



Beamsley Beacon Spring 2018

Beamsley Changes



After many years of serving Beamsley our dedicated team has seen a number of changes. Jackie Jolly retired as assistant Warden but has returned to look after our laundry. Pauline, Sheila and Carol also retired. We are grateful for all their work over many years and wish them well with their retirement. John retired from his Co-Warden post. We welcomed Sarah Siddons as Admin Officer last year but she is currently on maternity leave. If you contact us you may speak to Liz Shaw who is working as a team member and currently dealing with bookings. Emily Tysoe has made another welcome addition to the team.

Even more changes

The Chapel Lounge has been a great success making a comfortable and relaxing space with its Smart TV and audio-visual facilities. Sitting there looking at the Beacon is uplifting even in winter. The ground floor showers, toilets and bathroom in the Centre have received a face lift and with the new underfloor heating have proved a boon this winter. We are about to embark on plans for the Cottage that will involve new window frames to improve the double glazing and later



will hopefully to include the addition of a bath that many of you requested.

The foyer has also been given a makeover with a great new welcoming sign.

Field

We have been thinking about the field behind the Centre for many years and eventually obtained a lease from the Bolton Abbey Estate and created a gate through from our car park. There is a limit to what we can do because of the lease and conditions imposed by the National Park but watch this space! We are considering various plans for the area and eventually will apply to the National Lottery and other bodies for funding. It is a long-term project and will involve the planting of over 100 trees and shrubs donated by the Woodland Trust. At the moment the field is available for relaxation and exercise.



Visitors

Last year we had some exciting activities organised by People First Keighley and Craven. The group organised week long residential independence training courses. Not only did members learn about diets and personal care but enjoyed cycling round our car park on an amazing variety of bikes brought from an organisation in Bradford.

Publicity

During the last year we worked with Craven Digital and have produced a new brochure and logo. This looks smart and inviting and we hope will stimulate even more visitors to enjoy the joys of Beamsley. Together with our web site and Facebook page these help to

promote Beamsley to the wider world. Have a look at our web site at www.beamsleyproject.org

Fund raising



The Friends of Beamsley have again been very active and their support is essential in keeping Beamsley in operation. The Mad Hatter's Tea Party was a great success with wonderful hats and superb afternoon tea. The Friends also had a stall at Addingham Gala, Bolton Abbey Railway and at Christchurch, Ilkley. Their Christmas Fair was well supported too. If you would like to support the Friends they are always looking for new members so please get in touch through the Beamsley Office.

GDPR

You may wonder what this is. Changes to regulations on data storage and privacy mean we can only record your data and contact you if you give us your permission. With this Newsletter you will find a form to enable you to do this. Please complete it and return it to us as we do value your support and would like to keep in touch. You can return the form by email at no cost to you.

Diary date



The Friends of Beamsley are having another exciting event. On Wednesday 16th May in **Addingham Methodist Church Hall** at 7pm you will be able to enjoy a fashion show organised by Harriot's of Otley. Do come along and support us.

Supporters

We get tremendous help from our local area. Round Table, Rotary groups, churches all continue to support our work. Every year Booths Supermarket in Ilkley allows us to have a store collection. Waitrose in Otley have donated again through their customer voting



scheme. We are very grateful to all groups for their support and donations.

Purple Patch Arts run creative education programmes for adults with learning disabilities. These lifelong learning programmes use the arts (dance, drama, music, literature and visual arts) as a way to make educational topics and themes more accessible. All of our practitioners are highly skilled in delivering sessions to suit a range of needs, using a multi-sensory approach which creates an immersive and engaging experience for participants. As well as promoting lifelong learning, our programmes also help participants to improve their social skills, confidence and independence skills. Twice a year we visit the **Beamsley Project** for weekend residentials which our participants look forward to all year round. On these weekends people take part in creative activity, spend time with friends and have a good old party at our highly anticipated Beamsley Disco! More information about us can be found at: <http://www.purplepatcharts.org>

