

# Friends Of Pugneys (FOP) Newsletter

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## “HELLO” from FOP

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Friends of Pugneys would like to say hello to everyone in the Wakefield District and all who visit Pugneys Country Park. Many people will remember us from “Pugneys Action Group”. Following our involvement in helping secure an affordable parking charge at Pugneys, we were asked by officials of WMDC to retain our interest in the Country Park and to work with them to help provide a valuable service and support to Pugneys visitors. We are currently small in number but we hope to welcome many more like minded individuals into our group. We would like to extend a thank you to Pugneys and WMDC for giving us the opportunity to work with them to benefit Pugneys community.

FOP kicked off in July 2008. We have met with Pugneys on several occasions to discuss developments and what, if any, added value FOP can offer to Pugneys. We are hopeful that this collaboration will be a success and that we can play the part as an intermediary between Pugneys Visitors and Pugneys staff and management. We hope to ensure that Pugneys visitors have a voice in decision that are made.

We hope to run family events and competitions which will be displayed on notice boards around Pugneys, in our newsletters, our web site (coming soon) and hopefully in the Wakefield Express. If you wish to give any comment or feedback about Pugneys Country Park, please feel free to contact us at the email noted or contact Pugneys direct. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming new members.

## News

### Blue Badge Holders Park for FREE

We are able to confirm that Blue Badge Holders receive free parking at Pugneys. Signage is on order and will be erected as soon as it arrives.

Double Yellow Lines It is hoped that the double yellows outside the park gates will soon be replaced by a single yellow line and signage. In the meantime, we have it confirmed, you are able to park there without risk of being prosecuted whilst the gates to Pugneys are closed (providing you are not causing an obstruction). So all you early rises and late walkers can still visit. However, remember, once the gates open, this area must be clear of all parked vehicles

Barrier Parking System We are all well aware that there have been problems with the barrier system since its introduction. It has been decided that all parking issues will now be managed by the “Car Parking” authority rather than Pugneys. We have received confirmation from Lisa Dodd (Service Director for Culture and Sports) that this change in parking management will not mean an increase in parking charges.

Pugneys Café FOP have suggested that visitors purchasing food and drinks in the café could obtain a refund for parking charges. We have been advised that this may be possible in the future. Update to come. The café, since being taken over has revamped its menu and now offers “Health Eating” meals and snacks.

Footpath Work on the footpaths around Pugneys will commence in the very near future so we should all look forward to less puddles and mud during our walks. The work is being carried out by BTCV. See web site [www2.btcv.org.uk](http://www2.btcv.org.uk)

Investment You will probably remember earlier this year £250,000 was promised to Pugneys for redevelopment. These funds are currently on hold until the beginning of the next financial year (April 2009). Although the funds are currently on hold, plans are still going ahead and Pugneys are working on plans for resurfacing the car park, drainage issues, paths and a children's play area. FOP and Pugneys have also been discussing the possibility of improvements around the walk area the far end of the lake.

The steepness is making accessibility quite difficult for a number of visitors. Pugneys are looking into options available for this difficult task. Update to follow.

Duck Race We are hoping to run our very own rubber duck race at Easter 2009. Ducks will be raced across Pugneys Lakes and prizes will be given for winners. Updates and confirmation to follow.

Spring Flowers Pugneys, with FOP are going to be planting some spring bulbs to help brighten the patio area up outside of the café. If anyone would like to help, please contact us for further information.

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