



FERNWOOD FANFARE

Fernwood Residents Association Public Meeting

Tuesday 28th March 2017 7:30pm @ The Village Hall

The Fernwood Residents association is changing. Members have moved away and new members have moved in to take their place. But we need to know what residents want us to do. The present members are keen to

move in a direction where the association is more community based. We are hoping that as more residents join they will bring that community feel to our group. **If you have any ideas you can email them prior to the meeting to:**

chair@fernwood-ra.uk

Please come to FRA's public meeting on 28th March, 7:30pm at the village hall and help decide what happens in Fernwood. (Please read posts on P3 and P4)

'Fledglings, Finches and Falcons, camping, cooking and den building in deepest darkest Fernwood'



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Petanque and conservation group updates.

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At Last! Maintenance charge re-funds!

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Emma Oldham introduces Forest Schools

Earls
BISTRO - BAR - KITCHEN

Earls bar and bistro at 5-7 Ruby's Walk re-opens after their rebranding and refurbishment. After much anticipation, a great deal of hard work, blood sweat and tears they are delighted to announce that they are ready to re-open their doors to the public from 5pm on Friday 10th March 2017 - **Read all about the grand re opening on page 2.**



Come & celebrate
our re-opening
Friday 10th March,
5pm onwards

Earls!!
cafe • bar • kitchen

A meeting space with friends and family with tea and cake on tap and free Wi-Fi - A spot of light lunch or a sharing platter to nibble on in the bar over drinks - How about an early evening 2 4 1 cocktail to help you unwind - A cold beer and a warm welcome - Order sandwiches and light bites to take away with you on a day out and make your picnic go with a zing - Can't be bothered to cook? Drop in and sample our value for money Early Bird menu or our extensive dinner menu and save yourself the washing up.

Our new opening times and menu offers are as follows;

We are now open every day from 10am - 11.30pm Monday to Sunday;

Our Brunch menu is on from 10am every day

The Cakes and tea/coffee will be served all day every day!

Light bites and lunch from 12noon -2pm

(12 – 6pm on a Saturday)

Serving platters and afternoon tea available from 2pm onwards

Early bird specials and 2 4 1 cocktails are on offer from 6pm -7pm

Our exciting Dinner menu rolls in at 6pm - 9pm

Sunday's see us serving a lovely roast dinner from 12-6 after breakfast.

We do hope Earls will become your local go to place for everything;

Our latest menus and up to date offers can always be found on our website www.earls-barandrestaurant.co.uk or call in to see what our specials of the day are on our blackboards.

Remember - we are open 10am - 11.30pm every day and have something for everyone.

We have lots of cake and free Wi-Fi - what's not to love!!

Freshwater Drainage on Fernwood



Whilst it falls freely from the sky, the rain must go somewhere once it has landed. In Fernwood, drainage systems were installed by the builder that meant that we do not have to pay the "Surface Water" charge to Severn Trent. However, it does mean that we are responsible for dealing with all surface water in the village and therefore have First Port maintain the drainage systems on our behalf.

Now Fernwood Central is complete, we must take on the maintenance of all of these systems. First Port has been negotiating with Barratts on our behalf to ensure that they are in good condition before we accept them. This includes the 2 balancing ponds on Hollowdyke Lane as well as the ditches / water courses that run alongside Hollowdyke Road. This is expected to be completed soon and will result in a small additional cost that will be included within our future service charge.

David Heath

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& sometimes overwhelmed?

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Maintenance Service Charge Errors to be Refunded

Many who live on Fernwood will be aware that you have a Maintenance Strategy Group that was set up by the Parish Council and the Residents Association to deal with aspects of maintenance in the Village. One long standing issue has been the accounting errors, mainly in the days of Peverel and OM. The change to First Port brought an openness and a willingness to discuss the concerns of residents that has resulted in an agreement to correct earlier mistakes. This will result in errors to the value of just over £58,000 being made available to be refunded to residents from the years June 2003 to May 2015. Around half of this will be made automatically to current owners with the remainder being owed to previous owners.

Before anyone rushes out to spend the money, most of the errors occurred in the years June 2004 to May 2007 and it will be the owners of these properties that will receive the larger refunds. First Port has calculated the refund for each year and each property. Each current resident who is affected will receive a letter from First Port. The refund will be given as a credit note direct to your Fernwood service charge account and you will be able to view this by registering online. If your statement is in credit by more than £10 you will be able to ask for the credit amount to be transferred to your bank account. Please contact the First Port Fernwood Site Manager - John Jeys.

Most of the errors were expenses charged to schedule 1 instead of to The Woodlands and to those in schedule 4 properties (the flats). Owners of these

properties will not be required to make good any underpayment but have no entitlement to a refund as they have already benefited.

Anyone who has moved house within Fernwood or moved away from Fernwood and had previously paid the annual service charge during June 2003 - May 2014 should contact First Port in order to receive their portion of the refund. If you know of anyone, or still have the contact details of the previous owner/s to your property, you may like to pass this message on. Any monies not claimed will remain with First Port.

Many of you will be aware that Sue Taylor had been querying charges since 2008 and it is mainly due to her financial work and tenacity that these refunds have been agreed and the accounting regime for the Fernwood service charges have been tightened up to prevent errors in the future. We all owe her our gratitude.

The issue of maintenance payments not being made by the properties known as phase 1 is still outstanding. Action is still being pursued with the Developer through First Port.

We are seeking someone with a financial background to continue our work on the accounts. Whilst much of the work relating to previous accounts has been completed, this is an ongoing issue. If you are from an accountancy or audit background, please contact the residents association by email at chair@fernwood-ra.uk and we can have a chat over a coffee.

David Heath.

Chuter Ede School

Well at last the Spring weather is coming!

We are thrilled to finally have completed our Screen, Lighting and Sound project in school with a very generous donation of £1000 from the One Stop Carriers for Causes scheme, Fernwood Parish Council and the Fernwood Association of Chuter Ede. This project would not have been able to take place without their generosity, so 'Thank you'!

With the better weather, we are continuing to concentrate on improving the school grounds. We have planted a Willow Dome on the edge of the field to provide shade and shelter as well as somewhere to play!

Also, we are working with the Newark Castle Rotary Club to build an Eco Greenhouse out of 2 litre plastic drinks bottles. This will allow children to learn about gardening and growing fruit and vegetables. We are still collecting the bottles, so if you have any to spare, please drop them in at school! Thank you.

The Woodland Trust have donated over 100 trees including Hawthorn, Rowan, Blackthorn, Silver birch, Hazel and Common Oak, which we are hoping the children will have the chance to plant in the school grounds.

Finally, we are hoping to soon start a project with the Fernwood conservation Group to turn an unused area of the school field into a Bog & Pond Area. This will include a wildlife Dipping Pond with a large wooden viewing platform, with a wooden walkway joining a smaller platform around a small pond. This will allow all children to take part in pond dipping and to experience nature, wildlife and the environment in their local community.

We continue to be very grateful for the support Chuter Ede School receives from the local community and wish you all a fantastic Spring!



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Just Joking

True Gentleman

A Gentleman and his wife walked past a swanky new restaurant

"Oooh! Did you smell that food?" she asked

"Incredible" he agreed

Then being a kind hearted Gentleman he thought "what the heck... I'll treat her"
So they walked past the restaurant again.

Q & A

Q. What's the difference between a G-spot and a golf ball.

A. A guy will actually search for a golf ball.

Scooby Doo

Every Scooby Doo episode would only be two minutes long if the gang would only go to the mask shop to find out who'd bought one recently.

ST GILES CHURCH – Balderton

I have wonderful memories of Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, as I was growing up. Pancake races at school and pancakes at teatime gave the day a sense of celebration. One particular memory I have is of watching my dad try to toss a pancake and catch it in the pan and I remember willing it to stick to the ceiling! Shrove Tuesday falls on the last day of February this year and Ash Wednesday on 1st March marks the beginning of Lent. Please do consider joining us at the beginning of this special time for the Church. Our service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes is held on Ash Wednesday at 7.30pm and there we will gather to join in a time of self-examination and reflection as we move in to the season of Lent in preparation for Easter. This is a beautiful service that offers the opportunity to reconnect with our faith and allow ourselves to be held and loved by God.

During Lent we will be holding our Lent course, looking at the teachings of Ash Wednesday and I commend the course to you. Entitled 'Receiving Christ' the five sessions look at how we might seek to live the life of a Christian in ways that reflect how Jesus lived himself. We will explore what it means to be called children of God, what does caring for our neighbour really look like, what is so special and life changing about Holy Communion and how prayer ought to be a daily feature of our lives.

Please consider joining us for these sessions beginning on Tuesday 7th March at 10.30am and Thursday 9th March at 7.30pm. The sessions will be held in church and you are most welcome to come along. Booklets will be provided and there will be refreshments and the opportunity to share our experiences with each other.

Lent is a special season for the Church and as we mark the season here in Balderton and Barnby in the Willows we join our brothers and sisters, not only in the Diocese but throughout the world in focussing on our lives as disciples of Christ.

My prayer for us all as we journey together is that we will enjoy a fresh encounter with God and be inspired and encouraged by sharing stories of those encounters with each other.

Whether you are planning to give something up for Lent like chocolate or alcohol, or take up a new cause, I encourage you to take time to offer yourself and your plans to God and perhaps make this prayer your own;

*Lord God,
Thank you for your presence with me;
for your guidance and encouragement in the past.
Thank you for taking me in to the future,
unknown and uncertain.
But, above all,
thank you for being with me now,
today, at this present moment,
when we can meet together, for this is heaven on earth.
Amen*

With love and prayers, Revd Louise

ST GILES CHURCH – Balderton

Normal Services at St Giles are :-

<i>First Sunday of the Month</i>	8.00 Holy Communion 9.30 am -10.45 am All Age Worship 6.00 pm Evensong
<i>Last Sunday of the Month</i>	9.30 am Family Friendly Holy Communion
<i>All other Sundays</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion 6.00 pm Evensong (Refresh on 4 th Sunday)
<i>Every Thursday</i>	9.45 am Holy Communion
<i>Every Tuesday</i>	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm Parish Surgery to book Baptisms and Weddings.
<i>Every Wednesday</i>	2.00 pm -3.00 pm Open Church. Come along for a cup of tea and a chat.
<i>Every Second and Third Sunday (Except for School Holidays) Sunday Club meets in St Giles Community Hall. For Children 3+ at 9.30 am.</i>	

Other Dates for your diary

Friday 3rd March Women's World Day of Prayer at 2.00pm at the Salvation Army Centre, Balderton.

Lent Course, "Receiving Christ"

Every Tuesday from **7th March** at 10.30am and every Thursday from **9th March** at 7.30pm, in Church for 5 weeks.

Saturday 11th March Coffee Morning in the St Giles Community Hall.

Sunday 26th March at 9.30am **Mothering Sunday**. Child Friendly Service in Church.

Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday. Joint Service with the Methodist Church, starting at the Methodist Church at 10.00am

Friday 14th April Good Friday. "This is Easter" An interactive event for All Ages from 10am-12.noon.
Hot Cross Buns/Tea/ Coffee.

For all other services during Holy Week please see the separate advert.

Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 30th April St Giles APCM

Sunday 7th May at 6.00pm **Commemoration Service**

Saturday 20th May. Coffee morning, at Methodist Church, in aid of Christian Aid. 10am-12noon

Sunday 25th June. Church in the Castle at Newark Castle, with the salvation Army Band. This is a Churches together in Newark event.

For more information and details of our social groups and other activities in St Giles Community Hall, please look at the St Giles website

www.stgilesbalderton.org.uk

Fernwood Parish Council

Caron Ballantyne - Parish Clerk

Since I wrote the last article for the Fanfare, Marion Fox Goddard has been appointed to the role of Assistant Clerk and we are working well together to update all the policy and procedure documents to make them usable and accessible for the 21st Century. Some of these documents have already been published to the website and more will follow as and when they have been reviewed. Having another pair of hands round the hall does mean that we can now offer a staffed office 5 days a week, 10am – noon, to residents for both Parish Council and Hall booking enquiries as well as face to face meetings. We are also contactable via a new email address which we can both pick up and respond to, which is Office@FernwoodPC.co.uk. The Parish Council now have 2 new councillors to fill the vacancies left by the resignations of Anthony Barson and Jim Gould. Many thanks to both Anthony and Jim for all the work they have done for the Parish Council over the years and we wish them well for the future. Welcome to

Mike Hartley and Michael Phelan, we hope that you find this a fulfilling and rewarding role in the years to come. You may have seen the articles in the Newark Advertiser and on Facebook about progress on the ongoing negotiations with First Port about the annual maintenance fees and the possibility of this type of arrangement not being permitted on future developments. Whilst that doesn't assist current residents, there has been some negotiation on the overcharging that has occurred in the past and a rebate should be forthcoming.

If you have any queries for the Parish Council, please don't hesitate to contact either Marion or myself on Office@FernwoodPC.co.uk

Fernwood Residents Association

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Balderton and Fernwood Neighbourhood Policing Team

--Parking in Fernwood--

It has been brought to our attention on several occasions about the parking situation in and around Fernwood. We understand the frustration that this creates to local residents.

Parking close to junctions causes obstructions to emerging vehicles and has the potential to cause a collision with other vehicles or possibly pedestrians.

Rule 243 of the Highway Code states: DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space. Vehicles parked in such a manner face receiving a Traffic Offence Report under Road Traffic Act s.22 leaving vehicles in dangerous positions.

Whilst we appreciate that every resident does not necessarily have access to parking spaces for all of their household's vehicles, we would ask that everyone in Fernwood park responsibly and in a way which is not going to cause obstructions to other road users and not to park on road junctions.



Since 2008 most parking restrictions can be enforced by Civil Enforcement Officers working on behalf of Newark and Sherwood District Council. This includes the council's pay and display car parks, single/double yellow lines, loading bays, disabled parking bays, taxi bays and bus stops.

Police have powers to removed vehicles which are causing an obstruction to the highway.

YOUR BEAT TEAM

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Keep an eye out and if you see anyone acting suspiciously in your neighbourhood, call the police on 101 or, in an emergency, 999



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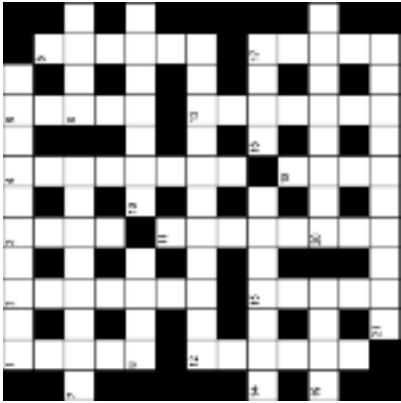
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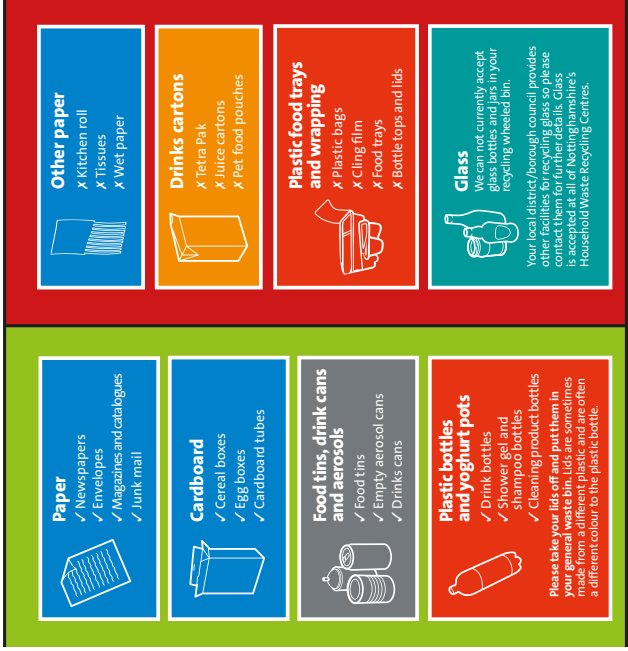


Puzzle Time



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- 1 Unwanted third person (10)
7 Pharmacist (8)
8 The first man (4)
9 Suspend (4)
10 Look after children (7)
12 Too small to be seen with the naked eye (11)
14 Teach (7)
16 Take notice of (4)
19 South American country (4)
20 Broadcasting (2,3,3)
21 Imprisonment (10)



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We would love to hear from you!

For more details about the event contact
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Fernwood Clubs Support Each Other

Following the recent article in the Fanfare about the Conservation Group's work with Hedgehogs, the Petanque Club wanted to help and support their work in the village. One of the Petanque Club members, Ray Dickinson, has worked extensively with the conservation group and knew that they have great difficulty funding their good work. All the petanque Club members agreed to donate £50 worth of bird feed to allow them to support wild birds during the winter months.

Conservation Group
Many thanks to the Petanque club for their generous donation it's good to know our work is appreciated. Our latest project was to

create a path through the wood behind Cameron Lane. Later we plan to relocate some of the many bulbs in the area at the end of flowering to create a floral walk.



Forest Schools

Children are happier, healthier and more creative when they're connected to the natural world. Wild places improve our mood and increase our sense of self-worth while playing and learning in wild places can help children develop meaningful relationships with family and friends.



Imagine it... mud painting, den-building, story-telling, mini-beast hunting and cooking over a campfire – sound good? Great! These are just a handful of activities arriving in Fernwood this Spring! Running monthly, your little (and big ones) can join one of three Forest School clubs: Fernwood Fledglings (3-5 years – parents mandatory), Fernwood Finches (5-8 years) and Fernwood Falcons (9-16 years).



Supported by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, all sessions will run for 90-120 minutes, are priced at £5 per child and include a range of outdoor activities, games, drink, snacks and campfire cooking on special occasions.



Generous financial support from The Newark and Sherwood District Council, players of People's Postcode Lottery and the Fernwood Parish Council will help purchase equipment to teach participants to develop life skills, encounter wildlife, cook, craft and play! All sessions will be hosted by a Level 3 Forest Schools Practitioner, alongside a bunch of lovely volunteers aiming to use wild places to teach children to take risks, make rational decisions, while sparking creativity and friendships. I look forward to seeing you all in the woods!

Emma Oldham (Volunteer for Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust)

To find out more information and register interest for the clubs please visit:



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