



Spring 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Jottings from Julie the Chair

Many thanks to all of you who attended our AGM which was held last month on Zoom. We were quorate and elected 4 new trustees.

The Trustees decided some time ago that we would support the renovation of the paths and steps along the Nature Story Trail. Unfortunately, the cuts in Council staff members and the fact that most are doing the jobs of at least 2 people as they cover for absent colleagues, has meant that progress is painfully slow. However, we continue to work with employed officers and elected Councillors to persuade them that these works are most definitely necessary and sooner rather than later.

Sylvia Richmond loved walking in the park with her 2 dachshunds, Millie and Poppy. Sylvia kindly left a legacy in her will which, with a top up from FOBP, has provided the funds to develop a new bed near to the top pond. John Mason and Simon Bottomley have planted 3 rose varieties: Mum in a Million, Sweet Parfum de Provence and Millie. There are oriental poppies, peonies and hyacinths around the edge. The emphasis has been on scent as much as visual impact. The centrepiece is an edible cherry tree named, aptly enough, Sylvia.

We have also acquired a second defibrillator with the help of a grant from London Hearts and the support of our crafting ladies. The defibrillator is currently in our container until we can arrange for the Council to complete the required electrical work for installation near the Bandstand. It came out with our First Aiders at the Santa Procession as part of their kit but we need it to be available at all times for the community to use. Thank you for the financial support to buy this lifesaving kit.

To access electronic versions of our trails etc, use the QR codes on all noticeboards and at all entrances to access downloads by phone plus a downloads pop up on the website. You can find details of all our activities:

- On the website at www.fobp.co.uk
- On our Facebook page @fobpark
- On our Twitter feed @FOBeaumontPark
- On our Instagram account @beaumontpark_officialfriends
- On the Love Exploring app which can be downloaded from the app store or equivalent or browse to <https://loveexploring.page.link/download>

Many thanks to the Trustees for their unstinting hard work and to all our volunteers who continue to support us. Particular thanks go to Tony Moyle, who has served as a Trustee since FOBP was founded and retired at the recent AGM. Many thanks to all our supporters without whom we wouldn't be able to make the improvements to the Park which we all enjoy.

Weekly Activities

Monday

Monday Gardeners

Working on maintaining the park. For details about the work and meeting dates contact Jeff Smith 01484 664782

Move More Often 2pm

£2.50 Gentle chair based exercise and refreshments for over 55s
Call Heather: 07722835909

Wargames Group 6.30pm

£2.50 come and try 1st 2 weeks free! For details call: Norman 07815 448600
kirkleeswargamesclub.blogspot.com

Tuesday

Park Ukuleles 1-4pm

1 hr lesson followed by a cuppa and a relaxing session for over 55's.
Call David: 01484 312255

Thursday

Healthy Bones Circuit Class 2.30pm

£7 Contact

Fran: 01484361049/ 07932686387
fran.whitworth5@gmail.com

Friday

Pilates in the park 9.30/ 10.30/ 11.30

(Trained physiotherapist) £8 Contact

Fran: 07932686387
fran.whitworth5@gmail.com

Saturday

Photography Group

10.30am – 12 pm

2nd Saturday in the month. Plus 'Photo shoot' 4th Saturday each month. £3 per session. Contact Paul on
paul.r.chadaway@gmail.com

Sunday

Beaumont Park junior parkrun 9am

Children aged 4 to 14 years run a 2K run. Register at: www.parkrun.org.uk/register/ and print their barcode for them.

EVENTS ROUND UP

Our annual Christmas Market, which was held in the Visitor Centre in November 2022, had lots of stalls selling their wares with a steady flow of visitors buying Christmas presents and having refreshments cooked and baked by our volunteers.



The Santa Procession and Carol Concert followed in early December. It was a cold day but this did not deter families from coming along to enjoy a wonderful event. Honley Ladies' Choir were on the Bandstand singing carols, and Santa was on his sleigh guided by his chief Elf in a procession from the Main Gate to the Bandstand. There were lots of traditional Christmas treats being sold by our Catering Van and Mulled Wine stall, a great day.



We have lots of Events planned throughout 2023, starting with the Easter Family Fun Day on Sunday April 9th 12-4. Sundown Swing will be performing on the Bandstand and there will be a Fun Fair and lots of craft stalls, plus the Visitor Centre and Catering Van selling a full range of refreshments. Please see the back page for the full list of events.

We are hoping to fill in some other dates with Bands, as it is Kirklees Year of Music. Please look on our website, Facebook pages and Information boards throughout the Park for further information.

Events and openings of the Visitors' Centre take a lot of planning and organisation. This could not happen without the help of volunteers who work behind the scenes to bring the events to life and work in the Visitors' Centre, bake cakes week in and week out, move equipment from one end of the park to the other, organise craft sales and generally make themselves available to bring to the park, bands, food, drink and entertainment to give families a great day out in Huddersfield's oldest and most beautiful Park. We hope to see you at some point this summer. Enjoy!

David Rudd
Events and Visitor Centre coordinator

Photography Group

Camera club activity is now back to pre-covid levels. The club is thriving with new members having joined recently, some also connected to the U3A group. A normal monthly meeting can now expect 24 or more members to be present. Club meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Beaumont Park Visitor Centre.

Prior to the Covid period our Chairman up to that time emigrated to Italy where again he joined a local Camera Club as well as connecting with us occasionally during our monthly Video meetings. We are working to connect more with the Italian Club members to share photo experiences. In 2022 we sent copies of the photographs that were displayed at the BPCC July Exhibition which were well received, and we hope to expand on that during 2023.

At the January meeting Mr Francis Wilson a professional photographer was a guest speaker. At this meeting friends from the U3A group were also invited. His talk centred on both photo-taking skills and post shooting options.

A very interesting presentation.

Monthly club photo-shoot outings continue with recent visits having been made to Slaithwaite, Dewsbury, and the Halifax Piece-Hall.

The 2023 Annual photo exhibition at the B.P. Club is now expected to take place over the weekend of 17/18th of June.



Anthony Bunting

Pilates in the park



My name is Fran Whitworth and I am a fully qualified physio, keen fell runner, mountain biker and tennis player. I run Pilates classes at Beaumont Park visitor centre for all types of people, to combat injury, the onward march of age related changes and to bring people together in warm friendly small group classes. These classes hold a maximum of 12 and all you need is a mat and towel to get started. Pilates involves exercises in a variety of different positions, including standing, lying, kneeling and is brilliant for building core strength slowly and carefully, so keeping backache and other aches and pains at bay!

Pilates is suited to everyone, as it can be adapted to meet your needs, so why not get in touch and come along!

A message from John the Gardener

Wow, the weather continues to challenge us gardeners. In the last newsletter I was talking about the harmful effects of drought on the plants in the park. This time the recent snowfall is still uppermost in my mind, as it was by far the worst weather event in all my time in Beaumont Park.

The damage was extensive: many trees and shrubs were affected, and some have been lost altogether. One of the large conifers on the Lion Bed will most likely have to be felled, as so many limbs were lost, leaving it unbalanced and at risk.

That said, plant life is remarkably resilient, and there are many signs of Spring throughout the park. We have recently bolstered the Spring and Summer flower-power with a large number of alpenes and scented perennials.

These were provided jointly by the Friends, and through Sylvia's bequest. Yet more evidence of how much we rely upon the support of all who love this Park so much. Thanks to everyone who contributes, in so many ways, to make Beaumont Park such a wonderful place to enjoy.

John
Kirklees gardener.

Check out our socials!

You can find the most up-to-date information on our events at www.fobp.co.uk

Our social media is used extensively.



What's on this season in the Park?

(Events can be subject to change!! – see www.fobp.co.uk or our socials for the most up to date details)

April		
Sunday 9th April 12-4	Easter family fun day	Sundown Swing will be performing on the Bandstand and there will be a Fun Fair and lots of craft stalls, plus the Visitor Centre and Catering Van selling a full range of refreshments.
Friday 14th April 10am	Book read at the band stand	Paula will be flying into the park this Easter to help children learn about preventing air pollution and staying healthy through nature. Join local author, Claire Culliford, at the bandstand for a book read of her story 'Paula helps prevent air pollution'
May		
Monday 8th May 12-4	Coronation Gala Day	JB Goode will be rocking around the Bandstand with a Fun Fair, Dog Show and a selection of classic cars, plus all our usual catering services.
Sunday 14th May 2-4	Dobcross Brass Monkey Band	Dobcross Brass Monkey Band will be playing on the Bandstand.
June		
Sunday 4th June 2-4	Linthwaite Band	Linthwaite Band will be playing on the Bandstand
Weekend 17th & 18th June 11-4	FoBP Photography Exhibition	It's the Beaumont Park Annual Photographic Exhibition held in the Visitors Centre. Refreshments on offer in the visitor centre. It's time to vote for your favourite photograph.
Sunday 18th June 2-4	Honley Silver Band	Honley Silver Band playing on the Bandstand
July		
Sunday 30th July 12-4	Yorkshire Gala Day	There's lots and lots going on - Band, Fun Fair, Dog Show, stalls, traditional games and homemade cakes and hot/cold food.
August		
Wednesday 3rd August 12-4	National Play Day at Beaumont Park	Join us for an afternoon of FREE fun activities for children in celebration of National Play Day.
Monday 14th August 10am	Book read at the band stand	Join local Author Claire Culliford and local Bee professor Ryad Alsous at the band stand for a book read of her story 'Bella helps increase Pollination' and a look at the wonderful local honey bees.
Monday 28th August 12-4	Beaumont Barks	Beaumont Barks, our annual Dog Show, supported by Higher Ground playing 60/70/80s music from the Bandstand and a fantastic selection of food from our Catering Van.