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Summer 2013

Summer Fete



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Welcome to the Summer *Fernwood Fanfare*.

Again, a full newsletter with some interesting articles and a few pictures of the Summer Fete. The weather was not brilliant, but there were some spells without rain to enable everyone to have plenty of fun.

We have forfeited the Family Focus piece this time to allow extra space for the news from school. You will see that the Conservation Group and the school have been working together to design an insect habitat and the competition winners are shown on page 7. On the back page are the winners of the colouring competition held at the Summer Fete.

A few months ago a large number of people signed a petition for bluebell and other wildflower planting in the woodland where the new footpath has been created. This petition was not initiated by either the Conservation Group or the Residents' Association. Nevertheless, you might like to know that bluebells and snowdrops have not been

planted this year because the woodland area near the footpath has to be monitored through all the seasons before a decision on planting can be made. At the end of the year the Conservation Group will reassess the woodland path and, taking advice from relevant authorities, will decide whether or not planting is appropriate.

Because circulation of *Fernwood Fanfare* is growing we have had to reassess our printing method and cost. We are very grateful to St Giles Parish Office for the excellent job they have done but because of the type of printing they do, larger quantities become more expensive than other types of printing. David Welshe of Prime Print was one of several quoting for ongoing printing. Not only was his price competitive, he is also a Fernwood resident. We are pleased to welcome him as our new printer.

Enjoy your reading - and don't forget to send your news for the next issue.

Merilynne Popple (Editor)

Fernwood Residents' Association—John Proctor (Chairman)

Fernwood Village has grown in stature and size.

Two classes started at the Fernwood Annexe of Chuter Ede School in September 2012. We understand that the remaining classrooms and hall will be completed by September 2014 - ahead of schedule!

We have seen the opening of all the shops and this has made the centre of the village an interesting site. Brown's Bistro has been well used and a place for us to visit and enjoy both indoors and outside in the sunshine.

The village has also seen the creation of an active Petanque Club, now active outdoors on its new terrain as well as indoors, using the Village Hall for Bocca - the indoor version of petanque. The Club has made good contacts with other Nottinghamshire clubs and is looking forward to taking part in

County competitions in the future.

We have also seen Fernwood Over 55s and Fernwood Ladies arrange interesting and enjoyable sessions for the residents and we thank them for their hard work.

Fernwood Amateur Dramatic group entertained us with a murder mystery play in the summer and an enjoyable foretaste of Christmas in November. Rumour has it that a panto might be a future offering, maybe in January.

Fernwood Village Hall Users' Group worked hard in November to produce an enjoyable and well attended Bonfire Night and, as I write, they are working towards the Summer Fete.

We are extremely grateful to County Councillor Sue Saddington, who has worked hard for the village in the creation and development of the

school and given generous donations to the village for a number of projects.

You will have seen, and hopefully enjoyed, the new picnic benches we have had installed. We look forward to being able to extend the trim trail, and install a teenage shelter

Planter troughs in Rubys Walk seating area, donated by OM, have been planted by FOFFS (the Over 55s Group), the Conservation Group and pupils from Chuter Ede School.

It is very sad that some have already been vandalised and plants stolen.

Please respect them - they are planted by residents for the enjoyment of residents.

Finally in September our village will be pleased to welcome the residents and staff of Lancaster Grange to the Fernwood community.



Notice Board

Gift and Craft Sale

Saturday 14 September

Fernwood Village Hall

Traders

Hire of a Table at this event is £5 plus a donation of a raffle prize with a retail value of no less than £5

Shoppers

Entry is £1 per adult and includes raffle tickets.

Contact

Cllr Francine McKay
theleedsgirl@yahoo.com



County Councillor Sue Saddington showing how it is done

The official opening of Fernwood's Petanque Terrain took place on Wednesday 5th June. The ribbon was cut by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Jim Weale, watched by members of Fernwood Petanque Club and Sponsors of the Terrain which included County Councillor Sue Saddington and Managing Director of OM, Mr Jonathan Astle.

The Club Chairman, Mr John Proctor, expressed thanks for financial support to County Councillor Sue Saddington, Fernwood Parish Council represented by Jim & Mollie Weale, Newark & Sherwood District Council, Staythorpe Power Station and Jackie Rodgers, British Sugar Corporation and Graham Wright, OM represented by Jonathan Astle and John Jeys, David Wilson Homes, Madhu Mistry of Londis Shop, and Club Member Ray Dickinson.



Jonathan Astle of OM trying his hand at Petanque on the new terrain

Those present were invited to try their hand at petanque on the terrain before taking refreshments in the village hall.

The Petanque Terrain is an additional facility for our Fernwood community and all are welcome to use it.



Madhu Mistry of Londis

PYJAMA DRAMA COMES TO FERNWOOD



'Pyjama Drama is lots of fun.



Pyjama Drama is for Everyone' That's how the song goes as you'll find out if you drop into the Village Hall any Tuesday morning.

Pyjama Drama is drama and creative play classes for babies and children up to 7 years old. A unique and amazing programme, developed in line with the National Curriculum, incorporating specially created songs, and literally hundreds of drama themes, Pyjama Drama allows your child to pretend, explore and create in small, structured, age-differentiated classes. It helps children develop confidence (even shy ones) and communication skills, concentration and co-operation as well as creativity and sociability. (And of course, it's lots of fun!) Pre-school classes have been running here since April, taught by Newark-based drama teacher, Jane Hildreth. Jane tells us: I'm really excited to have launched Pyjama Drama in the Newark area. As an experienced drama teacher, I know the

importance of imaginative play in developing confident, creative thinkers. Skills we all want for our children. As a Mum, I understand that children learn best when they are having fun – which is what Pyjama Drama aims to do.

Pyjama Drama is all about 'Let's Pretend'. We go to a new place every week so we could be fighting dragons or flying to the moon, seeking out pirates or just having cake and tea. Why don't you come and see?

There is a no obligation 3-week trial to see if your child enjoys the Pyjama Drama experience. In addition there are two summer special 4-hour workshops for older children (5-7 years old). Phone for details or check out www.pyjamadrama.com.

In September I will also be introducing a weekly after-school 'drama club' for this age range. (Waiting list is now open). Contact Jane on 01636 858280 or email janeh@pyjamadrama.com



FADS
FERNWOOD AMATEUR DRAMATIC
SOCIETY
PANTOMIME
January 2014

Have you always had a secret urge to show off and be centre stage?

We can make your dreams come true.

We need adults and children from the age of 7 upwards to sing/dance/recite etc.

Sign up today
Ring Mollie 647116 or Janet 702388 - before September



Thanks to a very generous donation

from the developers, DWH/Barratts Homes, we are now in a position to make some positive changes to Fernwood's infrastructure. An amount of £5000 per annum has been promised for at least the next four to five years.

Got any ideas for projects to improve and develop the Village?

Make your application now.

We are sure that you have wondered why a village of this size has not been built with certain facilities and/or planting schemes – so now is the time that you can contribute to change.

Residents or resident groups are invited to submit initial ideas for projects which will benefit the village as well as the group. Just let us know what you have in mind.

It is hoped that there will be many applications coming forward so the sooner you let us know the better.

A user group – Project Review Group – will review the merits of any projects submitted and prioritise those for immediate consideration.

It is aimed to make the application process as straightforward as possible so an attempt has been made to simplify any rules/conditions governing an award.

They will include:

(a) The applicant shall give brief details of what the project is and how it will benefit the group and the development of the village and residents.

(b) A condition that any project is completed within one year.

(c) The validity of any application must be supported a bank account and/or Minutes from the group or supporting user group – thereby giving confidence that there is sufficient backing to both control the expenditure and delivery of any project.

(d) If project fails or comes in under budget all excess money will be returned.

Initial enquiries should be directed to the Chairman of the Project Review Group, John Proctor, by the end of August.



CHUTER EDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

With the 20 year anniversary passing since Stephen Lawrence's untimely death, Chuter Ede Primary School is proud to announce its involvement in a national scheme in his memory.

The Stephen Lawrence Education Standard is a powerful commitment across the school and the wider community against racism and inequality, as well as promoting community cohesion. The Stephen Lawrence Education Standard focuses on partnerships, encouraging schools to work more extensively and effectively with parents and carers, the wider community, other providers and wider children's services. It is about empowering children and young people to become responsible global citizens.

Within Chuter Ede the guidelines will ensure all pupils have equal rights, equal opportunities and equal access to a full and comprehensive education. Teaching and learning materials will be regularly monitored to ensure they are bias-free and reflect the cultural background and lifestyle of our society. Positive action will be taken by the school, through its aims, publications, assemblies, curriculum and pastoral structure to promote an ethos that values and respects all pupils and reflects a wide variety of cultural backgrounds.

We hope you will join us in agreeing this is a positive step for the future in ensuring no other teenager has to die unnecessarily.

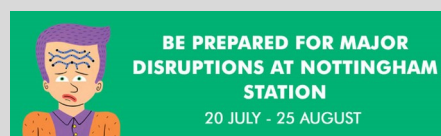
Do you use the train?

As well as redeveloping the station, Network Rail is rebuilding the rail infrastructure around the city. The £100m project to redesign, resignal and relay the tracks will improve reliability and reduce delays, as well as helping the railway to cope with the increasing numbers of passengers.

More than six miles of track are being relayed as well as replacing all signals, remodelling three junctions, replacing two level crossings with footbridges (at Sneinton and Trent Lane), renewing equipment at two more crossings, building a new platform at Nottingham and changing track layout at the

station to cut delays.

See more at: <http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk/train-times/nottingham-disruption/Nottingham-Resignalling-Project-FAQs/#What-work-is-being-c>



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



LETTER FROM A RESIDENT.....

We are living with a THIEF. Someone who thinks it is okay to steal bulbs planted and nurtured over the winter by a pensioner, someone who thinks it is okay to steal fir trees planted with great care by some of the five year olds at the village school, someone who thinks that the planters in Rubys Walk are their own personal garden centre to be emptied when he or she feels like it.

If you don't walk down Rubys Walk you may not know that there are now four planters in the seating area. These have been adopted by groups in the village and planted up for the enjoyment of all of us.

First 27 hyacinths were taken, then a small fir tree, then some bedding plants and finally someone has come back and taken the other three fir trees planted by the school children. It may be children. Has your child presented you with a nice hyacinth or a small tree? Somehow I don't think so.

These flower beds have been systematically destroyed by someone who could not care less about the rest of us and that to me makes Fernwood a less pleasant place to live.

FOFFs

Fernwood Over Fifty-fives' Club

We have had a good summer so far, with outings, picnics and games in the hall. Most of us are going to Weymouth for five days in September and we shall soon be arranging our Christmas Party and Christmas meal. If you wish to join us just come along to our meetings (in the Village Hall) on the first and last Thursday in the month at 2.00 pm

Village Events:

As you will see from the report by the Residents' Association report, there have been a number of successful events throughout the year.

By the time you read this the Village Fete will also have been and gone, hopefully with sunshine.

I would like to thank the Users Group at this point for their hard work in making these events happen and the Residents' Association for their help and support.

As usual, a lot of work inevitably falls on few shoulders so we are always on the lookout for more volunteers. More volunteers would not only lighten the load but we may be able to arrange more events for the village.

Hall:

It has been a very good year with bookings up and many enquiries for the future. We have long term contracts with Alzheimer's, Slimming World, and Zumba with two new groups: Pyjama Drama and a

Yoga Class.

We also have a new and more flexible bar arrangement run by Martin Cox of Every Occasion Catering which we hope will prove to be very popular. Martin arranged an Open Day on 1st June when he opened the bar and held a free barbecue for residents to enjoy in the sunshine.

We look forward to his new and exciting plans for the future.

Precept:

After going down and up over the years the precept has now settled at an acceptable level. Even though all eventualities are covered, in real terms the precept is lower by 3.7% over last year.

Hospital:

I have spent a good deal of time in discussion of hospital matters. Fortunes are changing and it seems that Newark will be upgraded instead of downgraded.

Care Home:

The date for the opening of the Care Home has been put back to September due to the weather conditions disrupting the

building programme. We welcome them to the Fernwood community and look forward to working together.

Growth Point/Core Strategy:

Development Plans for Greater Fernwood are imminent and the Parish Council, together with the Residents' Association will be keeping a very close eye on progress.

We have been advised by County and District Councils to ensure we have input into any discussions so that everyone can be informed of developments as they happen.

There will be an Open Meeting in September when residents will be invited to voice their opinions on all matters concerning Fernwood and Greater Fernwood.

Finally, I would like to thank Cllr Sue Saddington and Cllr Ivor Walker for the support they have given the village during this last year. Together we shall keep on fighting for a fairer deal for our village.

Managing Stress in a Modern Environment

A series of 4 workshops

Led by The Revd I Lambert

Associate Priest at the Parish Church of St Giles, Balderton

Fernwood Village Hall

Sunday 8 September	Sunday 10 November
Sunday 13 October	Sunday 8 December
From 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	

Refreshments available

You can attend one—or all

1. Work-life Balance
2. Money Matters
3. Stress of War
4. Family Life and Separation



The Parish Church of St Giles

Invites you

Saturday
6 July

From 2.00 pm

To come and join the fun
in the Church Hall

SUMMER FAIR



Chuter Ede School Choir
Charlotte Hamilton Dancers

Grand Prize Draw - with some fantastic prizes
Barbecue - Games - Tombola
Refreshments - Cakes - Stalls

New this year!

Free
Children's Fancy Dress Parade (11 yrs and under)



Road adoption – Goldstraw Lane

Inconsiderate parking

The Residents' Association and the Parish Council, via its newly created Strategy Group, have been advised that the road system running along Goldstraw Lane towards Johnsons Road, and the feeder roads, are likely to be adopted by the Highways Department towards the end of this

September.

What this means is that direct and immediate

action can be taken against road users who persist in parking illegally and especially on the pavements. Traffic enforcement officers will be employed and who will be instructed to issue notices informing errant drivers that a fixed penalty (£60 at current rates) will apply. Efforts will also be made to track down the drivers' insurers, and naturally this will invalidate any insurance cover in place. The emergency services are also

entitled to gain access to properties which are in any way obstructed by illegally parked vehicles and can use whatever means are necessary to carry out their duties – drivers of any vehicles damaged as a result cannot claim any recompense and, in fact, the emergency services can claim from the offender's insurers.

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Prior to the introduction of due legislation, warning notices will

shortly be affixed to cars that are improperly parked. Hopefully, this interim measure will serve as sufficient notice to residents to park reasonably and correctly within the current road system, and within their allocated parking spaces.

The parking issue is the single most common complaint which is aimed at the Parish Council. In fact one resident was so incensed at the inconsiderate

behaviour of selfish drivers that he almost single-handedly brought the proceedings of the Parish Council's AGM to a standstill through the persistence of his complaint. Plainly, this situation has to stop and this appeal is made to drivers to try and seek other parking areas which do not cause inconvenience and are within the Highway Code's guidelines.

Speeding

In a similar vein action will also be taken against those who exceed the speed limit when driving round Fernwood – the Strategy Group will shortly be posting 20mph advisory notices throughout the village using the initiative under the "Twenty is Plenty" campaign which has been successfully introduced in other towns and villages. Training will also be sought in the use of "speed guns" to track and fine those who do not feel that the speed limits apply to them.

Maintenance charges - upkeep of the village and apartments

At the last Residents' Association Open meeting of the 1st May the opportunity was taken to highlight a difference in the charging regimes of Peverel/OM and a similar agency based in the North West. The question was raised as to whether we were "comparing like with like". There are, of course, distinct items of expenditure which were unique to each establishment which meant that only an approximate overview could be taken. The managing agents' fees of one (totalling 200+ apartments) arrived at £149pa whereas Fernwood residents were levied £127pa – but the specific breakdowns were not completely available.

The Strategy Group formed by the Parish Council and the

Residents' Association are only too pleased to complete further studies of this type. However, this relies on residents to providing the background supports which can be subjected to any comparisons. Obviously, the more that we have, the more relevant the final analysis becomes.

However, perhaps the best way of tackling the issue of costs is to keep a constant eye on the way that the village is maintained and to ensure best value for money? You should be aware that a working group has been formed to keep a regular check on maintenance issues, but the individual input of residents is vital to this process. Eventually the performance of the maintenance team should

be driven to a level where there is a high degree of satisfaction.

As part of this issue, and recognising that most residents pay a maintenance fee in addition to their Council Tax, representations are being made to the District Council to justify the charges being made compared with other near localities who receive a higher level of support services at roughly the same costs.

In Memorium

Mike Mutter, the founder of the Fernwood and District Residents' Association (now the FRA) and past chairman of the Fernwood Parish Council died suddenly at home in Thirsk in late April.

In 2004 Mike attended the very first meeting of what was to become the FDRA and volunteered to be chairman. A committee was formed to address problems related to the DWH developments, which also enveloped the already establishing housing built during the time of the hospital.

Mike later proposed the establishment of the Fernwood Parish Council to differentiate Fernwood from the Balderton PC, with whom we were then linked, and to give improved values and decision making powers to the residents of the village.

He was also involved in much of the early planning and financial considerations related to the building of the Village Hall.

Mike left Fernwood some three years ago to return to his native Yorkshire and leaves his wife Coral, living in Thirsk, and a son and daughter.

Charles Brown



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

**In August, September and October, on the first Sunday of the month, the morning service at 9.30 am will be an All Age Service without Eucharist.*

For those who want Eucharist, or Holy Communion, there will be the 8.00 am service at Balderton and 11.00 am at All Saints, Barnby in the Willows.

For more information about St Giles you might want to subscribe to the Parish News, a monthly publication which costs only 50p. Contact the editor of Parish News, lorna.c.coleman@gmail.com

Balderton Methodist (Main Street)

Sundays

10.30 am Morning Service

Mondays

9.30-11.30 am Coffee Morning

Holy Trinity RC (Boundary Road)

Mass times:

7.00 pm Saturday Vigil

10.00 am Sunday

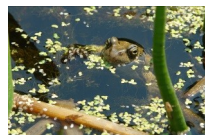
6.00 pm Sunday

Salvation Army (Lowfield Lane)

Sundays

10:30 am Morning Service

10.00 am Coffee & Biscuits served
before the service



The addition of a pond, no matter how small can bring a

new dimension to a garden and with the loss of some 70% of ponds throughout the country over the last 100 years there has never been a more critical time to create one.

Nothing could be better than sitting in the garden watching the wildlife teeming on and above the water of your pond on a sunny afternoon.

The introduction of a pond will create a habitat for a wide range of insects and amphibians. You will be encouraging such wild-life as pond skaters, water beetles, mayflies, and damselflies, and where these are found amphibians such as frogs, toads and newts will follow.

A pond will also encourage wild birds who can feed upon the wide range of insects the pond will attract. It also provides a good source of water. If the pond is large enough it may attract swallows and house martins which will swoop across the surface feeding upon the surface insects.

Whilst larger ponds may produce a greater diversity of pond life, no pond is too small. The only criterion being the depth of water with 60cm being a suitable minimum. Almost any container can be used but the main materials tend to be fibre glass, concrete or PVC liners. However the clarity of water in some smaller ponds can be a problem.

When designing your pond take into account the size of your garden. Safety and access is also important where there are young children. Its position with relation to any deciduous trees must also be considered. Remember, in the autumn leaves will fill the pond. Its location with regard to the sun is also important so try to locate it in an area which will receive some direct sun light but not necessarily all day.

Try to construct your pond with an irregular shape and varying depths to suit the different types of aquatic plants you are planning to use. Create it with at least one shallow side which slopes upward to the edge of the pond which will help amphibians in and out of the water or help careless hedgehogs escape should they fall in. These areas can then be planted with marginal aquatic plants.

Whilst concrete is a good and durable material and is easy to clean, cracks may develop which can be difficult to repair.

Although pond liners are popular, the longevity will depend upon the quality of the material used. Whilst black polythene may last only 3 to 4 years, PVC liners are more durable and, depending upon the quality, can last up to 20 years.

When calculating the size of a pond liner, measure the maximum length and breadth and then add twice the maximum depth plus 15cm for the edge overlap which should be secured with flat stones extending around the periphery of the pond.

Fibre glass ponds come in pre-formed shapes and sizes but the inner contours of this type of pond is not a good shape for wildlife and often lacks the gently sloping sides.

Even a plastic storage box can be used but it will need to be partially filled with rocks at one end to create a shallow sloping area which as indicated above is necessary for amphibians and wayward hedgehogs.

Once installed and filled do not rush to add the fish. The water needs time to settle, algae to form and the natural balance of the pond to be established. Do not over fill the pond with plants as they will grow and can choke the waters. Marginal plants should be placed in the shallow area whilst oxygenating plants in the deeper water are essential. Water lilies will also provide

shade but will need to be regularly separated.

In some ponds additional oxygenation may be required and the fitting of a pump supplying a waterfall or fountain may be advisable. This will considerably improve the oxygen level in the water especially if the pond is in direct sunlight.

Do not over stock the pond with fish and bear in mind they can attract predators such as cats or herons. The use of heavy grade fishing line or a net will deter almost anyone set upon stealing your fish.

Once established, your pond will require cleaning, this will depend upon the size of the pond but every two years is a reasonable time.

The water in the pond should be re-used so transfer it into a container or containers removing the fish as the level falls. The plants can also be removed and split as necessary. Once empty, the detritus and approximately half the silt from the bottom of the pond can be removed. This will result in less damage being done to the pond wildlife.

The pond walls can then be cleaned and inspected for damage or degradation before returning the water, fish and plants.

Algae and blanket weed can be particular problems and whilst chemicals can be used it is best to try more natural solutions by altering the plant balance. Alternatively the use of ultraviolet filters will help restore the water clarity.

Like all areas of the garden, a pond requires some effort with regard to care and maintenance but once established it can provide a haven for wildlife and give enormous pleasure.

Remember wildlife does not discriminate between natural and man-made ponds so in building a pond in your garden you are also doing a bit for nature.

Fernwood Annexe of Chuter Ede School have been working on a project about bugs and mini beasts. This tied in very well with the Conservation Group's project to build a 'Bug Hotel' and in liaison with the School we set a competition to design a 'bug hotel'. The plan is to use the children's designs to build the insect habitat near the enclosed rare-grass meadow.

Competition Winners (Not in any particular order)

Insects like their habitat to be:
dark damp calm

The Bug Flat
By Mollie Swinscoe

My design:
cardboard
tiles
bricks
drink bottles
straws
wood
tile
wood

My design is special because it has lots of wood on it.

Materials that I would use:
Bricks
straws
cardboard
pallet
tiles
wood
drinks bottle

The Bug Flat By Mollie Swinscoe

Insects like their habitat to be:
dark damp calm

Bug Buffalo
By Isobel Dupee-Johnson

My design:
leaves
box
pipes
grass
bamboo canes
bottle
sticks

My design is special because it stays tall.

Materials that I would use:
leaves bamboo canes
grass leaves pipes
cardboard box
drinks bottle

Bug Buffalo By Isobel Dupee-Johnson

Insects like their habitat to be:
calm safe snugly dark damp

Bug Pub Take Away
By Thomas Williams Li

My design:
Bamboo cane
leaves
grass
cardboard
bricks
leaves wood pallet pipe

My design is special because it has lots of cardboard.

Materials that I would use:
leaves pallet straw
straw brick grass bamboo
cane bottle cardboard
board wood pipe

Bug Pub Take-Away By Thomas Li



During our topic on mini beasts, we spent a day at Whisby Nature Reserve. We had lots of fun bug hunting, pond dipping and making stick men.

A lady came to visit us. She told us all about Worms! We learnt about how they help to make compost.



Hollie, Jack, Thomas and Lucas, putting the plants in the Planters on Rubys Walk.

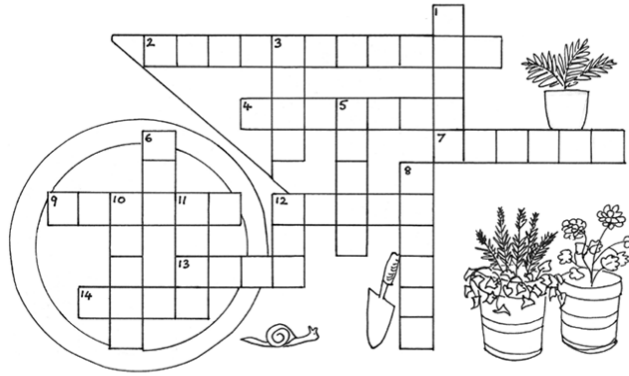




I feel like a change by Duncan MacKellar

I've had a funny feeling,
It's been with me all day,
That maybe I could learn to fly
One sunny day in May.
I'm only a caterpillar,
So what am I to do?
There seems no way I could fly away
And yet, I know it's true.
I don't know why I'm certain,
One day I'll reach the sky.
It's very strange but soon I'll change,
Into a handsome butterfly.
Meanwhile, I'll just take a nap,
Let's see what nature brings.
You never know, I just might grow,
Some brightly painted wings.

Garden Crossword



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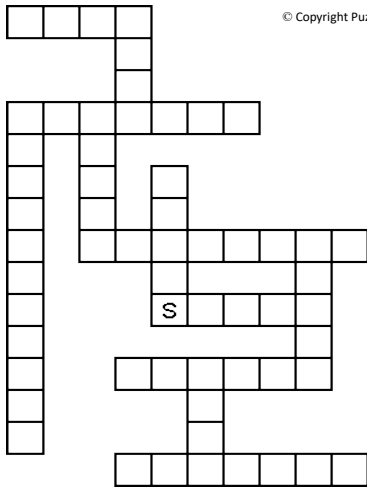
Across

2. Gardener's cart!
4. Flowers on a tree
7. Clippers
9. Red salad fruit
12. Bushy barrier
13. Sweet-scented flower
14. It turns sunlight into energy

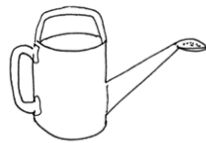
Down

1. These creatures turn the soil
3. Tall, exotic flower
5. You dig with this
6. A sweet ____ is not for eating!
8. Coloured parts of flower
10. This will cut the grass
11. Lawn or grass
12. Long-handled tool for weeding

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Can you fit the underlined words correctly into the grid?



Word Hop

Can you get from **root** to **leaf** in 6 steps? Change one letter to make a new word each time.



root

leaf

Knock Knock

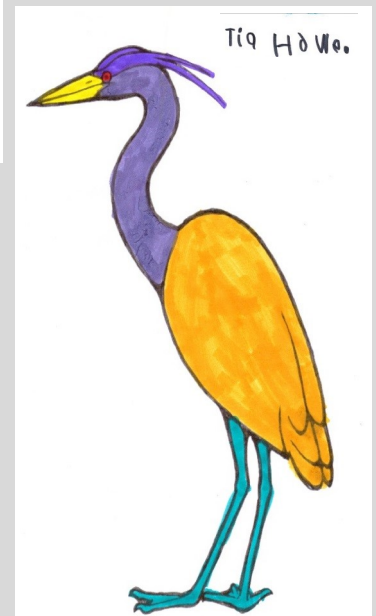
Who's there !
C-2 !
C-2 who ?
C-2 it that you don't forget my name

Doctor Doctor I feel like a racehorse.

Take one of these every 4 laps !

Conservation Group Summer Fete

Colouring Competition Winners



Word Hop Solution: root room road load leaf

Across: 2 wheelbarrow, 4 blos-
som, 7 shears, 9 tomato, 12
hedge, 13 rose, 14 leaf
Down: 1 worms, 3 lily, 5 spade, 6
pea, 8 petals, 10 mower, 11 turf,
12 hoe

Crossword Solution

Fernwood Tennis Club is growing...! - by Chris McGill

We have had a great start to life as an Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) registered club and over the last three months have grown our membership from 0 to 30 junior and adult players.

We had our first Junior competition on June the 2nd and it was a great event with some really good tennis played. Freddie Booth won the competition with Thomas Carter in second place.

The adult social sessions on Mondays continue to offer adult members a guaranteed court from 6.30 - 8.30pm and we will continue to work hard to make this a great chance for adult members to socialise and enjoy improving together. We are hosting our first Club Championships on Sunday the 14th July with an Adult Doubles Competition running from



2.30pm. This is open to non-members too but one of the players needs to be a member of the club.

(Membership prices are: £12 for junior / £18 for adults and £24 for family membership)

If you are keen to get either yourself or your children involved then please call Chris on

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Everyone from the club hopes to see you at the courts soon!!