



**FRIENDS OF
HIGH ROYDS
MEMORIAL GARDEN**

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**NATIONAL HERITAGE
WEEKEND**

**Saturday & Sunday
9/10th September
11 to 1pm & 2-4.**



ROYAL AWARD



The weekend will conclude with a Thanksgiving Service at 4pm on the Sunday at which Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire Mrs Virginia A Lloyd will present a special plaque to be placed on the Memorial Garden Gates to commemorate the Duke of York's Community Initiative Award.



You are cordially invited to attend.



Parking arrangements

The Manager of the Hare & Hounds, which is situated just across the road from the Memorial Garden, has kindly agreed for their car park and toilet facilities to be used free of charge if required

RAILWAY MEMORIAL



Our Victorian forebears spared no expense or effort in order to build and maintain the building of the West Riding Pauper Mental Asylum. It needed a railway to transport all the materials required. So starting in 1883 they built a branch line from the former Midland Railway which had opened a station in Menston in 1875.

This branch line continued to serve the Asylum until 1951. It is interesting to note that the first steam tank engine had inadequate power and was prone to slipping on the gradient up from the main line. Not to be deterred the line was electrified in 1897.

To commemorate this important development Steve Ellams, a member of the Friends Management team, with help from the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, has constructed a memorial to this line which can be seen in its original position. An A board showing further photographs giving more details can be seen on site.



BALLROOM FILM

Anna Hope spoke to a packed house when she visited Menston to speak about a proposed film based on her book "The Ballroom" Such was the interest that even the large hall of the Methodist Church was too small and we had to move into the church itself to make room.



Anna Hope pictured with Hon. Secretary Quentin Mackenzie (left) and Chairman Ron Sweeney.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE!

Work with young people is all important and every opportunity is taken to give them a chance to participate. We are fortunate, and happy to have co-operated with schools/colleges/universities in helping to maintain the garden and spread the message of tolerance, help and understanding for all the many people with some form of mental ill-health.

The universities, colleges and schools we have collaborated with include::



Leeds Beckett University students filming in the chapel (Summer 2017)



Archaeology students have paid several visits to study the layout of the Garden and with the latest electronic equipment have helped to map out the grounds



St. Mary's Menston Catholic Voluntary Academy students have put in much work to tidy up the flower beds.



A teenage look at mental health issues

Dixons/Allerton Academy produced a DVD "*Lighten our Darkness*", with the help of Bradford Educational Department and the Friends, which helps to inform younger people of the importance of tolerance in dealing with mental health issues



With the help of Menston Primary School, Bird and Bat Boxes are being planned to make the wood even more environmentally friendly



This year Grange Technology College commissioned a film dealing with mental health issues. The filming in the Chapel and Garden took place recently and we are now looking forward to seeing the finished film.



TALKS

We are happy to talk to Groups about the Garden/Chapel.. Conducted visits, in addition to the Open Days, can be made by arrangement.



With the help of a Tesco grant, voted for by local people, 2017 saw many improvements to the wood which surrounds the Memorial Garden. Tree felling, pruning, path laying, new fencing, steps and general husbandry have made a great difference. The three acre site has now been acclaimed as:

An Oasis of Peace



**Three acres of tranquillity
in a busy world.**

LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST!

To maintain the garden and keep up the high standard which has attracted national as well as local attention requires many different gifts so thank you to all concerned. The contributions by standing order are very helpful and appreciated as are offers to help with the cleaning of the chapel or occasional weeding. These are not too time consuming and an hour or so each month would be a great help

	Please tick
I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN BY:	
a. Giving a regular amount of £----- by standing order every month (we will provide the necessary bank details)	
b. Arrange a coffee morning or similar fund raising event	
c. Helping with weeding and planting etc	
d. Helping to clean the chapel – polishing brass work etc. (Please contact Ron).	

Name			
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Any suggestions and offers of help will be gratefully received. Please contact the Hon. Secretary, Quentin Mackenzie – 01943-876625



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Highly commended by Yorkshire in Bloom and Duke of York's Community Initiative Award

