



Our first Newsletter of 2019! It has however been a busy few weeks since Christmas which have flown past. Our Friends Group held its latest Committee Meeting on the 14th February and since then Committee members and supporters have been working hard, as always, behind the scenes to take things forward.

Winter may well not be over but there are already signs of around the village. Some of the grass verges have out over the blades of grass and daffodils and crocuses the park. Blossom is trying to open on some of the trees park shakes off its' winter mantle and we prepare for come, with the opportunities that affords to enjoy the outdoors.



both in the park and daffodils peeping are emerging within and shrubs, as the sunnier days to park and the



Looking back: We had a fantastic Christmas event in the Park. Lots of raffle prizes - all claimed. Great atmosphere. Lovely items to buy on the stall. Festive refreshments. Just over £269 was raised at this event for park funds. Thank you! We can not do it without you.

Handicrafts

At our year end (end of October 2018) we had raised just over £1,000 for park funds through the sale of handicrafts. From 1st November to date Sale of handicrafts already stands at £633.25! with April, May, June, July, August, September, October still to go! We are grateful to Tina at Unique Hair Salon (Oxenhope), and Angela and all at Cross Roads Post Office for their sterling efforts in selling our crafts, and to individual members who sell them to family and friends. Grateful thanks also to the Craft & Chat group at Lees Methodist Church who keep us supplied with wonderful items to sell. If you are a crafter ... knitting, sewing, crocheting, woodwork, painting, anything hand-made! And can spare us an item or items to sell at our events and outlets we would be very grateful. At the moment these can be dropped off at Cross Roads Post Office but alternative arrangements will be made in due course. Three of our members will be attending Bronte Vintage Gathering in May, which runs over 2 days, so we need lots of items to sell. We will also have a stall at our park event in May and at the Village Gala in July.



Please help if you can.



Next event: Saturday 23rd March 2019 **LITTER PICK**
1.00 - 3.00 p.m. **PITCH IN! and PICK UP!** We will be concentrating on Cross Roads park but our efforts will also

include other areas where there is a need within the village.



PICK IT! BAG IT! BIN IT! Come along and make the village where we live a better place. If you can't come to the event as such but could pick up just a couple of pieces of litter as you walk through the park on that day, or want to call in at the Memorial Hall to say "hello" and have a cuppa and show support for our efforts you will be very welcome.

Coming soon!

Outdoor Gym equipment (Watch this space!) May already be in place by the time you read this Newsletter. Back in 2014 the Friends of Cross Roads Park Committee worked hard to secure some funding for this and the funds have to be spent by October this year. We have used some of the funding in other areas of the park (for example the M.U.G.A, shrubs etc.) and the remaining amount will fund this new facility.



Please encourage people to use this new facility/equipment and to look after it.

(The equipment installed may differ from this photograph).

Healthy exercise, out in the fresh air.

Events planned for 2019



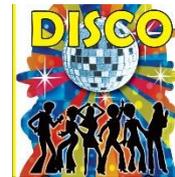
- Litter pick (see Page 1) 23rd March 2019 - 1.00 - 3.00 p.m.

- Yorkshire Olympics - Bank Holiday weekend 25th May. If you came last year you will know how much everyone enjoyed our very first Yorkshire Olympics

Please encourage other people to come along also. This year we hope to have the same events Flat Cap Challenge, Stack of lard, Beat the red rose, Rescue Donna the Bear, Welly Wanging, but this year hope to add Target Bowls and other attractions.



- Christmas in the park - 1st Sunday in December.



Other possible but not confirmed as yet:

Village Disco. Possibly in conjunction with the Village Association.

Please check our Facebook pages for further details as these emerge and are firmed up. Lees, Cross Roads & Bocking Village and FRIENDS OF CROSS ROADS PARK.

How can you help?

- Become a member. Membership starts at £5 per year. Please come along to our next park event and ask for details.
- Can you spare a few hours a week or a few each month to help within the park or could you make sure to pick up litter every time you walk through or are in the park?
- Could you help at events?
- Can you make an item/items to sell at our events?

And Finally look out for these! Our village may soon get its stone balls back! A piece of history and heritage restored. Due to go on the four pillars at the entrance to the park on Haworth Road.

VOLUNTEER SHEET:- (Please place in a sealed envelope and drop off at Cross Roads Post Office) Thank you.

Name Address:

Contact Telephone Number:

I would like to help in the following way:-