

Welcome to the new

# FERNWOOD GAZETTE



## Summer 2023 Update

Welcome to the new and refreshed Fernwood Gazette! We've listened to feedback and the new council all agreed to give things a refresh and rebrand. Whilst it may look different, as a new council we're focussed on bringing you the most useful information on everything happening in Fernwood plus updates on the work we're doing behind the scenes. Whether it's updates on decisions, events or interesting stories from residents, we're committed to sharing as much as possible.

You may remember, back in May the local elections saw a new parish council formed in Fernwood. We've had several productive meetings over the last few weeks including discussing strategy, training and supporting residents' queries. It's been a busy introduction to our new roles as parish councillors. We're all happy to say things are going well and everyone is enthusiastic about the progress we're making. You can find out more inside.

In this issue you'll find our **new action plan as a council**, exciting **updates from across the village** and interesting **stories from residents**. There's also information about **what's on** at the village hall and **funding news**. In future we'd love for you to be involved, so if you're a resident doing something great or a community group looking to share what you do, please get in touch!

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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE



## The New Strategy

We've had several succession workshops to develop our new strategy for Fernwood; bringing in new ideas, experience and skills. The strategy outlines our overarching aims for the village; **how we achieve these aims is broken down in our full action plan which can be found on the Fernwood Parish Council website.**

- We will continue to maintain the Costall Woods
- Continue with the plan to take ownership of the open spaces in Fernwood
- Work with FirstPort to look at the provision of a better play park
- Work with N&SDC to ensure the new developments are without the implementation/use of management companies
- Work with NSDC to review CCTV on Ruby's Walk and nearby playing field
- Arrange village signage and update letterheads
- Lobby NCC & Via for improvements to parking, particularly Goldstraw Lane
- Expand the calendar of events to encourage wider community engagement
- Maintain & promote Fernwood Village Hall
- Continue investigating the possibility of extending the village hall
- Continue to support the Friday night youth club
- Lobby NCC to improve bus services serving Fernwood
- Lobby for all roads to be maintained, safe and suitable for purpose.
- Investigate the future plans regarding for water tower

This list doesn't cover everything; there's still plenty of other business including things like poo bins, policies, consultations and supporting community organisations! We'll also be publishing a full breakdown on how we plan to start attacking some of the above on our website and social media. As councillors, we're committed to working in the best interest of all residents in Fernwood, listening to opinions and to create a vibrant place for everyone who lives here. Whilst some of the above isn't directly within our control, we're promising to lobby for change and encourage residents to feedback thoughts or concerns with Fernwood Parish Council.

To find out more please visit <https://www.fernwood-pc.co.uk/community/fernwood-parish-council-13053/policies-and-procedures/>

## From the chair

Hello everyone! As your new Chairman of Fernwood Parish Council I would like to introduce myself; some of you may remember that I was chairman from 2009 to 2012 but a lot has changed since then! Firstly, I would like to thank Barry Smith for his service as chairman and as a councillor for several years along with the other councillors for their service and dedication over recent years.

Over the last few weeks we've been working on our ideas and shaping a new strategy. July's meeting saw our revised action plan discussed, new initiatives and projects we'd like to deliver. I am sure you know it takes a little time to shape policies but the strategy sees a change in focus; looking at previous work and deciding to discontinue what doesn't fit into our remit. We're committed to building a vibrant community; we've planned a calendar full of events throughout the year and our hope is that the village hall will continue to be a successful community hub.

We look forward to hearing your ideas and helping with any concerns during our term.



# HOW WE KEEP YOU INFORMED

## Office opening times:

Tuesday to Thursday

10am to 1pm

Mondays and Fridays

10am –12pm

Fernwood Parish Council, Fernwood Village Hall, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood, NG24 3RS

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Our website, [www.fernwood-pc.co.uk](http://www.fernwood-pc.co.uk), has all our agendas and minutes so everyone can keep up to date with what the council is working on and decisions we've made/are about to make. The website also has lots of information on the council's work and is the best port of call to find out about Fernwood Parish Council.

You can also follow our Facebook page for regular updates on the Council's work. We also share on popular Facebook pages in Fernwood so residents can see any key decisions made by the council.

We also produce the Fernwood Gazette. In the past this has been twice a year but we recently voted not only for the rebrand, but to **increase the frequency of the Gazette to four times a year**. This is delivered to every household and business in the parish to keep you informed of events, activities and any consultations we may be running. A digital version is also added to the website, plus you can grab a copy from the village hall.

Our minutes and agendas are posted online, as well as on our noticeboards which are on the side of the village hall and on Goldstraw Lane, opposite the clock tower.

Residents are always welcome to come into the parish council office in the village hall if they have any queries. Last but not least, our meetings are open to residents and we always have a public forum at the beginning of each meeting for 15 minutes.

## Meetings

Councillors meet most months to discuss issues raised by residents, planning & strategy. Residents are welcome at the first 15 minutes of each meeting for open discussion.

### Upcoming meeting details:

Monday 18th September

Monday 16th October

Monday 19th November

Agendas are published on our website the Tuesday before the meeting. Draft minutes with decisions and discussions are usually published on the following Monday.

### You can also speak to councillors at the following events

#### Party in the Park:

Sunday 27th August

#### Coffee morning:

September 29th, 10am -12pm

Fernwood Village Hall



# FERNWOOD VILLAGE HALL



## Hire rates:

The large hall can be booked for as little as £18 an hour and the small hall for as little as £13.50 an hour.

We also offer a charity & non-profit rate for as little as £11.50 an hour. Please also reach out for funding requests.

Fernwood Village Hall is an excellent choice of venue for all of your celebrations or events. In the middle of the village, we've got two halls available for hire and a secure outside space with patio and lawn. **Fernwood residents are eligible for a reduced rate.** The larger, main hall is ideal for the hire of inflatables and soft play for younger parties. We also offer a fully licensed bar provided by Cox Events which is a great addition to those larger, family celebrations.

Visit our website [www.fernwood-pc.co.uk](http://www.fernwood-pc.co.uk)— for our prices, photos and booking enquiry form  
Alternatively email [office@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:office@fernwood-pc.co.uk) or call 01636 613024.

## WHAT'S ON

### FERNWOOD VILLAGE HALL

[www.facebook.com/village.hall.fernwood/](http://www.facebook.com/village.hall.fernwood/)



#### MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

	10:00- 12:00 Warm Place	9:20-10:00 Caterpillar Music	9:30-11:30 Baby& Toddlers Group	9:30-12:10 Caterpillar Music
17:30-19:30 Tae kwon-do	16:30-17:00 18:00-19:00 Newark Karate Academy	17:45-18:45 Weight Watchers	16:00 - 18:30 Slimming World	18:30-20:30 Youth Club
20:00-20:45 Zumba	19:30-21:00 Fernwood Amateur Dramatics		18:30 - 19:30 Lucina Mama Antenatal Education	
	19:15- 21:30 Salsa			

#### SATURDAY

09:30- 11:30  
Studio 29 Musical  
Theatre

#### SUNDAY

10:30- 12:00  
Fernwood Community  
Church

For contact details of group organisers, please visit:

[www.fernwood-pc.co.uk/community/fernwood-parish-council-13053/regular-events/](http://www.fernwood-pc.co.uk/community/fernwood-parish-council-13053/regular-events/)



FERNWOOD PARISH COUNCIL  
INVITE YOU TO

*FERNWOOD*

# PARTY IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2023  
5PM UNTIL 10PM  
PLAYING FIELD(OFF RUBYS AVENUE)

## FREE ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

- BREWS BROTHER BBQ
- BAR
- EFELOSCHÉ CAKES
- CHARITY STALLS
- GAMES
- BOUNCY CASTLES
- FACE PAINTING
- LIVE MUSIC
- DJ

please feel free to bring your own  
picnic tables and chairs.

This event is organised by  
Fernwood Parish Council, for all  
residents to enjoy.

PLUS OUR  
NEW VILLAGE  
SCARECROW  
COMPETITION



FERNWOOD VILLAGE

# SCARECROW COMPETITION

For the first time, Fernwood Parish Council invite residents to join us in a village scarecrow festival. Finalists will be invited to bring their scarecrow to Party In The Park on Sunday 27th August with prizes for the best!

1. Make your scarecrow and be creative!
2. Email: [office@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:office@fernwood-pc.co.uk) no later than **Wednesday 23rd August to enter into the competition. Please tell us::**
  - a. Your name
  - b. Your address
  - c. Your contact number
  - d. Attach a photo of your scarecrow!
3. Leave your scarecrow outside your house by **6pm on Thursday 24th August.**

Our judging panel will view all entries on the evening of Thursday 24th August.

There will be 5 prizes for the best scarecrows. We will contact the winners on Friday 25th August by email or phone.

Winning entries to be brought to the Fernwood's party in the park event on August 27th 2023. Prizes will be presented on the evening between 6pm and 6.30pm



# YOUTH CLUB UPDATE



Hello,

I would like to introduce myself; I am Rachel and I am the new youth club team leader! I have been in post since March and am now fully settled in. We also have new worker Syliwa who has joined us permanently. Syliwa has worked at another local club and provided cover for sessions and enjoyed working in Fernwood that much she has chosen to stay! We are lucky to have a skilled team of professionals and hope to provide exciting opportunities for the young people in Fernwood in the future.

This term we have had lots of fun using our theme of around the world to link to cooking and craft activities. We have made and tried lots of different foods some more liked than others. We have celebrated events such as the King's Coronation by holding a series of challenges to win the coveted King's Mug! We have met with local police and challenged them to games and activities. We also participated in Shadow Lite competition which has groups from all the youth clubs around the county. We came a very respectable 14th out of 39 groups. Well done 'The Legendary Potatoes!' Some of our young people successfully made bat and bird boxes to be placed in the local woods at a parish council event at Fernwood Village Hall.

We will take a summer break during August but return Friday 8th September; we would love to welcome known and new faces. No booking required but all young people are required to fill out a registration form for their safety before they attend.

Rachel



## About:

Fernwood Youth Club opened its doors on Friday evenings from April 2022. The club is open to young people in years 6 to 11.

Chris, Lee, Rachel and Syliwa Nottinghamshire Youth Service run the club on behalf of Fernwood Parish Council.

Fernwood Youth Club provides a safe and fun space for young people in the community to keep safe and take part in positive activities from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Fridays.

The youth club has a welcoming and supportive atmosphere. The club continues to offer a wide range of activities which include cooking, sports, crafts, and team building games.

**For enquiries or to obtain a registration form contact Rachel**

rachel.atchinson@nottscc.gov.uk  
07815478542

The final session of the summer term will be July 28th. The club will reopen after the summer holidays on September 8th.

# FERNWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH UPDATE

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As we think back over the 5+ years that the Church has been meeting in the Fernwood Village Hall, we are very grateful. We have enjoyed being a community church within the Fernwood community. There is a real sense of being a 'family' and a family that welcomes others.

Sunday morning services are well established now and well attended with new people joining us. We've also started a new monthly evening service.

The age-range and ethnic backgrounds is increasing which we delight to see.

The midweek schedule is expanding too. In addition to such things as the established Toddler Group, there's a new Ladies' Bible study group and extra young people's groups.

We're very grateful for the sense of teamwork as the Church gets involved in setting out the hall on Sundays, running the Toddlers and getting stuck in with special events at key times. **Our forthcoming FCC Summer Funday is on 15th July.** Look on the website for details!

We're so grateful for answers to prayer, for mutual support through the hard parts of life and a chance to share a message of hope in a world with so much to make folk despair.

We are also thankful for the facilities of, and the staff that run the Village Hall.

In September we're looking forward to Klaas-Jan and Willemien moving to live and work amongst us with their 4 children. Klaas-Jan, is our first full-time pastor and comes from a church in Chippenham where he served his apprenticeship.

Carl

## Church activities

### Sunday

- Service at 10.30am -12pm
- Sunday school for 4-11 year olds during the morning service

### Sunday evening service:

- Last Sunday of the month
- 6-7pm

### Wednesday

Ladies' Bible study 1-2.30pm  
(homebased - term time only)

### ID group for 11-16 year olds

First Wednesday of each month  
7.30pm (homebased)

### Thursday

Babies and toddlers  
9.30-11.30am (term time only)

**Still Smiling** (support group)  
once a month on the first Tuesday,  
9.30-11.30am (term time only)

### 16+ youth group

once a month (homebased)  
28 July 7.30pm

## Church contacts

### Email:

[hello@fernwoodchurch.org.uk](mailto:hello@fernwoodchurch.org.uk)

### Social media

[Facebook.com/fernwoodchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fernwoodchurch)

### Website

[www.fernwoodchurch.org.uk](http://www.fernwoodchurch.org.uk)



# Fernwood Toddlers

Every Thursday during term-time at 9:30am - 11:30am  
at Fernwood Village Hall

About:

Songs

Story  
time

Play

Fun!

£1 per family



FERNWOOD  
COMMUNITY  
CHURCH

# YOUTH CLUB

Fernwood Youth Club is open from  
6.30pm - 8.30pm on Friday evenings,  
during term times, for Year 6s to Year 11s

Your parents/carers can obtain membership forms  
by emailing: [laura.burrows2@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:laura.burrows2@nottsc.gov.uk)

Once the forms have been completed,  
Laura will email to confirm your membership  
and then you are welcome to come along and join the fun!



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# COSTALL WOODS



## Bat & bird box making

Our community bat and bird box making session at the beginning of June were a great success with 19 boxes made. They'll be put up in Costall Woods soon! Thanks to the ranger, Simon, from Sconce Park (N&SDC) for his help and all the residents that attended.

The new wildlife garden behind Marron Court was seeded/planted back in April and is now being watered regularly to give the new shrubs and plants the best chance of survival - even in this hot summer sun. The majority of the garden is seeded and not planted so this is why it will take longer to mature and sometimes seem messy. You might spot some weeds but we've been assured by our contractor that these will be sorted soon and it's likely to take 1.5 - 2 years before the wildlife garden really starts to shine. In May, ecologists from EMEC conducted a nocturnal bat survey on the final tree which was earmarked for felling by our tree specialists. They found **no bat roosts** during the survey but they identified an active Blue Tit using the tree. With this in mind, they recommended that we pollard the tree to a height of 6 metres after bird nesting season which will happen later in the year.

## SUMMER FUN AT THE HALL



### SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 2nd August  
 Wednesday 9th August  
 Wednesday 16th August  
 Wednesday 23rd August

Children and families are invited to **come and play for FREE** from 1-3pm on the every Wednesday in August at Fernwood Village Hall. Fernwood Parish Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council are providing funding for Newark Community Support Hub to deliver four play sessions this summer outside in the garden at Fernwood Village Hall. Activities online arts and crafts, a bouncy castle and sports!

There's no need to book either, just bring your little ones along for some summer fun. We'll be using the side entrance for the sessions, through the side gate next to car park.

# OTHER VILLAGE UPDATES



## Rumble Strips

Several residents contacted the parish council regarding noise and vibrations from the rumble strips near their homes. This is unfortunately out of our jurisdiction but we have been in contact with Via East Midlands & NCC about possible alternatives which would allow for people crossing and reduce speed. We'll continue to share residents' concerns on this & make recommendations.



## Hollowdyke Lane

The last resident survey suggested residents are concerned about the speed on Hollowdyke Lane. The new council reviewed evidence that showed most traffic isn't sticking to the current advisory 20mph signage. We made recommendations to Via East Midlands that Community Infrastructure Levy could be used to reduce the limit to 30mph. As this offer was rejected, we have requested that missing road signs are replaced so the current speed limit is clear to drivers.



## Funding news

Recently, councillors agreed to the following requests:

- Free village hall usage for a carers' group once a month
- Free usage for new Knit & Knatter group starting September
- The council also agreed to award £200 to Fernwood Petanque Club for piste renovations.

# STUDIO 29



## Musical Theatre Classes

Saturday in Fernwood Village Hall

**MINI STARS** (ages 3-5)

9 – 9:35am

**SILVERLIGHT** (Year 1-3)

9:45 10:35am

**SHOW STOPPERS** (Year 4-7) 10:40 –

11:30am

Contact: [studio29.riley@gmail.com](mailto:studio29.riley@gmail.com)

Studio29 Performing Arts Academy has been providing musical theatre, dance, drama and singing lessons in Newark & Balderton for over 7 years. Classes are tailored to develop, improve and teach students to perform, dance, sing and act. Studio 29 offers Musical Theatre and Dance classes to children aged 3 - 13 and dance fitness classes for adults in Newark, Balderton, Fernwood and Farndon. Based in Fernwood Village Hall, Studio 29 is led by Principal and Musical Theatre Practitioner Christina Riley. Studio29 aims to create a challenging, fun and interactive environment allowing your child to work collaboratively, improve confidence, make new friends, and develop new skills. Classes work in line with Nottinghamshire's school holiday calendar and on a half termly basis.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

### COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

29th September

24th November

10AM - 12PM



### DON'T FORGET

The village hall is open every Tuesday morning for free refreshments. We have a lovely group of regular attendees who come together to catch up on life in Fernwood. We would love to get to know more of our residents so please feel free to come along for a chat. For more information you can contact us by email at [office@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:office@fernwood-pc.co.uk)

EVERYONE WELCOME



Our coffee mornings at Fernwood Village Hall are an opportunity for residents to meet each other, speak to parish councillors and learn about what is happening in the village. **In September, we would love to celebrate the ethnic diversity within Fernwood and showcase some of the wonderful cultural cuisine from the communities within the village.** If you would like to get involved, please get in touch.

Contact [office@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:office@fernwood-pc.co.uk) or pop into the village hall for a chat if you wish to be involved with future coffee mornings

## CALL CONNECT BUS



### About:

CallConnect is an on demand bus service serving hamlets, villages and market towns throughout Lincolnshire and neighbouring counties. **This service covers Fernwood when residents are visiting Lincolnshire or nearby villages.**

0345 234 3344 /  
<https://lincsbus.info/>

Before you book your journey you'll need to register your details. It's quick and free. To register either click to complete the form on the website or get in touch by calling the booking office. Give your details and you'll be issued with your registration number that is used for booking your journeys. Your journey can be booked by phone or online, from 1 hour's notice or up to 7 days in advance (subject to availability). The service runs Monday - Saturday and covers Fernwood.

**For more information on how to register for the on-demand service please visit <https://lincsbus.info/>**

## GIFTS FROM FAIRIES



We are a non-profit organisation, designed to help young children in need with the aim to spread a little happiness to those who need it most with presents (of useful and often essential items). For more details or to donate, see the details below

Email: [emma@giftsfromfairies.com](mailto:emma@giftsfromfairies.com)  
 Web: [www.giftsfromfairies.com](http://www.giftsfromfairies.com)  
 Facebook: Search Gifts from Fairies

Donate:  
[www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/giftsfromfairies](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/giftsfromfairies)

**An amazing local organisation, Gifts From Fairies are organising a huge event at Fernwood Village Hall on Saturday 30th September!** The party will raise funds for the Christmas campaign; founder Emma has committed to supporting 100 children in need of support this year. Ticket price includes, welcome drink, graze buffet for each table of 6, live music plus a raffle. Raffle includes tickets to the cricket at Trent bridge, laptop, gin boxes, £150 meal out voucher and lots lots more! Gifts From Fairies pass on items to those who desperately need them, working across England with priority groups, supporting families who are struggling. Every box sent out includes essential items such as clothes, coats or shoes plus books and educational puzzles/toys.

**For more info on the event or to buy tickets please head to the Gifts From Fairies Facebook page.**



# NKA KARATE



Want to learn Dynamic Karate?

Sessions every Tuesday at Fernwood Village Hall @ 4.30pm - 5.30pm (children and adults) @ 6pm - 7pm (adults only)

Contact Tracey on 07743 826257 or email [tj.archer0707@gmail.com](mailto:tj.archer0707@gmail.com)

New starters always welcome

A Newark Karate Academy student, Cooper, has achieved double grading. Congratulations on a fantastic achievement to Cooper who attends sessions at Fernwood Village Hall!

If you or your children would like to be try the classic martial art of Shito Ryu Karate, do get in touch. This dynamic sport builds self discipline and confidence, increases flexibility, develops strength of body and mind, and instils calmness.

We have spaces in our sessions at Fernwood Village Hall for any adults or children interested in joining. Contact Tracey on on 07743 826257 or email [tj.archer0707@gmail.com](mailto:tj.archer0707@gmail.com)

## Carer Support Group

- Are you an unpaid carer for a family member, neighbour or friend?
- Do you feel alone and overwhelmed?
- Could you offer support to others in a similar situation?

A new Carer Support Group is running at Fernwood Village Hall starting in July on the last Wednesday of each month from 1pm-2:30pm.

Come along and meet people in similar situations within a safe and supportive space. FREE to attend with tea and coffee provided. Email [shakes.handset0w@icloud.com](mailto:shakes.handset0w@icloud.com) for more information



**Studio29**  
PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

# KIDS

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS

**£23\***  
**PER DAY**  
Or £60 for the 3 days

**Mon Aug 21st**  
Fernwood Village Hall

**Tue Aug 22nd**  
Beanblock Cafe

**Wed Aug 23rd**  
Beanblock Cafe

**9:30AM - 2:30PM EVERYDAY**

**THE ACTIVITIES**

Mon = Yoga with Peaceful Possums Yoga and Musical Theatre with S29

Tues = Digital Music with Audio Junkie and Performing Arts with S29

Wed = Story telling with Nicky Raffety and Drama with S29

**AGES 5 - 13**

**BOOK NOW** [www.bookthatin.com/link/studio29](http://www.bookthatin.com/link/studio29)

\*Early bird price available until July 21st - limited places. Full price of £30 for Mon workshop and 3 day discount of £64 there after.



# FERNWOOD RECYCLING

You may have received a letter about the new household glass recycling scheme which is planned by the District Council, due to start soon. Any questions should be shared with our district councillors but we're happy a new scheme is being brought into the area! Don't forget, the village hall also offers several recycling schemes for residents too. If you're unsure, please contact us for more information.



## Bottle Tops

Clean plastic bottle tops only

## Stamps

Please leave at least 5mm around each side of the stamp



## Foil

Please only leave clean foil



## Printer Cartridge

Please leave cartridges in a bag

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

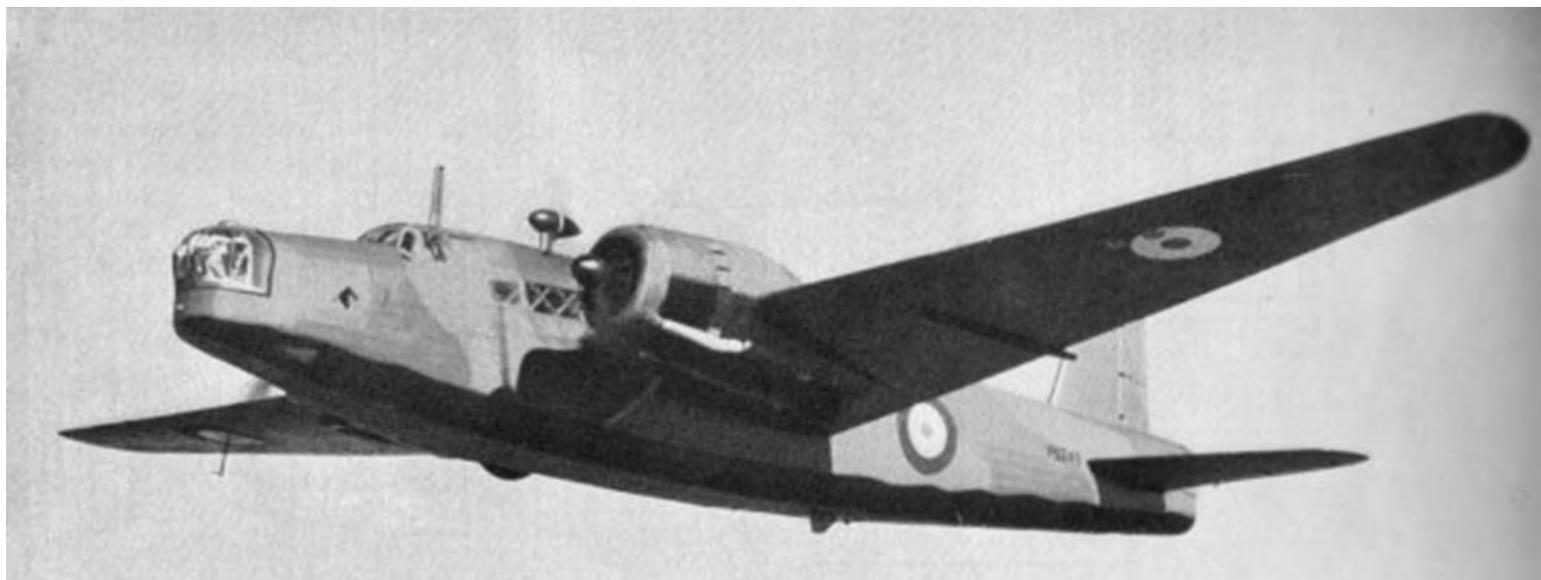
In the old Gazette, we often had some fabulous photographs shared by residents each month. We'd love to continue this by sharing what's going on around the village, any hidden gems or special events which take place. Here's three lovely photos shared this month!

1. Flying Scotsman passing by Fernwood: Simon Gibbs
2. Clock tower: Geoff Bowers
3. Owl sculpture: Geoff Bowers

If you'd like to share an image with us for the autumn edition of the Gazette please email them to: [office@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:office@fernwood-pc.co.uk) with your name and some information on the image!



## THE HISTORY OF RAF BALDERTON – PART 2 - 1941



No.106 Squadron re-formed in June 1938 as a Bomber Squadron to act as a training unit within No.5 Group. On the outbreak of WW2 it was flying a mix of twin engined Avro Ansons and Handley-Page Hampdens. In February 1941 C Flight at Finningley became No.25 Operational Training Unit (OTU), in March as part of No.7 Group to train night bomber crews; Vickers Wellingtons replacing the Hampdens. Balderton became a satellite to RAF Finningley and No.25 OTU had personnel and aircraft detached there from June to November 1941. The following are extracts from the units ORB

*The advance party moved to Balderton on the 14 June and on the 16th B Flight with 6 Wellingtons (above) and 6 Hampdens under the command of S/Ldr. Oxley DFC moved to Balderton.*

*The 19 July saw night flying cancelled at 0100 following enemy action – a stick of bombs were dropped across the aerodrome causing no damage. Local Defence Company Syerston agreed to take over the defence of the aerodrome from 0830 on the 22 July.*

*Wellington P4318 crashed across the Great North Road through an overshoot on the 2 August, whilst on the 7th ten bombs were dropped from low altitude from the NE corner of the aerodrome Northwards in the direction of the new hospital, no damage or casualties.*

*Saturday 16 August at 0030 Hampden X2959 was on night circuits and landings when the aircraft hit trees on Grove Street and crashed into houses on London Road Balderton and burst into flames. Two crew, W Op/Air Gunner Sergeant Thomas G. Wood and Pilot Sergeant Sidney D. Baldachin both aged 20, and 6 children who were asleep in No.84, Geoffrey 18, Joyce 14, Mary 13, Alan 12, Lucy 9 and Sheila Brumpton 6 all died; their mother managed to escape with her youngest son Roy 3. Their father, working on the railway, saw the crash and thought that it was near his home but carried on working until his shift finished at 6am. The third crew member, Air Gunner Sergeant David Macdonald survived by dropping through the hole in the fuselage created when the aircraft crashed.*

*A Guard of Honour led by FO Cattell from RAF Balderton attended the children's funeral.*

# THE HISTORY OF RAF BALDERTON –

*continued*

*Another bombing raid on the 22 August saw approximately 8 bombs and 100 incendiaries dropped without damage. On the 8 and 9 September dive bombing exercises were carried out with the RE detachment in Newark.*

*The unit left Balderton for RAF Bawtry (later RAF Bircotes) on the 14 November under the command of S/Ldr. Wrinch.*

*No.408 RCAF Squadron with Handley-Page Hampden (left) medium bombers arrived in December 1941.*

*Squadrons numbered in the 400 series were technically units of the RCAF, RAAF and RNZAF but placed under the operational control of the RAF as part of its organisational structure. These Squadrons were born out of Article XV of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan of January 1941 which called for 25 Canadian Squadrons to be formed.*

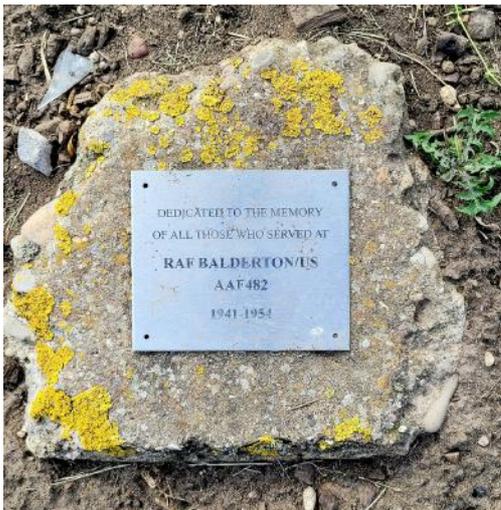
*In June 1941 No.408 Goose Squadron as it was to become known formed as part of No.5 Group, the second RCAF bomber squadron overseas at RAF Lindholme Yorkshire, moving to RAF Syerston in July 1941 and in December to Balderton under the command of W/Cdr. Nelles W. Timmerman DSO DFC.*

*Initially living quarters were at Syerston, the airfield was grass, occasionally mud or snow; the Messes about a mile away from the airfield. There was no control tower but a van with an Aldis lamp and Very pistol.*

*25 December - The usual festivities took place on this station this Christmas Day, the Sergeants being entertained in the Officers Mess followed by the Officers and Sergeants proceeding to the Airmens Mess where they served Christmas Dinner for the airmen.*

*By the end of December the Squadron had flown 343 operational sorties with the loss of six crews and eleven Hampdens.*

*Colin Savill BA (Hons)*



**To learn more please contact:**

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# LOCAL POLICING



Bryn Hope, Katie Hewardine and Anthea Brotheridge are your local policing team.

For more information visit [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk) or call us on 101.

In an emergency dial 999

We hope that all the residents of Fernwood are well and looking forward to any upcoming summer getaways or indeed stay cations. We are aware from attending community engagements and by responding to reports that there has been a recent increase in reports of antisocial behaviour in the area. We encourage residents to report any issue or concerns to Nottinghamshire Police via 101 or in case of emergency 999. Thank you

**Balderton & Fernwood Local Neighbourhood Policing Team**

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## Starters

### CHICKEN CURRY PUFFS (3PCS)

-Fried pastry filled with potatoes and curried chicken-

£4.5

### VEGETABLE CURRY PUFFS (3PCS) VG V

-Fried pastry filled with curried potatoes-

£4

### CHICKEN 65 GF

-Crispy South Indian fried chicken made with marinade consisting of various spices-

£5.5

## Nasi Kandar Bowl

### RICE BOWL MEAL DEALS - RICE + SALAD + CHICKEN 65 + CURRY OF CHOICE

#### MALAYSIAN CHICKEN CURRY GF D

- Rich medium curry consisting of coconut milk and potatoes -

£10

#### MALAYSIAN LAMB CURRY GF D

- Rich medium curry consisting of coconut milk and potatoes -

£11

#### MALAY CHICKEN KORMA GF D N

- Very mild coconut based sauce with potatoes and cashew paste. Not the sweet 'British Korma' you get from your local takeaway -

£10

#### SPINACH DHAL GF D VG V

- Lentils cooked with turmeric, potatoes and spinach -

£8

#### MALAYSIAN VEGETABLE CURRY GF D VG V

- Rich medium curry consisting of coconut milk, potatoes & other vegetables -

(VEGAN MEAL-COMES WITH £7.5  
SPINACH DHAL BUT CHICKEN  
65 NOT INCLUDED)

## Extras

#### STEAMED BASMATI RICE GF VG £2.5

#### CHICKEN CURRY GF D £6

#### LAMB CURRY GF D £7.5

#### MALAY CHICKEN KORMA £6

GF D N

#### SPINACH DHAL GF D VG V £5

#### MINT SAUCE GF D VG V £1

NOTE: - IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC FOOD ALLERGIES OR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE ASK A MEMBER OF STAFF FOR MORE INFO.  
- ALTHOUGH EVERY CARE HAS BEEN TAKEN TO REMOVE BONES FROM OUR MEAT PRODUCTS, SOME MAY REMAIN.  
- ALL OUR FOOD IS PREPARED IN A KITCHEN WHERE NUTS, GLUTEN AND OTHER ALLERGENS ARE PRESENT.

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