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Winter 2014

Fernwood Residents' Association—John Proctor (Chairman)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from Fernwood Residents Association.

2014 has provided an interesting year for the Village.

It started with an exhilarating production of Cinderella with ugly sisters, slapstick, water pistols, and singing, everything a good pantomime should have. The local press announced a true pantomime which everyone no matter what age could enjoy and did.

The Village was granted Big Lottery Funding of £9226 to build a Teenage Shelter, and extend the Trim Trail exercise machines, two of which were for younger children and the erecting of two machines on the Village Green off Dale Crescent. These were officially opened in April by Cllr Dennis Jones Chairman of Newark & Sherwood District Council.

We were also granted £5000 from Barratt/David Wilson Homes for developing the Village through projects.

The first project was the placing of a Defibrillator outside the Village Hall, a most valuable asset for the village. This is the only one available south of Newark. Cllr Rita Crowe, Chairman of Newark & Sherwood District Council came in July to officially open it. Since then we have had an interesting open meeting from the Community Heartbeat Trust on how to use the defibrillator. The Defibrillator is checked weekly and monthly by an FRA rep who then reports back to the Ambulance Service and Heartbeat Trust.

The second project was for sound equipment for use in the Village Hall, consisting of powered mixer, two speakers, a microphone, and speaker stands and leads,

The third project was for an additional portable lighting kit consisting of two spotlights and cables. This will enhance future productions especially the next pantomime in the New Year. For your diary it is Jack & the Beanstalk, January 9th & 10th.

The fourth project was a contribution towards the extension of the Petanque Terrain from four lanes to six. This is in order to accommodate more visiting teams in both league and friendly competitions.

The fifth project is to provide, in conjunction with the School, signs designed by the children to provide direction, speed limits, and information. These are to be placed at various locations throughout the Village.

The summer fete, Party in the Park took place in July. This was an enjoyable experience which residents could watch various activities eat, drink and have a go at various activities.

September saw the opening of Phase 2 of the Fernwood Annex of Chuter Ede School. The school can now house all ages

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Residents' Open Meeting
Working Kitchen and a very large hall which Fernwood Resident Association used for its Open Meeting in September.
13 January 2015
7.30pm
Fernwood Village Hall



Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society

Our Pantomime this time is

"Jack and the Beanstalk"

and will be on

Friday 9th and Saturday 10th January 2015,

with a Matinee on the Saturday afternoon

as last time.

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of December. Look out for posters from December with ticket ordering details. Rehearsals are under way now and we look forward to seeing you in January.





Notice Board

Conservation Group

Two projects are ongoing. A "Bug Hut" built by Ray Dickinson was installed in the rare plant enclosure with the help of John Heys of OM. Secondly a Bird hide is to be built in the meadow area in the new year. More about these in



A proud Ron Rawson

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The Meadow

Discussions have been taking place recently in the Parish council and Walkabout group meetings, regarding the future of the "Meadow" area of Fernwood village. The issue seems to be that people walking their dogs in this area would like the grass kept short so that their dogs can run free. Historically a local farmer would cut this area twice yearly for free in exchange for the hay. However he is no longer able to use the hay because of contamination by dog faeces. (a survey discovered 200 pieces of contamination). A bit of a catch 22 situation. This area does not come within OM's remit

The Petanque Club has been very busy with competitions and friendlies. We finished playing the Sherwood Triples, our last game being at Retford, coming 4th but with a big increase in wins compared to last season. To end the season Bluebell at Retford held a Melee and this was a great success as one of our players RON RAWSON won all his 5 games beating 47 other players to become overall winner of the day. He received a medal, so congratulations Ron. November saw Fernwood and Bluebell hold a friendly. This was also a Melee and another of our players, JOHN ROLLINS was the winner. Winning 3 games and drawing 1. A nice bottle of wine was the prize so congratulations John.

We have held 3 games with Mansfield when they have provided with coaches to help improve our game which has proved very successful.

As some will have noticed we have increased our 4 lane terrain to 6. We were successful in raising money from donations and grant aid. This will prove very useful in future competitions.

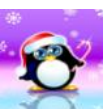
Anyone interested please come along on a Wednesday 11:30 to 1:30 to play indoor Boccia or Friday 11:30 to 1:30 to play Petanque. We are a friendly group and would welcome new members of any age group. Contact Elaine 01636 640350 or John 01636 673736



Fernwood 's bonfire and firework display.



There was an excellent turnout this year at Fernwood's bonfire with stalls selling hot dogs, toffee apples, hot and cold drinks and beer. The event was very well organised thanks to members of the Fernwood Residents Association, OM site management and others. The highlight of the evening of course was the spectacular firework display funded by Fernwood parish council plus a generous donation of £100 by councillor Sue Sadlington.





November brought our Bonfire Night which was attended by an extremely large number of people. The weather was good, the bonfire roared well, people ate their bangers and jacket potatoes and viewed a crash-landing display of fireworks. Thanks to all helpers involved for an entertaining evening.

The conservation group have worked hard building a Bug Hotel. This will be filled by children from the school and officially opened at the end of November. It will be situated at the back of Balderton Hall in the wild grass area. Look out for it! The Bird Hide is also to be re-sited by the group to the back of the meadow after Xmas

We look forward in the New Year to a further donation of £5000 from Barratt/David Wilson Homes for us to continue to develop the Village further. Please think what projects we can use it for and look in the Spring Edition of the Fanfare for how the project will work. An open meeting will be held on January 13th at 7-30pm in the Village Hall where we hope to hear details of the Northern Development. Don't forget the Pantomime January 9th & 10th which will be good fun for all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of Fernwood Residents Association and other residents who attend many meetings to help in the development in the Village and work tirelessly to make equipment and go walkabouts to look at the maintenance and problems in the Village. Without these unsung people and those other residents who help with entertaining and catering on special occasions, delivering Fanfare and flyers events could not take place
THANK YOU ALL.

One final point, the Village needs some younger residents who are willing and able to help in these tasks as many of our volunteers are from the older age groups and are getting older!! Perhaps we could have a register of willing volunteers who could be contacted when the need arises? Just being willing to help deliver Fanfare in your own road or erect a tent or put out cones or serve tea. The opportunities are endless but we can't offer pay! Maybe someone could volunteer to be the contact to compile and update the register? Your help will help us.

John Proctor (Chairman Fernwood Residents Association)

ST GILES PARISH CHURCH

Dates for St Giles Services and events.

Friday 28th November 7.30pm Organ Recital in aid of Church Funds, Tickets £5.
Sunday 30th November 6.00pm Advent Carol Service (Note these are not Christmas Carols)
Saturday 6th December 10.00am -1.00pm Christmas Fair in St Giles Church Hall
Sunday 7th December 9.30am -10.15am Family Service including collection of Gifts to donate to the Salvation Army Gift Appeal.
Sunday 7th December 2.00pm-4.00pm Children's Christmas Workshop
Wednesday 17th December 6.30pm St Giles Carol Service
Sunday 21st December 9.30pm Holy Communion, including Nativity Presentation.
Wednesday 24th December 3.00pm Christingle Service at St Giles
Wednesday 24th December 11.30pm Holy Communion at St Giles
Thursday 25th December 8.00am Holy Communion at St Giles
Thursday 25th December 10.30am Family Holy Communion at St Giles

First Sunday of every Month, Family Service, 9.30am -10.15am
Sunday 4th January 9.30am Service at St Giles
Sunday 4th January 10.30am Joint Covenant Service at The Methodist Church, Main Street, Balderton.
Wednesday 4th February 7.30pm "Your Wedding at St Giles" for couples marrying in 2015.
Wednesday 18th/Thursday 19th February Churches together Holiday Club in Church Hall.
Thursday 26th February and all Thursdays in Lent 7.00pm Lent Course at St Giles Church

Other Events

Weekend 6th/7th 10.00am-4.00pm Festival of Cribs, at Banbygate Methodist Church, Newark
Saturday 6th -Saturday 13th December Festival of Christmas Trees in St Mary's Church, Newark (The Parish Church)
Saturdays 9.30am-5.00pm
Sunday 11.00am-4.30pm
Weekdays 10.00am-4.30pm
Sunday 14th December 6.00pm Festival Songs of Praise in St Mary's Church, Newark (The Parish Church)
Weekend 13th/14th 10.00am-4.00pm Festival of Cribs, at Banbygate Methodist Church, Newark
Sunday 14th December 4.00pm Big Christmas Sing, at Banbygate Methodist Church, Newark
Saturday 20th December 10am-12noon Carol Singing in Newark Market Place with the Salvation Army Band
Sunday 21st December evening (time to be announced) Blue Christmas Service (a service of worship designed for people suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief) to be held in Banbygate Methodist Church



Registered Charity 1155390

Fund Raising Organiser

Could you help us to raise funds for our charity? We are a locally based Community First Responder group serving the communities of Farndon, Fernwood and the rural communities along the line of the Fosse way as far as East Bridgeford. Our responders attend emergency calls on the instructions of East Midlands Ambulance Service 999 control to render immediate first aid to the patient while the ambulance or paramedic crew is on its way.

We are entirely self funded and have to buy all the medical equipment our responders need to carry. Each Responder costs the charity £1800 to fully equip with the necessary life saving equipment required.

I seek a fund raiser/organiser to help us raise our funding target for next year. If you have experience in helping raise funds for charities or other good causes and would like to help us reach our fund raising goal for 2015, please get in touch with me. Help us to make a lasting difference to our communities.

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First of all I would like to welcome Jeff and Sue Hobson to the village and thank them for taking on the compiling/editing and distribution of the Fanfare. They are very keen – together with our Media Group – to improve communications within the village. They need stories of interest so if there are any budding reporters out there please don't hesitate to send in your news.

For those new to the village you will see that there are sport and support/activity groups for anyone to join. If there is something which you particularly wish to see set up – and in a recent article in the Fanfare, someone expressed a wish to start a Youth Group, - I can only say that if you wish to go ahead you will be given support from the community.

We are coming into exciting times, with extra money coming from the new build we have the opportunity to re-design the village hall to include extra meeting rooms and more storage space. The new school also has space for rental for activities.

The Firework Night was a great success yet again. Thanks must go to the organisers and many volunteers on the night and to Party Time for the excellent firework show. Donations were given from Sue Saddington and OM Peverel and the loan of extra parking from James Derry. Thank you all very much indeed.

A big thank you also to Terry Bailey from District and Eleanor Smalley, our PCSO, for resolving a serious social issue in Pond Close.

On the question of problems in your particular area I would like to re-iterate that the first line of defence is always to ring the police on 101. Not enough of us use this facility so Fernwood is not regarded as a problem. Balderton has a "zero tolerance" policy and with enough exposure we can also request that status. Another option is to get in touch with either the Parish Council or Residents' Association so that together we can make Fernwood a safe place to live.

As I have said in previous issues, the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well and will give residents more influence in the progress and development of Greater fernwood.

I would like to wish all our residents A Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and an Exciting New Year.

Jim Weale
Chairman,
Fernwood Parish Council

FERNWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

OPEN MEETING for residents – Tuesday 13th January 2015 – Village Hall @ 7.30pm

Please make a note in your diaries to come along and contribute to what should be an interesting meeting:

1. Update on development of our school
2. Development of our neighbourhood plan and the anticipated north build programme – a report by the Planning Strategy Group
3. Report from the OM Strategy Group – re. the maintenance charges and level of service performance
4. Updates on other activities – the User Groups based at the Village Hall
5. An invitation has been sent to our local Police, Beat Manager – how to deal with those niggling anti-social behaviour issues (tbc)

and last but not least:

Should you be unable to attend you can always have any questions addressed at the meeting – simply contact: secretary@fernwoodra.com



FERNWOOD MAINTENANCE STRATEGY GROUP SURVEY OF OM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE

(please respond by placing a tick ✓ in the relevant answer box ie. YES or NO – and return your survey to the village hall post box or email to secretary@fernwooda.com)

1. Recently several items of correspondence have been received by either the Parish Council (PC) or Fernwood Residents' Association (FRA) over concerns by the residents and owners of property within Fernwood Village over the performance and accountability of OM Property Management (OM). This is the company awarded the contract to manage a number of services within the Fernwood Development by David Wilson Homes (DWH) and Barratts of which all residents, less Phase 1 and other 'linked

Y/N

Q 1	Were you aware that OM had an open-ended contract to provide services, and that not all properties were subject to the service charge?		
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2. After some primary investigation by the PC and FRA into the accounts, performance and accountability of OM, it has become apparent that many of the concerns raised to the PC and/or FRA in related correspondence are valid. However, when OM have been challenged by the PC or FRA they have responded that they have had little or no complaints, and we assume that OM have failed to respond or even to record these issues. In order to build a legally sound case against OM to force either an improvement in their performance or a change in service provider, the FRA and PC are asking you to provide any evidence of complaint you have submitted historically or examples of inaccuracies in your property management account that you have experienced

Y/N

Q2	Are you satisfied that, whether a service charge is levied or not, Fernwood's communal areas are maintained to a decent standard?		
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3. We would ask you that any future inaccuracies or dissatisfactions with your OM account, or the standard of services they provide, and which you have reported to the company, are copied to the Fernwood Maintenance Strategy Group at the Village Hall. This will assist us in compiling evidence with the aim of ensuring that future services are both compliant with good practice standards and value for money.

Y?N

Q 3	Would you be prepared to copy your OM communications to our Group?		
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4.. We would also like to hear from you if you feel you were not made aware of the requirement to pay an annual charge, the extent of the amount to be paid to OM, and its further implications by your solicitor or agent when you acquired your property.

Y?N

Q 4	Were the service charges made clear to you at the time you acquired your property?		
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5. For those in doubt as to what actually is supposed to be provided by OM, a Schedule of provided services is available to view on the FRA website – note: this only covers the car parks, landscaped and communal areas and not apartment blocks, but it is hoped that 100% coverage will shortly be available. A map of the contracted areas is also available, however this also requires updating and we await DWH to provide an amended document.

Y/N

Q 5	Have you visited the FRA website: www.fernwoodra.com – where the Minutes to the Fernwood Maintenance Strategy Group appear?		
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6. It would also assist us if anyone with specific skills and experience in areas such as contract law and accounting would donate some of their spare time to advise the PC in the ongoing negotiations to help reduce future costs. Volunteers please send your details to the OM Strategy Group at the Village Hall.

Q 6	Could you spare the time to assist the Group in its ongoing negotiations with DWH/Barratts and OM Property Group?		
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Please consider responding to these questions before you decide to throw this survey away since satisfactory outcomes to the above key issues will hopefully result in one or more of the following:

- An improvement to the environment and appearance of where we live, and for which we pay
- handsomely.
 - A clear and accurate set of accounts from the service provider.
- An accurate and understandable bill with justified costs from the service provider.
- A reduction in charges.
- As necessary a change of service provider to one that will meet all requirements of the contract.

7. Finally, we are looking for volunteers to assist in monitoring the service providers performance in the immediate area of your residence. If you are able to give 30 mins max a week to complete a simple monitoring document please send your details to David Fox at fox598@btinternet.com.

<p>General comments: A chance to express your views about the maintenance of the village.</p>

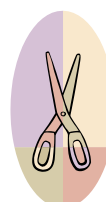
Name/Address ,E Mail only if you wish to be involved in communications with the Fernwood Maintenance Strategy Group.

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone No.....

Email.....





Grantham canal runs through the beautiful countryside of the Belvoir valley just south of the A52 past Bottesford. This area has hardly changed in centuries, typical English countryside. The canal has been derelict for years allowing nature to take over and is now a haven for wild life.

Some renovation has taken place so that the towpaths are in good condition and parts of it are now navigable. Where better then for an easy walk with lots to see.

The canal can be accessed with parking at the "Dirty Duck" pub at Woolsthorpe wharf. Also just north of Harby on the Langar road. (Nags Head pub in the village) and at Hickling opposite The Plough Inn. A nice walk can be combined with a pub lunch.. For those who are not keen on pubs there is a nice thatched cottage tearoom with a streamside garden at nearby Muston.....If you have a favourite walk I'd love to hear about it

November Scenes on the canal



Junior Tigers

Fernwood Taekwondo Club

Fernwood Tigers leap in to action

In October Fernwood Taekwondo Club opened a new junior class for boys and girls from 4 years old. Since the enrolment the group has proved very popular with local children wanting to run, jump and kick every Monday night.

But it isn't too late to get involved. If you want to come along to try out a session and see what all the fuss is about then get down to the village hall now. The club is running until 15th December, but after a Christmas break will be ready to go again in the new year.

The Tigers class encourages children to develop a positive attitude towards physical activity. Children joining in at Daniel Pearce's club will experience a wide range of Martial Arts based activities with the emphasis on fun.

The Tigers are a national Taekwondo based activity club for children, and they are a part of the Taekwondo Association of Great Britain. The aim is to encourage children to become more active by associating physical fitness with fun and achievement. All children who join the Tigers club can enrol on to the Awards Scheme and will become part of an internationally recognised organisation.

Classes for children run on Mondays from 5.45pm, with a class for adults following at 6.30.

Call 01476 570616 or email info@tkdclubs.com to book a taster session with Daniel.



Bits and bobs

It's raining it's boring
I feel like exploring,
But I'm stuck here,
My face a sneer,
Just staring at the floor.

It's thundering it's lightning,
My misery is heightening,
There's nothing to do,
Just sit here and stew,
There's no sign of it brightening.

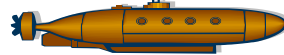
It's hailing it's snowing,
My boredom is growing,
I might go to bed,
And rest my head,
There's just no hope of it slowing.

It's misty it's foggy.
Outside it's really soggy,
If I don't move,
And eat some food,
I'll end up faint and groggy.

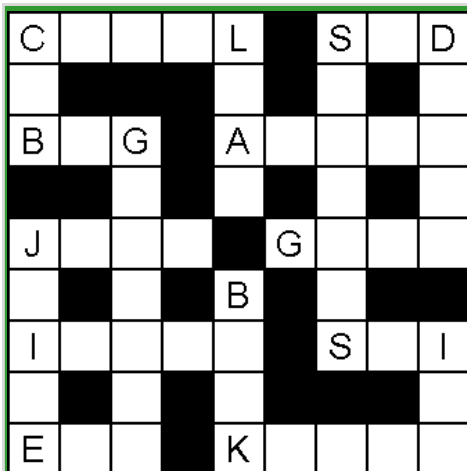
It's sunny it's clearing,
This sudden change is cheering,
But I'm having fun,
The TV's on,
And I'm not reappearing.



I never wanted to believe my dad was stealing from his job as a road worker, but when I got home all the signs were there.



We all lived in a yellow submarine,
We didn't like the colour so we
painted it green,
Green was ugly so we painted it
Red,
Red wasn't waterproof so now
we're all dead



Did you Know.
...Tax discs were introduced in 1921 but will not be required to be displayed after October this year.



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| A. Fruit of the oak | G. The night before | L. Type of music |
| B. Something to read | H. Type of ante-lope | M. Fruit drink |
| C. Insect | I. Precious stones | N. Tap on a door |
| D. Taxi | J. Ice hut | O. Jump |
| E. Desert animal | K. Writing fluid | P. Unhappy |
| F. Sand hills | | Q. Brief period of rain |

