



Fernwood

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News and Events brought to you by Fernwood Parish Council and Fernwood Residents' Association

Winter 2013

Happy Christmas to you All



This edition of *Fernwood Fanfare* should come to you in time for me to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year. I hope it reaches you before our annual Carol Service in the Village Hall on 10 December and that you have an opportunity to come and join in the festivities.

My apologies that this issue is not as packed full of news and articles as usual, but the deadline had to be brought forward as your Editor is about to go into hospital. I am sure that this does not spoil the look of the *Fanfare* - in fact I think it is

probably better not to have to cram too many things in.

We do have some new items, a letter below from Matt Elsey, the new Salvation Army Leader, and a lovely article on the new martial arts club.

I must draw to your attention the Fernwood Panto. FADS notice about this is below. Make sure you book your tickets for all the family.

Marilynne Popple

Letter from Matt Elsey, Salvation Army Church Leader

I would like to introduce myself. I have recently taken on the role as the church leader for the Salvation Army in Newark. I am married to Lizzy and we have two lovely children (Katherine 3 ½ and Ben 11 Months). We moved from Aspley, Nottingham where I had been the church leader for the past five years. We are excited to be in Newark and already enjoying what the town has to offer, especially the Waffle House!

Over the past few weeks we have had to get used to a new area. Lizzy has had to find the best route back to her work place (Nottingham City Hospital) while I have had to get up to speed with a new congregation and of course find where the best coffee is served. It is easy to forget during a busy move, and especially as we lead up to Christmas Day, that Jesus went through similar things. He came into a dangerous world, he was born in a stable and his parents weren't even in their home town. It wasn't the easiest of starts to his young life. He had to adjust from being with his father in heaven to walking in our world. It is quite



a journey when you consider what Jesus gave up for us.

Over these weeks of celebration, we may want to stop for a moment and consider the journeys we have been on or may be about to embark on. We can be encouraged and blessed that God sent his son on a journey too, a journey that changed our world.

Happy Christmas and God Bless you all.

Matt Elsey



Fernwood Village Hall

Friday 10th Jan, 7.30
Saturday 11th Jan 2.30
Saturday 11th Jan 7.30

Tickets: Adults £7.00
Children: £4.00
Tickets available from M Weale
01636 647116

A FADS community production

**Deadline for
Spring Issue**
Saturday 08 March

Send copy to the Editor:
meril.popple@btinternet.com
17 Cameron Lane



Notice Board



This lovely black fluffy cat was found on Collinson Lane and would like to be reunited with its owners. It is being lovingly cared for at the moment by the Fernwood residents who found it.

If this is your cat, or you know who owns it, please contact Amie Hardy
amie.hardy@hotmail.co.uk
Or the editor on 01636 605721

FADS

Our latest production is a pantomime - **Cinderella** - to be put on in the Village Hall on Friday 10th January and Saturday 11th January with a matinee on Saturday afternoon. Details are on the poster.

There will be singing - dancing - and quite a lot of audience interaction (normal panto stuff) so please come along and have a laugh with us.

We are a lively and progressive society with a Murder Mystery already booked for the Spring but always need new members, young and older, to help with things if not to go on stage with us. If anyone would like to give it a try they would be very welcome. Contact Mollie Weale on 01636 647116

A newly opened martial arts club is offering local people the opportunity to get active in the New Year in a unique way. Tae Kwon-Do classes run in Fernwood on Monday evenings at the Village Hall



on Ruby's Avenue and, since the open night in October, it has proved to be a popular addition to the hall's growing list of activities. Instructor Daniel Pearce is pleased that so many Fernwood residents have taken up the class and is looking forward to seeing more people getting involved in the future.

Daniel said "It's great to see the children smiling and enjoying participating in sport. Tae Kwon-Do is a good activity whatever your age, and we encourage personal development as well as a strong team ethic."

Come and see how Tae Kwon-Do training can benefit you, with so many different aspects covered, such as fitness and self-defence.

The new Fernwood class is part of Newark Tae Kwon-Do Club, which has been running on Wednesdays at the Lilley and Stone School, now part of the Newark Academy, for over 20 years. Many families train together in a fun and friendly environment, and all abilities are catered for by our coaching team.

No previous martial arts experience is necessary. Everything will be explained by the instructor who will help you to progress at your own pace. Whether you are a budding Olympian of the future or are simply looking for a new sport or exercise to get you out of the house once a week, Tae Kwon-Do could be just the thing for you!

Anyone interested in learning more about the art or wanting to try a session can come down to the hall on Mondays from 6.15pm (classes start at 6.30), or contact Daniel on 01476 570616, or by email: dpearce@tkdclubs.com.





The petanque group membership continues to grow but new members would be made very welcome.

We have recently purchased our personalized shirts, so look out for us playing in our smart green shirts.

The area around the terrain looks very good now the seats are in place. One of these was donated by one of our members in memory of his late wife. These will be very useful in the warmer months.

Cllr Sue Saddington officially presented the benches in October and she very kindly donated a further £160 to enable us to purchase some competition boules.

The Melee played at Retford in September was very successful with one of our members gaining second place and receiving a trophy. We are also taking part in the Winter Doubles Challenge Trophy from December to April one Sunday a month.

On Sunday 1st December the Petanque Club took part in the first round of the county winter pairs competition at Mansfield. The club acquitted itself very well against strong teams from Retford, Mansfield and Nottingham. Fernwood B (Michael Phelan, Linda Edwards & John Proctor) defeated Retford B 13-3 to qualify for the cup knockout and finished fourth, losing their last match in a hard fought contest against Nottingham B. Fernwood A (Ron Rawson, Josie Pikett & John Rollins) competed in the plate competition where they made it to the final only to lose to Retford B. Overall Fernwood finished third behind Retford and Mansfield and ahead of Nottingham. This was a very good debut performance for such a young club against established opposition. We look forward to the second round in January.

Our Christmas Lunch will take place at the Tawny Owl in December.

Any queries regarding membership please call 01636 640350 or 01636 673736.



Mick Ward (3rd from the left) representing Fernwood in Nottinghamshire County Petanque Team in a county match against Leicestershire.

Useful Contacts

Local Police: Tel 101
Emergencies: Tel 999
Fernwood Village Hall:
Tel 613024

Doctors:
Balderton Primary
Care Centre: Tel 705826
Newark Hospital: Tel
681681
Newark & Sherwood
District Council: Tel 650000
Fernwood Parish Council:
clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk

Maintenance Issues

For any maintenance issues regarding charges, payments etc contact:

John Jeys
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
Mob: 07738 738910

Fernwood Residents' Association Website:
www.fernwoodra.com
Email: jrproctor@talktalk.net

Retraction

For the record and as per the statement in the last issue of Fernwood Fanfare stating 'Apathy by Cllr Antony Barson' should not have read 'Cllr' as it was a personal article and putting the Cllr tag on it was an oversight on my part.

Antony Barson

APPEAL

For additional Fanfare Distributors

As our village continues to grow the distribution of *Fernwood Fanfare* is an ever increasing problem.

If you can spare an hour once a quarter to help the distribution team deliver the newsletter - especially in the areas where the latest properties are being built - then please contact John Popple 01636 605721

or email him at
m.j.popple@btinternet.com

FERNWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

OPEN MEETING

7.30 pm
14 January 2014
In the Village Hall

Fernwood Over Fifty-Fives (FOFFS)

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 11.00 until 1.00 in the Village Hall. You are welcome to come along and see what we are about.

We shall be having our Christmas Lunch at the Lord Ted on Thursday 12th and our Christmas Party on Sunday 15th December, when we have a fuddle and play silly games.

Another year has gone so quickly, but as they say, the older you get etc. This year has seen us sow seeds which will hopefully grow into making our village an even better place to live.

Our ongoing battles regarding parking and speeding are still being fought on your behalf. I hope that, by the time you read this our 20's Plenty signs will be on display to remind drivers that they are in a residential area.

The dispute with OM is still ongoing too but hopefully beginning to show some light. We still continue to lobby for a bus service but with government cuts is looking less likely than before.

Further afield the Newark Hospital Consultative Group, of which I am a member, is now in direct consultation with Sherwood Hospitals Trust about the future of Newark Hospital. Although not part of the Yes Group

for the hospital we are still working on a parallel course.

Next year will be very important to the village with the plans for Greater Fernwood being available and it will be up to residents to make sure they have an input into this. I am sure that many meetings will be held on this subject to ensure that DWH gets it right this time.

Don't forget that the Parish Council is working for everyone so please keep in touch with what is happening. We are not an unapproachable committee but want to hear your concerns and grievances whatever they are and are working very hard along with the Residents' Association, on your behalf, to make Fernwood a village in which we are proud to live.

I would also like to take this opportunity to Wish Everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

To help you get to know your Parish Councillors here are two more of the potted histories of your Parish Councillors You can, of course, see this information on the Parish Council web-site, www.fernwood-pc.co.uk, but we appreciate that not everyone has access to the internet.

Mollie Weale



Although born in Nottingham, I spent 30 years in Hertfordshire and 5 years in Devon before moving to Newark with my husband, Jim. I have 4 children, 3 stepchildren and 8 grandchildren.

On a visit to my home ground about 10 years ago, I brought Jim to Newark, where I had worked (at the Maltings) some 40 years earlier, and we decided that we would like to live in the area. We bought a house in Fernwood 9 years ago and have thrown ourselves into helping to make the village a lovely place to settle down.

My interest, apart from reading, embroidery and puzzles, all sedentary occupations, lies with performing arts which I have been involved in for many years, wherever I lived. I formed the Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society within a few years of moving to Fernwood and we are still going strong.

Merilynne Popple

I grew up in a mining village on the borders of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Most of my working life has been spent in administration, as a secretary/pa, or in office management. I recently retired from full-time work at Moy Park, Grantham where I was Travel, Visits and Events Coordinator.

As a committed Christian I have always been involved in a variety of local and church activities. I am an RLM (Recognised Lay Minister) attached to St Giles, Balderton.

I love painting (not the decorating sort) and since retiring have joined the Newark Art Club.

I have been married to John for over 45 years. We have three sons, three grandsons and a grand-daughter.

I have always been involved in local community events and activities at various times, and living in Fernwood has been no exception. I am deeply committed to building a thriving community and to working to make Fernwood a safe and happy place to live.





2013 is now nearly finished and Fernwood Residents' Association would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2013 has seen the village develop to the benefit of its residents, who can now enjoy a stroll along an interesting conservation trail in the woods and use a bird hide where they can view the different types of birds in Fernwood.

Fernwood now has the only international standard petanque court in the Newark and Sherwood area and are looking forward to staging county league competitions next year.

The benches and picnic tables are well used for picnics and leisure.

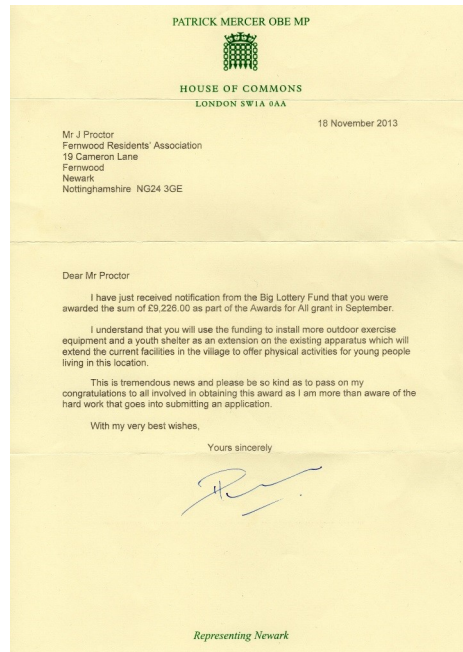
Through the David Wilson Bursary there have been two benches fitted adjacent to the petanque court. A third bench was generously donated by Ken Brown in memory of his wife Valerie Anne. Ken is an active member of the Petanque Club and Foffs and a supporter of all things 'Fernwood'.

Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society has benefited from portable lighting equipment which will be used to full effect when they stage their pantomime 'Cinderella' on January 10th/11th next year, in the Village Hall. Put the date in your diary.

The Village Hall Users Group, made up of active groups in Fernwood in conjunction with FRA will benefit from two pop-up shelters to give cover and focus at outside events.

During this year the village has had an interesting and enjoyable summer fete and an excellent bonfire night with an outstanding fireworks display. A big thank you to the active volunteers from various Fernwood Clubs who helped stage these and other events.

Fernwood Residents' Association has this year been awarded a grant of £9226 from the Big Lottery Fund to erect a teenage shelter and extend the trim trail. These are now in situ and FRA received from the House of Commons a letter from our MP, Patrick Mercer, congratulating us on our award.



Finally we look forward to another enjoyable year and to continuing to develop Fernwood Village into a vibrant and enjoyable place to live. Your views on improvements we can make to add to the facilities of our village are most welcome.

Development Funding for Fernwood

One group has made a successful bid for the remainder of this year's Development Funding donated by David Wilson Homes.

An award has been made to the Village Hall Users' Group in conjunction with the Fernwood Residents' Association of £1798 for Two Community Pop-up Shelters. These shelters can be used by any village group, football, Fads, Foffs, Petanque, and used at events such as the Summer Fete and Bonfire Night. They are lightweight and a choice of 4.5m and 6.0m maximum opening widths. They will be in Fernwood colours, green and white and have a flexible use for eating, drinks, work, displays and administration areas.

This leaves a small amount of money which will be added to next year's award. Do think about the type of projects next year's money could be used for in developing the Village facilities to the benefit of the residents. Watch out for details of how you or your organisation can apply for the award in next year's Spring Edition of the Fernwood Fanfare in April.

John Proctor

What's on nearby

23 November 2013 to 24 December 2013
Santa's Magical Grotto
Wheelgate Park, White Post
Roundabout, Farnsfield
www.wheelgatepark.com

Thursday 5 to Tuesday 31 December 2013
Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs, Newark Palace Theatre, Appletongate, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1JY
Booking: 01636 655755
www.palacenewark.com

1 Jan 2014 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
The Nottingham Heroes & Villains Tour - Starts at Ye Olde Salutation Inn, Maid Marian Way, Nottingham NG1 6AJ
See the hometown of Robin Hood like you've never seen it before! Homicidal medieval Kings, the very first Vampyre, 1200-year old Saxon caves, modern Olympians, evil murderers - and of course the outlaw Robin Hood. From Lady Chatterley's Lover to Lace and Legends, the history of Nottingham told through its colourful characters.
Booking & enquiries: 07850 145642 or 01623 721003

Saturday 1st February to Sunday 2nd March 2014
Open daily from 10am – 4pm
Hodsock Priory Snowdrops
Historic talks take place daily - times may vary - call ahead of your visit or see blackboard on arrival. There is no extra charge for historic talks.

Sunday 16 March 2014 7.00 am – 9.00 am
Hawfinch & Lesser Spotted Woodpecker Ramble at Rufford Abbey Country Park
Free
To Book: 01623 827331 or email gary.joynt@nottsc.gov.uk
Or Tourist Information on 01623 821338 (10.30 am – 4.00 pm)



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
6.00 pm Evensong

Thursdays

9.45 am Holy Communion

*The First Sunday of each month will
be a non-Eucharist Family Service.*

*On the first Thursday of the month
the Holy Communion is dedicated to
those serving in the armed forces.*

Christmas Services

Sun 22 December

9.30 am Nativity Presentation

Tue 24 Dec

3.00 pm Christingle Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Communion

Balderton Methodist (Main Street)

Sundays

10.30 am Morning Service

Mondays

9.30-11.30 am Coffee Morning

15 December

3:00 pm Carol Service

Tues 24 December

9.00 pm Christmas Eve Communion

Holy Trinity RC (Boundary Road)

Mass times:

7.00 pm Saturday Vigil
10.00 am Sunday
6.00 pm Sunday

Salvation Army (Lowfield Lane)

Sundays

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



SNOWBALL TRUFFLES



200ml double cream
200g good-quality dark chocolate (at least 70% cocoa solids)
200g desiccated coconut

Pour the cream into a saucepan and bring just up to the boil. Chop the chocolate into small pieces and place in a large bowl. Pour over the boiling cream, then stir until the chocolate and cream are well blended and smooth. Cool, then set aside in the fridge until the mixture is solid, about 2 hrs.

Scoop out teaspoons of the mixture and roll into small walnut-size balls with your hands. Sprinkle the coconut onto a plate and roll the truffle in the coconut until evenly covered. Will keep in a cool place for 3 days or freeze for up to 1 month.

These little Christmas joke cards are designed to be tucked into home-made Christmas crackers but you can use them in all sorts of ways. Pop them into a lunch box, make a treasure hunt and see who can collect the most. Punch a hole in one corner and use them as an original gift tag? Or put them out on the table for a good giggle on Christmas Day. Just photo copy on to card.

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|  <p>What goes ho-ho whoosh, ho-ho whoosh?</p> <p><i>Santa caught in a revolving door!</i></p> | <p>What's white and goes up?</p>  <p><i>A confused snowflake!</i></p> |
| <p>What did one snowman say to the other snowman?</p> <p><i>Can you smell carrot?</i></p>  | <p>What do you call an old snowman?</p> <p><i>Water!</i></p>  |
|  <p>What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month??</p> <p><i>The letter D!</i></p> | <p>What goes "oh, oh, oh"?</p> <p><i>Santa walking backwards!</i></p>  |
| <p>Knock knock! Who's there? Snow. Snow who? Snow use, I've forgotten my name again!</p>  | <p>What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?</p> <p><i>Freeze a jolly good fellow!</i></p>  |
| <p>How does a snowman lose weight?</p> <p><i>He waits for the weather to get warmer!</i></p>  | <p>Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?</p>  <p><i>A mince spy!</i></p> |
| <p>What do monkeys sing at Christmas?</p>  <p><i>Jungle bells, jungle bells!</i></p> | <p>What's impossible to overtake at Christmas?</p>  <p><i>The three wise men!</i></p> |

www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy

CHRISTMAS BISCUITS



225g (8oz) self-raising flour
1/2tsp each of ground cinnamon and ground ginger
115g (4oz) caster sugar
115g (4oz) Stork packet
1 medium egg, beaten
20 mins to prepare and 15 mins to cook, 15 mins to cool
makes 24 biscuits

Start by preheating the oven to 180°C (160°C fan oven, gas mark 4).

Mix the flour, spices and sugar in a large bowl. Add the Stork and rub in using your fingers. Add a beaten egg and mix into a stiff dough. Knead lightly and roll out on a floured surface until it's about 5mm (¼ inch) thick.

Cut into Christmassy shapes and place onto baking trays that have been lightly greased with Stork. Pop them in the oven for about 15 minutes, until golden brown.

Leave the biscuits to cool on a rack. Dust with a little icing sugar and decorate with whatever takes your fancy.

Chuter Ede Primary School, Fernwood

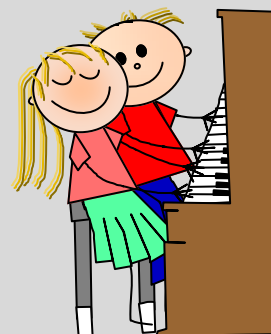
Chuter Ede Primary School Fernwood are delighted to receive a cheque from Councillor Sue Saddington.

The presentation of the cheque for £400 is to be made to Mr Bob Hattersley at the annual Fernwood Carol Service on 10th December. Children from the school will attend the event and take part by singing songs from their ever expanding repertoire.

The money is to be spent on a fantastic piano ready for the completion of the new school hall and classroom extension which will open in September 2014.

All at the school are very grateful to Councillor Saddington for her generosity and continued support.

Thank you.





Fernwood Resident Rescues Young Hedgehogs



As most people are aware, the population of urban hedgehogs is falling. This is mainly due to the destruction of habitat, use of pesticides such as slug pellets and road kill. It therefore gives me great pleasure to report a success story.

A nature loving resident of Fernwood who prefers to remain anonymous rescued two very small hedgehogs on consecutive days in late November. The two hedgehogs, one male and one female were found wandering in his rear garden during daylight hours. There is no doubt they were looking for food as both were very small and considerably under weight.

A sick hedgehog needs swift and decisive action

Finding a hedgehog during the day is a sure sign that it is in distress and needs help. Fortunately by taking immediate action the lives of these two young animals will most likely be saved. They were both emaciated, the male weighing 390g, whilst the much smaller female was only 195g. In both cases they were well below the 500g needed for a hedgehog to survive the winter. Furthermore the female was badly affected by mange. Had they not been rescued it is almost certain that they would have died from dehydration, hypothermia or starvation.

Upon finding a small, injured or sick hedgehog it is essential to take swift and decisive action. The animal should be carefully placed in a tall-sided, newspaper-lined cardboard, or similar box using gloved hands as the hedgehog can be infected by a number of fleas or mites. It is also essential to provide a heat source in order to keep it warm. A screw-topped glass bottle filled with hot water is ideal.

This should then be wrapped in several sheets of newspaper and placed in the box. The box should then be partly filled with shredded newspaper to cover the hedgehog. It will also be beneficial to place some water and food in the box. Kitten or puppy biscuits will suffice; alternatively chopped chicken or mince would be fine. Even a digestive biscuit



covered in peanut butter is a good source of nutrition. Never give a hedgehog bread or milk as this could kill it.

The box should then be closed and assistance sought from such a place as Hedgehog Welfare, which is located in Foston. Mrs Janet Peto, who runs this charitable hedgehog sanctuary and has been looking after sick and injured hedgehogs for more than 30 years, will be more than happy to provide you with sound advice and then take care of the animal. She can be reached at anytime by telephoning 07940 714830.

It is now hoped that the two young hedgehogs, now named Hercules and Nell, will both make a full recovery and go into hibernation once their medical problems have been dealt with and their body weight increased to the prescribed 500g. In fact I am hoping to foster one over the winter so that it can be returned into its natural habitat next Spring.



Nell, the smaller of the two young hedgehogs rescued on Ruby's Avenue.

On a further but sadder note, a third hedgehog was found dead on Dale Way, undoubtedly killed by a passing car. Whilst we all like hedgehogs, with thoughts of Mrs. Tiggywinkle, their defence mechanism is unsuited for modern day living. Therefore please take care when driving and **SLOW DOWN for HEDGEHOGS.**

Anyone wishing to learn more about hedgehogs or even temporarily care for one should contact Mrs Peto directly on the number given above or contact Brian Smith on 07411185254

Following the article on the left being written the male hedgehog Hercules sadly died and was found to have a brain tumour. As if their lives weren't tough enough!

Dead hedgehogs are being found on Dale Way. It is thought that come out of the woods on the left hand side and try to cross the road.

Please do look out for hedgehogs on the road whilst driving late at night.

Rules about Hedgehogs

- If you find an injured or distressed hedgehog seek assistance immediately.
- If you disturb a nest, collect all of the hoglets and mum whilst wearing protective gloves, place in a high sided box and seek assistance. If necessary call the RSPCA
- If you have a hedgehog visit your garden, leave out clean fresh water especially if the weather is warm and dry.
- Feed early in the evening with kitten biscuits or hedgehog food.
- Never feed hedgehogs with bread or milk - a healthy hedge will do that job for you.
- Do not use slug pellets.
- If you discover a small underweight hedgehog of less than 500g, seek assistance.
- Do not leave rubber bands, beer raps or plastic cups as these can kill hedgehogs.

