



Benson Millstream Centre Newsletter



Hi, I would like to introduce myself. I am Emma Gallagher, the new Centre manager. I started at Millstream in early June. I come with many years of experience in caring for the elderly. I join Millstream from Anchor Housing, where I worked as Location Manager looking after 22 properties for the elderly. Prior to that I worked at Cleeve lodge Care Home in Goring for over 12 years, where I was Office Manager, supporting the customers, and helping them through the Covid-19 pandemic. My passions outside of work are my family, walking my dogs and gardening. I am really looking forward to meeting more customers and getting to know how things work at Millstream.

Emma Centre Manager

Thank you

The trustees would like to say a big thanks to all the staff and volunteers who stepped in and helped to cover in the interim before Emma started as Manager. A big thank you also to Eve from the Six Bells in Warborough who stood in recently when Patrick our chef was away on his holiday, the customers really enjoyed her food.



We have had a busy few months of activities, singing, games and our regular visits from our little friends.



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Thank you to all our volunteer collectors and everyone who has bought a ticket, we have raised a whopping £4500 so far, half of which goes towards funding the Centre and half goes back in as cash prizes. The first draw was on the 27th June, winners have been notified and numbers published on our social media channels. There will be four more draws throughout the year and you can still buy tickets. Please buy at the Centre.

Good luck to everyone in the next draw!



Benson Millstream Centre Supporters (BMCS)

A year on. As a self-funded charity, with annual running costs that exceed our income, the Centre needs to ensure that it raises enough extra income to continue to support our customers and our local community. We are pleased to say that BMCS has been a great success and provided us with much needed funds.

If you have not already joined, please do consider joining us as Benson Millstream Centre Supporters (BMCS). We welcome individual and business members. Please take a look at the 'Support us - Benson Millstream' section on our website.

Our Volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do at the Centre, and without them we simply couldn't provide the breadth of service we currently offer to the people of Benson and the surrounding area. THANK YOU as ever to all of you!

We are currently looking for more volunteer drivers, particularly those who would be willing to pick up and drop home customers from a bit further afield. We would like to extend our reach to cover a 3 mile radius of the Centre including Wallingford.

Please get in touch if you can offer some time to help.



What's coming up....

4th-5th July Please come to the Centre and see the Benson Art Group summer exhibition, where one of our volunteers, Joanne, is exhibiting. All proceeds go to the Centre.

The next 400 club lottery draws are **8th Aug, 19th Sept, 31st Oct, 12th Dec** tickets still available for these draws.

All the proceeds from our fundraising events are invested back into the Centre so we can continue to provide our Millstream 'magic'.

Benson Millstream Centre is open to customers Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am-1.30pm. We provide support, companionship, meals, entertainment and both mental and physical stimulation for our customers. We regularly post updates and pictures on Facebook and Instagram, so why not look us up to see what we have been up to.

Millstream Mugs is a free drop-in coffee morning on Tuesday 10.30-12pm at the Centre. We offer refreshments, conversation, and a 'warm' room. All welcome, young and old.

Millstream@Home supplies hot meals 3 days a week for those unable to attend.

If you are interested in **hiring our Centre**, we are both competitive and flexible. Contact us or see our website for more information.



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