



Fernwood fanfare

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Summer 2012



Welcome to another editon of **Fernwood Fanfare**. Yet another bumper editon with lots of news of village life.

We've included photos taken at our Jubilee Celebrattons on this page and page 2 - perhaps one of them is you, or someone you know?

There seems to be a lot happening, with some new groups and new projects.

Jubilee Fanfare

Congratulations 'Mam' in this your Jubilee Year.

On this page you will see the atticle on the Trim Trail official presentatton with some very nice photos, here and on the back page. There's a whole page of news from Fernwood Ladies and the Parish Council also have a page of their own - Page 3.

Our new website is up and running, as is the Forum - have a look. It's your website, your forum, there for you to have your say.

...and talking of having a say,

you can always send your letters in to be included in the **Fanfare**. We would like to hear from you, on any topic you like.

We have another family featured in our Family Focus - and if you would like to be included in a future issue, just write to the editor by email, or via the website.

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www.fernwoodra.com

Forum:
fernwoodfanfare.activeboard.com



Patrick Mercer endorses the Trim Trail - (pictures on back page)



On April 20th Mr Patrick Mercer MP OBE was guest of honour at the Presentatton and Official Opening Ceremony of the Fernwood Trim Trail.

Also in attendance were Newark & Sherwood District Council Chairman Marike Tribe, District Councillor Ivor Walker, County Councillor Sue Saddington, Mr Jonathan Astle Operattons Manager North Division OM, Mr Mark Wright North Midlands Divisional Managing Director David Wilson Homes, Councillor Neill Mison Chairman Fernwood Parish Council and Children from Chuter Ede Primary School.

Patrick Mercer complimented Fernwood Residents' Associatton on achieving such a large 'Big Lottery Award' of £9725 which he presented to the Chairman of Fernwood Residents' Associatton, Mr John Proctor.



Thanks must go to all who worked so hard to make it happen - it demonstrates how Fernwood Residents' Associatton is working hard to develop a thriving and vibrant village.

What's next?

New projects.....

The Associatton is helping to develop a Boules/Petanque Club, a Conservatton Group and a Gardening Group.



If you are interested in any of these inittattves you will find the contact details in various secttons of this newsletter. We look forward to the next major project!

John Proctor



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Summer
Celebration
Garden



Since our last write-up Fernwood Ladies has attracted more new members which is great news. We also now have our own website, generously created by the husband of a member. It's still work in progress but we hope that it will give a flavour of what we do throughout the year and encourage more people to join with us and become members.

March saw us welcome the Workhouse Players from Southwell Workhouse. It was an extremely interesting and entertaining evening. Seeing the characters dressed in the attire of the day certainly fixed their experiences within the period and brought home to us all how tough life in the workhouse must have been for those who had nowhere else to go.

April was a busy month for us as notwithstanding our monthly meeting we also hosted our second



K J Hair and Beauty

Pamper Evening, helped out at the launch of the Trim Trail and ran the kitchen at the Table Top Sale.

Hot on the heels of this was the planting of our wildflower

meadow. OM had kindly agreed to provide the land, and the monies we had raised during last year enabled us to purchase the wildflower seeds. It might be a long process but in due course we hope to see a range of flowers and plants which will be attractive to birds, bees and butterflies. A small sign marking our contribution to the ecosystem at Fernwood will be put up later.

We had barely recovered before it was time for our Pamper Evening. With a great mix of therapists and luxury vendors we enjoyed an evening of indulgent fun. Armed with a glass of wine and some wonderful nibbles our guests were able to experience everything from acupuncture to eyebrow threading,



A good job done! planting the wildflower field

Indian head massage to Reiki and round it all off with a psychic reading! As well as these and other therapists there was the opportunity to purchase chocolate, silk scarves, jewellery, shabby-chic home

wares and other indulgences. Generous local businesses donated prizes for our raffle. The winners were extremely pleased as you can see from the email we had from one winner

Dear Fernwood Ladies

I would like to thank you for a very enjoyable Pamper Evening. It was a fabulous atmosphere with loads of beauticians to enjoy as well as some great shopping AND I won the fantastic raffle prize of a meal at Onjance restaurant in Newark. I am writing to say that I visited with my husband and the May heatwave was perfect to enjoy a wonderful fine-dining experience with relaxing after-dinner drinks in the courtyard patio. Highly recommended. Thank you Fernwood Ladies.



Pamper Evening Refreshments

Our regular event for April was a presentation on skincare by Kayleigh from KJ Hair and Beauty, our local salon at Fernwood.

Everyone enjoyed hearing about how to care for their skin as well as the opportunity to see and test some of the products which are used in the salon.

In May we welcomed Christine Smith from Beaumont House Hospice who talked about how the hospice came about in Newark and the kind of work that it does for those with life limiting illnesses. Despite the subject it was a very uplifting meeting as we heard about the amazing work they do and the support that they provide to those with illnesses such as cancer and motor-neurone disease. Christine had brought along a range of publications which in themselves illustrated how much attitudes have changed. These dealt with the many different issues that often worry those with these illnesses such as how to cope with the treatments and what help is available to offset the often serious financial implications of their illness.

At our latest meeting we enjoyed an Indian "fuddle" courtesy of one of our new members. Photos in the next Fanfare.

Whilst it has been a very busy few months for the Ladies we have all enjoyed ourselves and look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to join us in the future. Please come along – we are a friendly bunch. Have a look at our new website www.fernwoodladies.co.uk or contact us on our new email address enquiries@fernwoodladies.co.uk.



Becca and Sue - cheers (Pamper Evening 2012)



Vera and Joan



Parish Council

Since the last Fanfare there has been tragic death of Mark Henry who collapsed and died suddenly at home aged 48. Our condolences to Diane and the family. Shortly afterwards Chris Gilroy, our newest councillor and Mark Henry's neighbour, had to resign due to illness. We wish him all the best for a speedy recovery from his operation.

Hopefully this summer will bring more positive news for Fernwood. The school is on schedule for the completion of two classrooms before the September term begins and the south side of the village will have its roads adopted very shortly.

This year's project will hopefully be to try to get a more frequent bus service between Fernwood and Newark and to cultivate a better understanding with developers and OM management.

We need your feedback...

I think that we should be looking to start a "care in the community" project which aims to support our most vulnerable residents. Since the Parish Council has been working more closely with the Residents' Association things have progressed more swiftly for the benefit of all so let us hope that this can continue into the future. In order for the Parish Council to deal with any concerns you may have we need your feedback, so please let us know what your concerns are.

The Parish Council has spent the last two years talking to providers of broadband and finally, after much pressure/lobbying, has had confirmation that BT will roll its 'Infinity' product out as far as Fernwood in October 2012 (subject to change).

This means we should all get a minimum of 16Mbps and if you are on, for example, a 24Mbps

Moving forward with Broadband

tariff, you *should* be able to achieve it. The maximum 'standard speed' anyone is likely to achieve is just under 60Mbps, regardless of what you pay for in your tariff.

For a 'reasonable'* fee, BT will bring the fibre cable to your door and 100Mbps+ should be achievable.

* BT would not be drawn on their definition of 'reasonable'.

Other providers will piggyback on the service, so Sky, Talktalk, Plusnet etc. will all offer the same service and speed.

It's another small victory for the Council which I'd like to report.

Cllr Anthony Barson

Fernwood Sports Association

The Fernwood Sports Association has been formed as an initiative by Fernwood Parish Council to help promote and develop sports in Fernwood by raising funds sponsorship and holding sporting events.

Initially there has been representation by Fernwood Foxes FC, Fernwood Falcons Netball Club, Fernwood Running Club and AFC Brazil (who have now withdrawn as their base has moved outside of Fernwood).

In addition OM Management are providing input and assistance.

Our first event is the **Olympic Sports Weekend** on 30th June and 1st July honouring the passing of the Olympic Torch passing through Newark on the 28th June. The event sees a Ladies Netball tournament on the Saturday hosted by the Fernwood Falcons Netball Club and on Saturday the 30th a U9s and U10s Football 7-a-side football tournaments hosted by the Fernwood Foxes FC.

The Sunday (1st July) saw the 2nd Fernwood 5K and Fun Run hosted by Fernwood Running Club. The whole weekend is sponsored by David Wilson Barratt Homes and Derry Ltd, plus contributions from other local businesses in Fernwood. Newark and

Sherwood District Council have provided funds via a community grant.

Neill Mison, Chairman of the Fernwood Sports Association, said "this is an excellent opportunity to raise funds to provide assistance for new sports groups and clubs in Fernwood such as Tennis and Boules. We hope that we will raise the profile of all sport in Fernwood".

For more information please contact Neill Mison, email neill@nhmsolutions.com, or phone on 07824 770065.

Cllr Neill Mison



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Every Saturday at 7pm - all year except December (last date for 2012 - Sat 1st Dec).

Nottingham Ghost Walk Spooky tales and hauntings galore! Guided tour around the older parts of the City near the Castle with lots of fascinating ghost stories. A bit of history, the odd gory execution, a graveyard (of course) – and maybe even our occasional real ghostly visitor! Starts at The Salutation Inn, Maid Marian Way, Nottingham Nottinghamshire NG1 7AA

Every Friday morning at 10am Wollaton Park Walk

A number of pleasant walking routes in Wollaton Park, with its 16th Century Hall, lake and deer herd. Easy to Moderate Walk, 1.5 - 3 miles (60 mins) approx. Meet at Wollaton Park, 1st Car Park Entrance, Wollaton Road (NG6 0JW) All walks free, everyone welcome

Sunday 8 July

Smithy Cottage, Calverton NG14 6FQ - Open Garden for NGS

Colourful, varied cottage garden reflecting owners' enthusiasm for perennial planting. Courtyard with herbs and herbaceous border leading to main garden. A rope feature and a small pond with planted waterfall provide additional interest.

Admission £2.50, Children free.

Times: 1-5. Open for charity.

Sat 14 July (12.00-4.00).

The Workhouse - Open Garden for NGS

Originally started in 1825 to provide food and labour for the pauper inmates. Volunteers have recreated the kitchen garden using traditional techniques and heirloom varieties of produce.

Admission £7, Children £3.50. Open for charity. Telephone: 01636 817260.

The Workhouse, Southwell Nottinghamshire NG25 0PT

27 July

Nottingham Youth Orchestra Concert

St Barnabas Cathedral, North Circus St, NG1 5AE.

Summer concert featuring music from their Antwerp tour. Tickets: £11,

Concessions £7

Box Office: 07814637571

8 August

Gedling Play Day – Olympics Theme

A chance for under 14s to express themselves through creative and imaginative play. There will be singing and dance displays, BMX & skateboarding sessions, lots of games and activities for all ages and abilities, so wear your play clothes and be prepared to get very messy! Parents must be in attendance at all times. FREE

Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LU - Tel: 0115 901 3605

Letter from a resident....

"It seems there's a craze at the moment with kids playing with scooters out on the streets of Fernwood.

This is ok if they are ridden up and down the pavements responsibly but there seems to be a growing number of kids across all ages wanting to jump off kerbs and low walls with them next to people's property which generates an awful lot of noise.

I have had to move on several young lads for doing this during the half term period.

It also seems that the kids involved are not from the street they are doing this.

.....parents need to be aware that their kids are doing this and need to be told to stop."

If you would like to comment or reply - write to the Editor, or go to the Forum...



Holy Trinity Roman

Catholic Parish has been located at Boundary Road since 1979. The old church on Parliament Street was in service from 1836.

The present site, which encompasses Holy Trinity Nursery and Primary Catholic School, Holy Trinity Community and Partnership Centre as well as the church, is a multi-functional campus interlinking religious development, educational strategies and social activities.

A series of talks and discussions are held on a regular basis for adults interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, often leading to non-Catholics being received into the Church after a period of instruction.

The Bishop of Nottingham is the leader of the church in our Diocese and Holy Trinity Parish is a constituent part of the Diocese. The Bishop appoints a parish priest to care for the needs of the people. There is a real shortage of people interested in priesthood at present not just in the UK but generally in the western world. Building a successful and active parish community requires skills in facilitation, guidance and encouragement. Lay volunteers play a vital part in the life of the parish whilst recognising that the parish priest has leadership responsibilities.

We have a **Parish Pastoral Team** which is a

group of parishioners, including two young members, elected to serve for a three-year period. They meet once every two months with the parish priest to facilitate activities and events which encourage and support the spiritual and social life of parishioners. The Pastoral Team is currently engaged with the Diocesan Renewal Document called Living Stones. This offers an opportunity for all parishes, deaneries and the Diocese to create a platform for sustainability and growth for the future. It also provides scope for the Diocese of Nottingham to explore further Pope Benedict's call to seek ways of deepening social engagement.

The parish is a member of **Churches Together in Newark**, an ecumenical group representing 15

Christian Churches throughout the Newark and Balderton area which meets every month to discuss and plan issues of mutual concern, joint activities, services and celebrations which take place throughout the year. All events are widely publicised and everyone is welcome; three parishioners serve on the committee.



This picture was taken on the steps of St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham at the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent. It shows a group from the parish who were received into the church at Easter.

Parishioners are also involved in Christian Aid, Justice and Peace, and the work and ministry of Inter-Church families. The parish is committed to praying and working for the unity of all Christians.

We have a **Children's Liturgy Group** which meets in school term during the 10.00 am Mass on Sunday. This is a pre-First Holy Communion group for children 3-7 years. The aim is to

help the children prepare at their own level to participate more fully in the Mass. Scripture stories are read to the children and they are brought reverently back to the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Catechists are very important in the life of the church.

The spread of the good news of Jesus depends on people who are prepared to share their faith with others. The parish is always happy to hear from volunteers who are prepared to share their faith with children, young people and adults preparing for the Sacraments. This is very rewarding work and you do not need special qualifications to help. The Diocese does offer a number of training opportunities for those who wish to explore and learn about their faith in greater depth.

Holy Trinity Catholic Primary and Nursery

School, Boundary Road, Newark, NG24 4AU is a Voluntary Aided, co-educational school for boys and girls. Many of our children come from Fernwood and the surrounding conurbation. The school is oversubscribed but always attempts to provide a Catholic Education for every Catholic child. A master plan to extend the school provision in line with the Newark Growth Plan is constantly reviewed. The

Headteacher is Mr Barry Doran who can be

contacted at **Email:** office@holyltrinity.notis.sch.uk and/or **Telephone:** 01636 689177; **Fax:** 01636 689968

Parish Priest:

Fr Michael O'Donoghue, VF
Holy Trinity Presbytery,
Boundary Road
Newark, Notis NG24 4AU

Mass times:

7:00pm Saturday vigil
10:00am Sunday
6:30pm Sunday

Email: fjmjod@holyltrinitynewark.org.uk
Website: www.holyltrinitynewark.org.uk



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County Councillor Sue Saddington to the rescue!



At recent meetings of the Fernwood Over 55s Group it became apparent that some of our senior citizens were in need of some benches to recover on their arduous journeys from their homes in the village to the London Road Bus Stop...!

The Fernwood Residents' Association, in conjunction with OM, identified the need for a bench half-way from the centre of the village to the bus stop situated by the pathway on the green. This was put to the Parish Council at its open meeting. County Councillor Sue Saddington offered to provide the funds - £455 - from her allowance so that the bench could be fitted as soon as possible.

A Safe Walk to the School

At the Fernwood Residents' Association open meetings in January and May, concern was raised as to the safety of the children's journey to the new

school as Goldstraw Lane would not be adopted.

On our behalf County Councillor Sue Saddington contacted County Hall and asked what was to happen. She was informed that the Design Team had met with NCC Highways and the School Travel Officers and in their opinion the pedestrian entrance is satisfactory as it aligns with the pedestrian and cycle avenue. In the immediate vicinity of the pedestrian entrance to the school site the road will need to have traffic calming features. This is indicated on the developers' master-plan and comprises a section of widened road with a central island and rumble strips/humps at each end. This area acts as the crossing from the avenue to the housing.

The position of the vehicle entrance is OK, no special road treatment is required. Usual zig zag markings for the school are required - and will be carried out. Usual signs are required - and will

be installed. No pedestrian light crossing or flashing speed lights are required. No special speed limit is required as the road alignment should control speed.

There are no zebra-crossing plans as yet and the developers' master-plan indicates a number of similar raised central island measures at various points on Goldstraw Lane to provide strategic safe crossing points.

With regard to insurance, whoever is responsible for the road should ensure that it is maintained in a fit state and any claim would be against the person responsible for the road. Prior to adoption by NCC this would be the specific developer for that area.

On behalf of the residents I thank County Councillor Sue Saddington for pursuing this matter on our behalf.

John Proctor (Chairman Fernwood Residents Association)

Useful Contacts

Local Police: Tel 101
 Emergencies: Tel 999
 Fernwood Village Hall: Tel 613024
 Doctors:
 Balderton Primary Care Centre: Tel 705826
 Newark Hospital: 681681
 Newark & Sherwood District Council: 650000
 Fernwood Parish Council: clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk

Maintenance Issues

For any maintenance issues regarding charges, payments etc contact:

John Jeyes
 OM site office
 at the rear
 of 112 Goldstraw Lane

He is now linked to the main computer at OM and should be able to answer any of your questions.

OM Property Management:
 omfernwood@fsmail.net

Poetry Corner

To the Fox Fern

Haunter of woods, lone wilds and solitudes
 Where none but feet of birds and things as wild
 Doth print a foot track near, where summer's light
 Buried in boughs forgets its glare and round thy crimp'd leaves
 Feints in a quiet dimness fit for musings
 And melancholy moods, with here and there
 A golden thread of sunshine stealing through
 The evening shadowy leaves that seem to creep
 Like leisure in the shade.

by John Clare

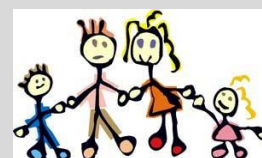
Butterfly

Butterfly, the wind blows sea-ward,
 strong beyond the garden-wall!
 Butterfly, why do you settle on my shoe,
 and sip the dirt on my shoe,
 Lifting your veined wings, lifting them?
 big white butterfly!

Already it is October, and the wind
 blows strong to the sea
 from the hills where snow must have
 fallen, the wind is polished with snow.
 Here in the garden, with red geraniums,
 it is warm, it is warm
 but the wind blows strong to sea-ward,
 white butterfly, content on my shoe!

Will you go, will you go from my warm house?
 Will you climb on your big soft wings,
 black-dotted,
 as up an invisible rainbow, an arch
 till the wind slides you sheer from the arch-crest
 and in a strange level fluttering you go
 out to sea-ward, white speck!

By David Herbert Lawrence



Do you have any ideas
 for family oriented
 village projects?

Write to the Editor with
 your ideas

Fernwood Residents' Association Website:

www.fernwoodra.com

Want to include news of your
 local group?
 Contact the Editorial Team
 via
 meril.popple@btinternet.com
 17 Cameron Lane



Service Times at our local churches

St Giles Balderton (Main Street)

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion
(1st Sunday and Greater
Festivals)
9.30 am Parish Eucharist (with
Sunday Club)
6.00 pm Evensong

Thursdays

9.45 am Holy Communion

Balderton Methodist (Main Street)

Sundays

10.30 am Morning Service

Mondays

9.30-11.30 Coffee Morning

Holy Trinity RC (Boundary Road)

Mass times:

7:00p m Saturday vigil
10:00 am Sunday
6:30 pm Sunday

Salvation Army (Lowfield Lane)

Sundays

10:30 am Morning Service
10.00am Coffee & Biscuits
served before the service

Back to Church Sunday 30 September 2012

Each year hundreds of churches take part in the 'Back to Church Sunday' initiative. People will be asked "Would you like to come to church with me?"

It has been found that millions of people who don't go to church would say 'yes' to a simple invitation from a friend. What if you were that friend? Who would you invite?

Each year more churches take part and more people come back per church. In 2011 in the Church of England 20 more people came to each church—across all denominations—that's about 77,000 extra people.

YOU ARE INVITED

But.....

You don't have
to wait until September!

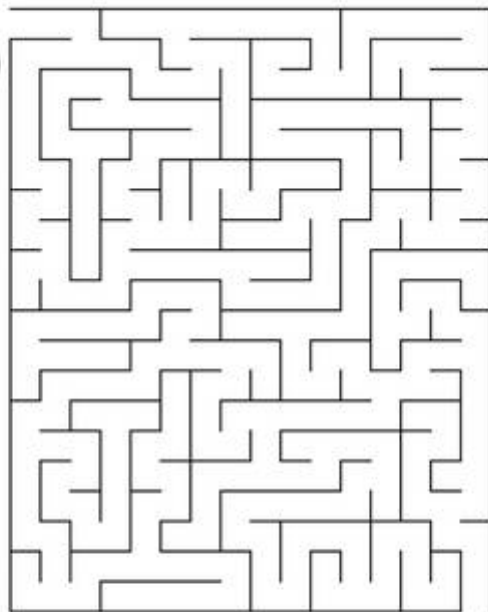
Any one of our churches listed
above will make you very welcome.

Sudoku

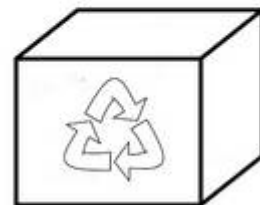
	2	4	
1			3
4			2
	1	3	

Solution from last issue

2	1	4	3
3	4	2	1
1	2	3	4
4	3	1	2



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Games to Play while travelling

Going on holiday is fun – but getting there can be boring. Try these games on the journey.

The Alliteration Game This one can be funny. Find alliteration words for their name, or a friend's name. Make them as funny as possible. Or use names of animals. For example, "loud little Louie" or "silly Sammy Snodgrass" or "leaping Larry lizard." When your children get the hang of it, they will take off on their own.

Riddles (answers below)

From the Beginning of Eternity to the end of time.....

What is once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?

For some I go fast for others I'm slow. To most people, I'm an obsession, relying on me is a well practised lesson. What am I?

A blue house is made of blue bricks. A yellow house is made of yellow bricks. A red house is made of red bricks. An orange house is made of orange bricks. What would a green house be made of?

A man was going to buy a £8,000 car, but he didn't pay a penny for the car, how is this possible?

Can you read this?

Accodrning to rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervttsy, it deosn't mtttaer in waht oredr the ltteers in a wrod are, the only iprmoatnt tthng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be at the rghit plcae. The rset can be a toatl mses and you can sitll raed it wouthit a porbelm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by itslef, but the wrod as a wlohe.

Answers: 1 The Letter 'e', 2. The Letter 'm', 3 Time, 4 Glass, 5 He didn't pay a penny, he paid £8,000.

FERNWOOD CONSERVATION GROUP:

WHY DO WE NEED IT? By Catherine Parry

Next time you're at your computer call up Google Maps.

Zoom in on Fernwood and marvel at the technology that allows you to see whether or not you had washing hanging on the line the day the satellite went over, and, perhaps more interestingly, see what your neighbours have done with their back gardens.

Zoom out a bit. Now you can see the rough greenness of Fernwood's wildflower meadow, and the darker, shaggy humpy treetops of its clumps and strips of woodland.

Zoom out further. The wider landscape resolves into a view of Newark, of the opencast mine to the south west, and acre upon acre of fields. It's an agricultural, rural scene - but an industrial one,

nevertheless. It's a smooth landscape of straight lines, and there are almost no trees.

Now put aside the wonder of the technology that allows you to see all this and think about the ecology of such a tiny, working land.

What lives in these fields? There is natural life - hares, skylarks, beetles, cow parsley - but it's a poor ecology, and Newark's Growth Point plan will soon move even these on from the fields to the east of Fernwood.



As human development creeps onwards the woods and grasslands of Fernwood will become a tiny enclave of greenness, a little preserve for the plants, creatures and scenes we think of as natural

beauty.

It won't, however, stay that way without some help.

A beautiful landscape is always made from a rich ecology, something that will emerge

spontaneously if there is no human pollution, damage or land clearance, but we live heavily on the land.



In order to keep the rich ecology we have at Fernwood - the woods, the wildflowers, meadow grasses, hedgehogs, pipistrelle bats, stoats, toads, bees, rooks, long-tailed tits, goldfinches, misty summer evenings - we must

protect what's here from damage and development, keep it clean, plant new native trees and wildflowers, and provide homes and habitats for those plants and creatures whose numbers are dwindling.

The newly formed **Fernwood Conservation Group** aims to do all these things in order to preserve our woods and green spaces for the sake of both the wildlife and the humans who live here.

We hope to take an insect's-eye view, or a bluebell's perspective on what makes a good garden or thriving wood, and hope that the human residents of Fernwood want to see it this way too.

Like to join? Contact the Editor by email or via the website



Diary Dates



29th September

1.00 - 4.00 pm

Hall Management Committee is holding a Gitt Sale in Fernwood Village Hall.

Ladies Group Future meetings

July - Italian Food (TBC)

August - 'Fernwood during WWII' (gentleman guests welcome £2.00 per person)

September - Tai Chi

Gardening Club

18 September - How to make your garden wildlife friendly
Meet at 7.30 Village Hall
Please let Anna Nightingale know if you are attending:
birdmansscs@btinternet.com

France 1942...ish
The Germans are in Town
"Sacrebleu....."

Come along and
guess the murderer(s)

in our

**Murder Mystery
Comedy**

Fernwood Village Hall

7.30 pm

Saturday 28th July

Tickets £6.50 including supper

Bring a bottle (no bar)

a FADS production

Fernwood Petanque Club

Sundays 3.00 pm
Thursdays 4.00 pm

The court is at the side of the tennis courts.

To join contact:-
John Proctor 01636 673736
Molly Weale 01636 647116

Put your Club's
meeting dates here

Fernwood Gardening Group by Anna Nightingale

Gardening.....Conservation by another name?

The fact that our population is growing and housing demands are increasing, inevitably means that more homes have to be built and that, in cases like ours at Fernwood, we will see the natural environment around us being nibbled away.

But all is not lost! While we must of course do what we can to protect what is left, each new home is being built with some outside space, from a balcony to a garden, and if you cultivate this space you will create a green wildlife corridor along which wildlife can travel to reach its natural habitat.

A garden is a personal space and a reflection of you and your lifestyle. It can be somewhere to grow flowers, to find shade, to sit and dream or to entertain friends and, of course, it can be all of these.

I moved into a new house in November 2011 and we are still surrounded by building work but we already have fruit trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables and a sunny seating area!

On the few sunny days we've had so far, I've had busy bees bumbling around the flowers and, yesterday, I had a blackbird couple foraging for worms in the flower beds. So you see, anything is possible! If you don't think

you're a gardener just have a go. It's your garden and if you don't like it or it doesn't work pull it up or move it.....nobody is going to tell you off!

One tree and a tub full of flowers is enough to attract wildlife, but remember.....the best kind of wildlife garden is an untidy one!

Fernwood Gardeners are a group of people of mixed ability who just enjoy gardening and meet informally once a month to share ideas and knowledge. If you'd like to join us or come along to the talk on 18 September (How to make your garden wildlife friendly) please contact me,

Anna Nightingale -
birdmansscs@btinternet.com



Fernwood Family Focus this time is on the **Li family**. Do you know them?



Kin and his wife, Lindsay have two children, Thomas, 5 and Katy 3.

Kin works at a Secondary School at Branston, Lincolnshire, and Lindsay is a local GP. As a family they worship at St Giles church in Balderton.

Kin and Lindsay moved to Newark in 2003 after studying in Nottingham. They were attracted to Fernwood as a new-build development in a central location with good road links, and moved here almost seven years ago.

They were also attracted by the local schooling and both Thomas and Katy will start at our new school. Thomas will be in Year 1 in September 2012 and Katy will start in Reception in 2013.

Kin is on the FRA committee and Media group. He is the webmaster of St Giles Church and also a member of St Giles PCC. Lindsay enjoys going to the gym and singing in St Giles Church Choir. They are all involved in the St Giles Messy Church group, and also enjoy walking and camping as a family.

When asked if there are any types of group the Li family would like to see in Fernwood, Kin said that they would like to see Scouting/Guiding groups in future as the village continues to grow.

And when asked how they would like to see Fernwood grow and develop the response was first of all, "transport links – a bus service around the village and more frequent service into Newark." Additionally, "we would like to see people parking considerably in the village, and driving sensibly, especially when the new school is completed. We would also like people to respect their neighbours and not allow their animals to foul in inappropriate places."

Look out for the Li family - and get to know them.



Patrick Mercer MP presenting 'Big Lottery' cheque to FRA Chairman, John Proctor



Fernwood Petanque Club

Villagers were canvassed on whether they were interested in playing Petanque (Boules).

The response was very positive and on 31 May a large group attended the inaugural meeting.

Alexis Knock from Newark & Sherwood District Council attended and explained the way forward and a club was formed.

A constitution was drafted, officers and a committee were elected and the club dates, membership and subscription were agreed.

John Jeyes said he would mark out some courts on the grass next to the tennis courts and Mike Volans made some signs with the game instructions, which are hung on the tennis fence-surround next to the courts.

The club will meet on Sundays at 3-00pm and Thursdays at 4-00pm. Membership will be £5 a year and club subscription will be £1 a visit.

However the courts are available all the time and so anyone can have go.

An application for a grant has been made for funding to create a proper petanque terrain, but until this enjoy the grass courts, try it, it's fun.

If you want further information please contact, John Proctor 01636673736 or Mollie Weale 01636647116.



Forum Info by Luc Chignell

An exciting new internet forum has been set up so that residents can have their say on news featured here in the Fanfare!

The forum, which was launched alongside the new-look FRA website in April, has already attracted several

members who have been discussing items featured in Spring's edition, including the Trim Trail Open Day, and ideas for new groups they'd like to see set up. It is hoped that the Forum will give residents a chance to express their feedback about various developments happening in Fernwood and respond to articles included within the Fanfare.

To join in the discussion please visit

www.fernwoodfanfare.activeboard.com and be sure to sign up to access the full features of the Forum!



Luc Chignell (left) receives the award on behalf of the Carre's Grammar School Student Council from James Broun of St George's Academy.

Luc Chignell, Committee Member of FRA, receives Award

Carre's Grammar School Student Council was recently presented by Lincolnshire County Council with a Special Award for its active participation in the recent Lincolnshire Youth Cabinet elections.

In order to raise the profile of the elections among the student body, the student council (chaired by Deputy Head Boy Luc Chignell) invited some of the candidates into Carre's to discuss issues which students felt important.

The Youth Cabinet is a group of elected young people aged 13-19 who aim to change things for the better for young people in the county. Four students represent the local district including James Broun of St George's Academy who was one of the students who came into Carre's and was later elected to the Youth Cabinet.