

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

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## First Edition !!

Welcome to this first edition of *Fernwood Fanfare*.

We gave you a taster copy earlier in the summer which we hope was enough to whet your appetite.

This is your Newsletter! In it, we hope to be able to bring you news of what is happening in the village... new ideas and innovations, what's been happening, what's going on, and what's coming up. We hope you will also send us your ideas, hopes, and aspirations for the village. Send us your comments, your problems, your wish lists - we may not be able to solve the problems or do much about the wish lists, but we can bring them to the attention of those who might. There'll be plenty of opportunity for

you to send us news of your happy happenings too. If you or your children have done anything exciting or extra special send us details and photos - share your special celebrations with us - we'd love to hear from you.

We hope you enjoy your village news.

Editorial Team

## From the Chairman of Fernwood Parish Council

It has been a busy year so far with plans advancing for the building of the Chuter Ede Fernwood school campus.

It was my pleasure and honour to represent the Parish on Monday 19 September at the presentation of the cheque from David Wilson Homes to Notts County Council, the bond set aside by David Wilson Homes several years ago, plus a large amount of interest.

Several events have taken place, such as the first Fernwood Dash and Fun Run; various well supported events at the village hall with local artists performing and many more from the various community groups now in existence in the village.

As the nights draw in we are looking ahead to the winter months and this year we have been able to provide a grit bin on the one area of land owned by the Parish Council and have arranged for leaves to be collected over the next few weeks to keep the area tidy.

I would like to thank the residents who helped out on the first Saturday in September with the litter pick.

#### Parish News

#### **Road Adoption**

At a recent parish council meeting it was agreed to support David Wilson Homes' proposal to Notts County Council to bring Goldstraw Lane up to an adoptable standard so it and all other roads in Fernwood can be adopted as soon as possible.

This will enable us to move forward

to find appropriate schemes with the County Council which will address parking issues and progress the "20 is Plenty" campaign agreed by the Parish Council earlier this year.

#### Purchase of Wooded Land

At September's Parish Council meeting it was agreed to look further into purchasing the wooded area of land near the Fernwood Day Nursery and Balderton Hall. Should we be in a position to purchase the land, we will first need to agree terms with the current owner; then have the area surveyed to identify work needed to be carried out on the trees and to plan any appropriate landscaping.

#### **Bulb Planting**

This year we are planning another bulb planting on the green areas of Fernwood. This will take place on the weekend of 22 and 23 of October. Notts County Council have again offered a grant of £100 towards the cost of the bulbs. If you are interested in helping please email me at climison@fernwoodpc.co.uk for further details.

We hope that once again this year will be a family bulb planting with as many children helping to plant a legacy that they will see growing each spring.

#### Village Hall review update

Following an extensive review of the Hall's financial position and its operations we are pleased to report that our community centre is now well placed to serve Fernwood residents and other interest groups for the foreseeable future.

We now have an active Enterprise Board (that oversees its trading and day-to-day activities) and a Charitable Trust that monitors its objectives as a centre for education and recreation activities.

Whether your desire is to hold a wedding, christening, birthday or other special event, the village hall and its team are geared to providing you with that extra special service.

Here are some of the events that have been held recently: Zumba dance dasses, Mothers and Toddlers meetings, Fernwood over 50s, Alzheimers Society, Family Night, Fernwood Amateur Dramatics, Poker Nights, Bike Club, Fernwood Ladies, Ambitions Personnel meetings.

So, all-in-all a wide variety of activities – the list of what is available will continue to expand. It is also the focus for our sports clubs – and with the Olympic year shortly upon us we anticipate greater interest both for juniors and seniors.

We are also planning for the anticipated participation by schoolchildren and their parents following the proposed school build to the north of our village. So some real development potential for our centre which we hope is viewed as the hub of Fernwood.

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# **Fernwood Ladies**















For those of you new to Fernwood, Fernwood Ladies is a great way to meet new friends and find out what is happening in the community.

Our monthly meetings are in the

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Village Hall on the last Tuesday evening of the month *(except December)* at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

We usually have a guest speaker or an activity and this year we have enjoyed a varied programme including; a talk about creating your Family Tree from lan Lawrence, the benefits of massage and Reiki from Diana Thomas, Antiques, Bra Fitting, Crafting, plus the more serious topic of Breast Screening and we have just enjoyed learning about Sushi at our September meeting.

We will be creating our meeting calendar for next year soon and a leaflet should drop through your door

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further information on what is available or, if you want to make that all important booking, please contact the Hall Manager: kelly@fernwoodvillagehall.co.uk.

## Speeding – "20 is Plenty" campaign

Although the 'official' speed limit remains at 30mph, the Residents' Association and Parish Council believe action needs to be taken to reduce this to 20mph especially as our village will remain a building site for some while.

Unfortunately, from time to time we are plagued by the menace, commonly referred to as boyracers. Efforts will be made to curtail these drivers who drive irresponsibly in a built up area.

Some near misses have been reported and we are fearful that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs if no action is taken.

20 is Plenty campaigns have been launched successfully in other neighbourhoods. We are engaging with the Developers and the Highways Dept at District and

in January with the information - but different beauti we still have more to come this year as below. Surprise, surpr

**25 October** - Pumpkin Carving (*Bring* your own Pumpkin, knife and messy mat!)

**29 November** - 'Keeping yourself Safe'. Self defence information. *Speaker to be confirmed*.

Put the dates in your diary and come along a few times and see if you would like to join us.

If you enjoy our company and decide to become a regular member we have members only social events and outings which may include partners or even the whole family.

We help in the community by; being part of the 'Litter Picking' group, we prepared and served the cold supper at Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society Olde Tyme Musical production and we hosted a fantastic evening of pampering for the community. There were luxury vendors, scrumptious cakes, wine and a vast choice of treatments from 11

County level regarding the

system is adopted.

Clerk:

implementation of the campaign in

Fernwood. It is hoped that, if the

advisory speed limit is seen to be

working, it will be accepted as the norm for our village once the road

For further information, or if you

speeding ,then contact the Parish

Want to include news of your

local group?

Contact the Editorial Team via

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17 Cameron Lane

Emma.thorpe01@hotmail.com

have any ideas to further curb

different beauticians and therapists. Surprise, surprise no man dared come along for a massage but they were welcome on the night. Maybe next time...!



Any extra funds raised from events throughout the year are put towards projects within Fernwood and from our efforts in 2009 we were able to help the Mother's & Toddler's Group this year. We bought some soft 'Baby' mats for their morning get-togethers.

For further information regarding Fernwood Ladies or any event we are hosting our email address is: fernwoodladies@fernwoodvillagehall.co.uk Sue Taylor, Chairman

## FOFFS (Fernwood Over Fifty-Fives)

Membership is open to all residents of Fernwood and the surrounding area, although the focus of activities is towards providing an informal social support unit for the older members.

The aim of the Group is to provide an opportunity for members to meet together in congenial surroundings to discuss matters of current interest, to engage in recreational activities, to plan external visits to places of common interest and generally to enjoy each other's company.

The group meets on the first Thursday of the month in the Village Hall from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm with a further meeting later in the month for external activities.

New members welcome



## Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society (FADS)

FADS has put on some wonderful productions since its inauguration in 2009. Starting out with only six. members they now boast some 20 talented thespians of all ages. That's not to say that they wouldn't welcome more members. So if you feel you'd like to tread the boards (or help backstage or with costumes) get in touch with Molly Weale on 647116.

We have been entertained (and fed, as the evenings usually include supper) with two Murder Mysteries, a Victorian Music Hall, and two short contrasting plays.

FADS are currently rehearsing for ....

"The Famdale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild production of Macbeth"

Imagine a group of ladies deciding to enter the "Scottish Play" for the local drama festival with an adjudicator making notes on their efforts. This is the theme of FADS next production.



Not all the ladies can make it that night so some parts have to be taken at very short notice by unprepared stagehands. Several accidents occur during their enthusiastic production resulting in bandages and crutches, not to mention the set being put up back to front.

The resulting farce is proving to be lots of fun for the cast and we are sure that it will be fun to watch.

Watch out for the date of this exciting and hilarious production.

## From the Chairman of Fernwood Residents' Association

FRA Open Meeting' on 6 September was well attended with an agenda of two main items - The School and the proposed Trim Trail.

Guest Speakers were Sharon Williams, County Hall; Robert Galij, David Wilson Homes; and Bob Hattersley, Head of Chuter Ede Primary School. Their brief was to bring us up to date on the development of the Fernwood School annex of the Chuter Ede Primary School.

Sharon Williams explained the procedures of the build. The work should commence later this Finally David Fox explained in year ready for the Phase 1 of the detail the negotiations that had School to open in September 2012.

Robert Gatji explained how the development of the School would interlink with the final phases of the village development. The transfer of the meeting' on 3rd January 2012 land is now imminent and Dale Way and Goldstraw Lane may be adopted within the next year.

Bob Hattersley gave an interesting update on the future educational development of the School. The first intake is now in place at the Chuter Ede site. Two teachers have been appointed and the staff are promoting the ethos of 'one School two sites'. The speakers were received warmly and an opportunity was given for questions.

A presentation of the proposed Trim Trail followed. We are hoping to set up exercise machines around the village for all to use and enjoy. Age groups covered from 7 - 107!

taken place with OM and DWH in order to rectify estate management issues such as lighting and pathways and the work that has been completed.

You are invite to our next 'open

#### "One more step along the road we go"

On Monday 19 September, there was a formal presentation of a cheque for £970,445-00 by Mark Wright, Managing Director of David Wilson Homes, to Mr Keith Walker, Chairman of the County Council, for the site of the new school in Fernwood.

Mr Wright was assisted by six children from the first class of children from the future Fernwood School currently attending Chuter Ede Primary School.

Also present were Mrs Inga Walker, Cllr Mrs Sue Saddington, Cllr Neill Mison, Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Bob Hattersley, Head teacher and Mr John Proctor, Chairman of FRA.

This was a landmark moment in the development of the Fernwood School and the Fernwood Village and will act as a catalyst to bring the village closer together.

John Proctor



#### **Tuesday 4 October**

7.30pm FRA Committee Meeting Village Hall

Sunday 9 October

"Music Hall"

The Cromwell Doll Fair Lots of antique dolls, teddies, old miniatures and related bygones. Make sure you don't miss out! The Vina Cooke Doll Museum, The Old Rectory, Cromwell, Nr. Newark Nottinghamshire NG23 6JJE

#### Sunday 16 October

Norwell Nurseries - Open Garden for NGS Jewel box of over 2.500 different, beautiful and unusual plants sumptuously set out in a 3/4-acre garden with orchids, woodland gems, cottage garden borders, alpine and scree areas. Norwell Nurseries, Norwell, NG23 6JX

Tuesday 25th October -

Fernwood Ladies: Pumpkin Carving (Bring your own Pumpkin, knife and messy mat!)

#### October

Check out Clumber Park for National Trust days out - Fungi photography, forays, exhibitions. Also Woodland Fair, Apple Festival, Cycleabout, Walkabout and Pumpkin Trail.

#### Thursday 3 November

Balderton Safer Neighbourhood Group Meeting in Balderton Village Centre

### Tuesday 8 November

7.30pm FRA Committee Meeting Village Hall

Tuesday 29th November -

Fernwood Ladies: 'Keeping yourself Safe'. Self defence information. Speaker to be confirmed.

**Tuesday 6 December** 7.30pm FRA Committee Meeting Village Hall

**Tuesday 3 January** 7.30pm FRA OPEN MEETING Village Hall

For other days out and about check the website www.wherecanwego.com

(This is a free website so use it to add your event)



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#### Harry Potter Spells Word Search

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## Notice Board



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BALDERTON VILLAGE CENTRE

on 3rd November 2011 at 6.30 pm

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Contact: Janice 07977209388 or Kate 07932233130

## Advance Notice

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in the Village Hall

**Tuesday 20 December** 6.30 pm **Everyone Welcome** 

**Deadline for** Winter Issue Friday 18 November

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Q: Why did the chicken cross the road twice? A: Because it was a double-crosser.

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