



Benson Millstream Centre Newsletter



Greetings from Emma Centre Manager

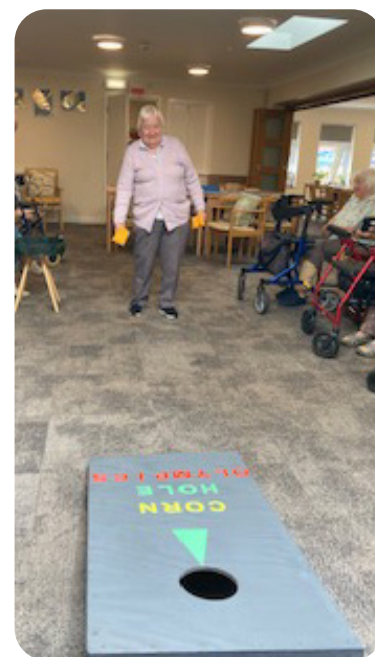
As the autumn draws on, the Centre continues to provide a warm friendly place for customers, and we are delighted to have welcomed several new customers over the last few months.

The variety of games we play creates good team spirit, keeps up our communication skills and we have a jolly good laugh. The games of Cornhole, giant Connect 4 and Quoits continue to be as competitive as ever. Everyone concentrates on trying to achieve a high score or beating the other team! Our monthly session with the Handbell ringers is very popular and the customers have a great time singing along.

I recently ran a 'Millstream listens' session, for customers to tell us what they like most and want more of. As a result, we have introduced new craft sessions - most recently we made some fab Halloween decorations.

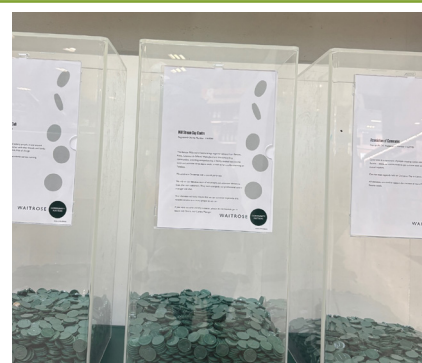
Christmas crafts start soon!

Here are some photos from our recent sessions.



The Waitrose **green tokens** are back !!
A **BIG** Thank you to everyone who has posted a token in the Millstream slot in Waitrose this month. We hope to raise a good amount of money to go towards the Centre.

Thank you to Waitrose for including us.



1155 Wallingford Bonfire and Fireworks

On 1st November we joined the 100's of volunteers at the 1155 Bonfire and firework event in Wallingford. We had great fun bucket shaking and selling sparklers for Millstream and other local charities. The weather held out and thousands of people came to watch the amazing display, as you can see, a giant Guy Fawkes came to help us raise money!

It is a wonderful event and 1155 distribute the money raised to over 20 charities in the area, it is great to know that all your donations go back into our local community.

Thank you 1155 for including us this year.



What's coming up....

Tuesday 25th November from 10.30 to 2PM **Christmas Fayre** with Millstream Mugs at the Centre. Come along and buy some homemade decorations, gifts, sweets, cakes and more. Our Christmas raffle tickets will also be on sale with great prizes all very kindly donated by local businesses. All welcome.

The **Christmas raffle** will be drawn on Tuesday 16th December. Raffle tickets can be bought any time the Centre is open up until 15th December.

Friday 28th November following the Benson village Christmas tree light-up at Bob's Corner - please come to the Centre where we will be offering tea, coffee, mulled juice, mulled wine and mince pies. The Centre will be warm and festive and there will be lots of seating available. Visitors will also be able to decorate a Christmas or memory bauble, which can either be hung on the Centre's tree or be taken home to hang on your own. We hope it will be a fun and festive evening for everyone, all the proceeds will go back into the Centre helping us to continue to provide the much needed service we provide to the local community.

Monday 22nd December **The Millstream Christmas party.** This will be our last session of the year and will feature our epic festive feast. Please let us know if you want to come along with your relative or friend - it gets booked up quickly!

Benson Millstream Centre is open to customers Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am-1.30pm.

We serve a freshly cooked two-course meal, prepared on site by our chef. After lunch we provide entertainment or an activity which could be anything from a game of Bingo to a guest speaker talking about bees!

We regularly post updates and pictures on **Facebook and Instagram**, look us up to see what we have been up to.

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

Millstream at 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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