pm-4pm
	w/c 9th	NF Forest School	Tues 10 th April 4-8yrs Wed 11 th 8-12yrs Thurs 12 th 13-19yrs
	Sat 21st	Kathy Ryan Sings	Visitor Centre from 7pm
	Sun 22 nd	St. Georges Day Parade	Meet at main gate 1.30pm for procession to Bandstand
May	Sat 5th	Family Card Game Night	Visitor Centre 4pm – 7pm
	Sun 6th	Bacon Butty Day	Visitor Centre 9am to 4pm
	Sun 13th	Linthwaite Band	Bandstand 2pm – 4pm
	Sun 13th	Lions Charity Challenge See Huddersfield Lions website for details	1mile wheelchair/push chairwalk OR 3 mile walk OR 20k walk
	Sat 19th	Ladies Who Lunch – Theme Springtime	Visitor Centre 12.30pm-3.00pm
	w/c 28th	NF Forest School	Tues 29 th May 4-8yrs, Wed 30 th 8-12yrs
	Thurs 31 st	FOBP Crafternoon	Visitor Centre 1pm – 4pm
June	Sat/Sun 2 nd /3 rd	Beaumont Park Photographic Exhibition	Visitor Centre 11a.m – 4pm
	Sun 3 rd	Doggy Dash Fun run for dogs and owners	Park 11.30pm – 2pm
	Sun 10 th	Sundown Swing	Bandstand 2pm – 4pm
	Sat 16 th	Honley Ladies Choir	Bandstand 12 – 3pm
	Sun 24 th	West Yorkshire Brass	Bandstand 2pm – 4pm
July	Sun 8 th	J B Goode & Wheels in The Park	Bandstand 2pm – 4pm
	Sun 15 th	Huddersfield Wind Band	Bandstand 2pm – 4pm
	w/c 23rd	NF Forest School	Wed 25 th July 4-8yrs, Thurs 26 th 8-12yrs, Friday 27 th 13-19yrs
	Sun 29th	Yorkshire Gala Day see Fobp website, Facebook or posters for activities in the park	From 12noon – 5pm
	w/c 30th	NF Forest School	Mon 30 th July 4-8yrs, Tues 31 st 8-12yrs
August	Wed 1st	National Play Day-fun for all children	Park & Visitors Centre
	w/c 6 th	NF Forest School	Mon 6 th Aug 4-8yrs, Tues 7 th 8-12yrs, Wed 8 th 13-19yrs
	Thurs 9th	NF Crafternoon	Visitor Centre 1pm-4pm
	w/c 13th	NF Forest School	Mon 13 th Aug 4-8yrs, Tues 8-12yrs, Wed 15 th 13-19yrs
	Thurs 23 rd	FOBP Crafternoon	Visitor Centre 1pm-4pm
Sept	Sat 1 st	Ladies Who Lunch	Visitor Centre 12.30pm – 3pm
	Sun 9 th	Last Night of the Proms	Bandstand 2pm – 4pm
Oct	Sat 20th	Race Night includes 2 course Supper	Visitor Centre From 7pm