

Spring 2023 Newsletter

Hello Members,

The crocus and snowdrops are showing and evenings are getting lighter – it's the start of SPRING!!

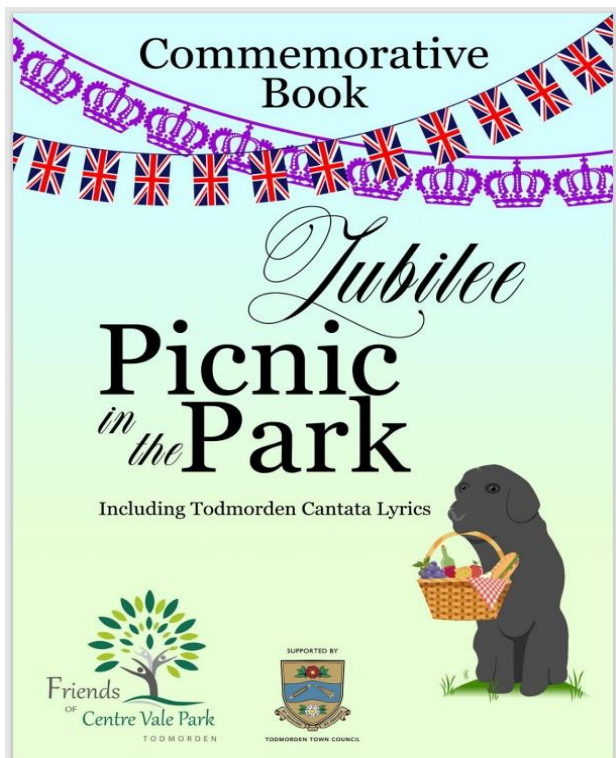
Commemorative Book Jubilee Picnic in the Park

With the help of a grant from Todmorden Town Council, we've produced a full-colour A4 24-page book to commemorate last Summer's Jubilee Picnic in the Park. It contains all the amazing lyrics to the Todmorden Cantata, photographically illustrated, plus photographs from the day.

All of the Friends are invited to the launch party at 7pm in Tod Information Centre on
THURSDAY 16 MARCH

PLEASE CONFIRM IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND

by 11 March to: katrina@storymagiotheatre.com



The book is available at no cost, though a suggested donation of £3 is requested

ONLY AVAILABLE FROM TODMORDEN INFORMATION CENTRE

£1.9m Town Deal for the parka step closer!

The bid to renovate the bandstand and the conservatory in the garden of remembrance, alongside the three other park projects gained initial government approval.



Detailed costings and Full Business Cases are now in preparation - including public consultation. Approval is hoped for by the end of 2023 and actual work in 2024.

<https://www.todmordentowndeal.co.uk/>

Our Membership reaches new heights!

We're delighted to share the news that Membership of the Friends has now passed 70 - welcome to our newest Members - also a big shout out to **Christian** who stepped up to take on managing our website - thank you!



We are still needing someone to step up and be Treasurer - managing our relatively small income and outgoings, basic accounts and co-ordinating our bank account.

If this could be you call Karen, Chair 07984166240

- ACCESSIBILITY in the Park: LIGHTS AND PATHS -

Calderdale councillors shared at the recent Todmorden Ward Forum meeting in the Town Hall that the estimated cost to restore the main path lighting from playground entrance to the sports centre is £50,000 and that CMBC do not have the budget to cover the cost. The current lights are in a poor state of repair, perhaps in part due to poor maintenance. A contribution to the funding could come from the Police UK, and our Councillors encouraged people to anonymously express their concerns about feeling unsafe on a specific Police UK web page – the greater the number of people identifying Centre Vale Park as an unsafe place after dark the greater likelihood Police UK might respond positively to a funding request:

<https://www.police.uk/pw/notices/streetsafe/street-safe/street-safe/?tid=565957&lid=gcid=grid=5&stepid=1>

Your Committee members have THREE Park Walkabouts with CMBC staff in March – the Friends' dissatisfaction with the maintenance of the drainage and paths will be a key focus – along with restoring the Remembrance Gardens fountains, Japanese Red Bridge, Green Flag and pole, repaint of the Children's Cycle Way, and park noticeboards.



Park Work Volunteering

Having finally finished painting the fruit garden fence, volunteers planted up a new bed next to the centenary garden. You should see spring bulbs coming through very soon. We've also enjoyed spending time in the woods over the winter months, coppicing ash and hazel to let more light onto the woodland floor and create piles of brushwood for birds to nest in. We meet on Thursday and Sunday mornings, roughly a fortnight apart. If you would like to get involved, just contact rachel@friendsofcentrevalepark.org.uk.



No expertise or experience needed!

SAVE THE DATES....!!!!

Park work volunteering 10.30am - midday: Sunday 12 March and Thursday 23 March

Commemorative Book Launch: Thursday 16 March @ 7pm

Friends POP-UP in the Park: Saturday 22 April 9-11am & Sunday 4 June 2-4pm

Guided Bird Walk : Sunday 7 May 10am - midday

Picnic in the Park with Tod Brass Band : Sunday 18 June

Here are our contacts. For more information visit our website – www.friendsofcentrevalepark.org.uk

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Very best wishes and hope to see you all soon..... Friends Committee