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Autumn 2014

Welcome to another issue of *Fernwood Fanfare*. This will be my last one as Editor. I retired from full time work a little over a year ago and a few months later suffered a mini-stroke. A wake-up call perhaps to slow down? At that time I advised the PC and FRA that I wished to retire from being Editor and only now has someone come forward to take over.

Jeff and Sue Hobson will be taking over the editorial and distribution coordination of the *Fanfare* beginning with the Winter edition which, hopefully, will be out just before Christmas as usual. Below is a brief note from Jeff and Sue. If you see them out and about, please make yourself known.

If you have anything you want to include in the *Fernwood Fanfare* - about a group you run, or an event you are organising, or just

some news about you and your family - or **maybe you feel you would like to be a roving reporter for the *Fanfare*** - please contact Jeff. His email address and phone number are in the 'Deadline Box' on this page.

I would like to thank both the PC and FRA for enabling me to edit this newsletter and you, the readers, for your support. I have really enjoyed doing it, and in some ways will miss it. However, I really do need to slow down and enjoy my retirement doing other things I enjoy, such as drawing and painting, and I can take the opportunity to have more holidays!

I am sure you will support Jeff and Sue with forthcoming issues of *Fernwood Fanfare*.

Merilynne Popple

**Deadline for
Winter Issue
10 November**

Send copy to the Editor:
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The Great Lake, Welbeck



Wollaton Park, Nottingham

Jeff, Your New Editor writes.....



FADS (Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society)

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK COMING TO FERNWOOD



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.



Jeff and Sue Hobson

Now retired, I had a long career in the Brewing industry as a production manager and Sue worked as a manager in residential care.

Only recently married, between us we have five children and ten grandchildren located in Halifax, London, Dronfield and Ireland.

We visited Newark two years ago on our boat and decided it would be a nice place to retire to.

We finally moved here only five months ago.

We love the semi-rural feel of Fernwood and would like to help maintain and develop a village-like community.

NOTE

If the young girls who took part in the last Panto wish to do so again - or anyone who is of similar age and wants to be in this one - could you please give Janet a ring on 702388 to discuss costumes and rehearsal times.

FERNWOOD'S OWN DEFIBRILLATOR

Fernwood now has its own defibrillator, situated outdoors next to the Village Hall entrance.

It is available to all to use in the event of an emergency. Instructions above the defibrillator explain what to do in the case of someone, of any age, having a heart attack.

"If you suspect someone is having a heart attack:

1. Call 999 immediately to get an ambulance – this is their best chance of survival.
2. Get someone to start CPR.
3. Go to the Village Hall, and

call 999, tell them you need the defibrillator.

4. They will ask you for the cabinet serial number – this is in the yellow rectangle just above the blue squares on the front of the machine.
 5. They will give you the four digit access code for the key pad on the front of the box.
 6. Follow the instructions on the machine.
 7. Don't touch the patient whilst shocking.
 8. Continue CPR between shocks.
- Don't worry the machine will not administer a shock if there is a heartbeat."*



Left to right, Cllr Ivor Walker, Cllr Mrs Rita Crowe, Mr John Proctor, Mr Robert Galij

Cllr Mrs Rita Crowe, Chairperson of Newark & Sherwood District Council, opened the defibrillator on 31st July. With her was Mr Robert Galij, Planning Director of Barratt/David Wilson Homes who donated the money to purchase and fit the unit.



Cllr Mrs Crowe

Other guests included Cllr Ivor Walker, Newark & Sherwood District Council, Cllr Jim Weale, Chairman of Fernwood Parish Council and Mrs Janet Robinson, of Fernwood Over 55s, who initially requested the defibrillator on behalf of the residents. Present too were residents of Fernwood

Village.

Cllr Mrs Crowe demonstrated the ease of opening and removing the defibrillator once you have acquired the access code from the ambulance service.

Refreshments were provided by Fernwood Over 55s and the Petanque Group.

The defibrillator is 'live' and is inspected weekly, monthly and annually to ensure that it is ready to be used.

It has been arranged that a member of the Community Heartbeat Trust will attend an Open Meeting on Friday 10th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall to demonstrate to all the residents how to use the defibrillator. All residents are invited. This is important: it could save the life of any one of us!!

John Proctor (Chairman Fernwood Residents' Association)

Annexe extension at Chuter Ede Fernwood

A further addition to our growing village is the completion of Phase II of the Fernwood Annexe of Chuter Ede School.

There is now provision for a full primary age range, a large hall and dining facilities.

Fernwood Residents' Association held its Open Meeting in the School Hall on Tuesday 9th September which gave residents and guests the opportunity to look round the newly extended school.

John Proctor (Chairman Fernwood Residents' Assoc)

DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Three groups made successful bids for the remaining Fernwood Development Project Funds donated by Barratt/David Wilson Homes.

Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society (FADS) made a double bid. One for Sound Equipment. The group purchased a 10 Channel Powered Mixer, 2x12" Passive PA Speakers, speaker stands and leads, together with a 6 channel radio mike set at a cost £787.

FADS second bid was for additional lightweight

portable Lighting Kit consisting of two spotlights and cables at a total cost £631.20.

The second successful bid was from Fernwood Petanque Club for £1180 towards the extension of the Petanque Terrain from four to six lanes. This is in order to accommodate more visiting teams in both leagues and competitions.

The third successful bid was from Fernwood Residents Association for £600 to provide school and speed limit signs with artwork

designed by Fernwood Chuter Ede School children. These signs will be installed at various locations throughout the village.

We now have used all the £5000 donated by Barratt/David Wilson Homes for 2014 and look forward to ideas for projects in 2015 when we will receive a further £5000.

John Proctor, Chairman Fernwood Project Review Group



We are pleased to be able to contribute to your Fernwood Fanfare again.

Balderton has been extremely busy over the past year and we are aware that some of our patients have not been overly happy with the GP changeovers and use of locums.

We are pleased to announce that we have recruited **Dr Baynham** who will be our Lead GP starting one day per week and then full time in January.

Dr Dhawan joined us last month and already patients are commenting on how nice he is. **Dr Thompson** is joining us in October.

All the GPs are full time and looking forward to offering the best care possible to the residents of Fernwood and Balderton. All the new GPs come

with various skills, so we will be able to again offer Sexual Health services as well as minor surgery clinics which will be held monthly or bi-monthly dependant upon demand.

Please let us not forget the lovely nursing and admin teams that support the practice too.

We are having an Open Day 'Meet the Doctor' on the 24th October from 10am to 2pm. Please see advert in this edition of the Fanfare for all the events on the 24th at Balderton Medical Practice. We hope to see you on the day.

Diane Hall, Business Manager

FERNWOOD DEFIBRILLATOR OPEN MEETING

Learn how to use it!

It could save a life!
Friday 10 October at 7.30 pm

FERNWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Community Heartbeat Trust
will demonstrate how to use the defibrillator in
the event of a heart attack

EVERYONE IS INVITED
TO ATTEND



KEEP CALM
AND USE A
DEFIBRILLATOR

Service Times at our local churches

St Giles Balderton (Main St)

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion
(1st Sunday and Greater Festivals)
9.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm Refresh (4th Sunday)
6.00 pm Evensong

Thursdays

9.45 am Holy Communion

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

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

Balderton Methodist (Main St)

Sundays

10.30 am Morning Service

Mondays

9.30-11.30 am Coffee Morning

Holy Trinity RC (Boundary Rd)

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

Fernwood Development—Cllr Jim Gould

Unlike many other villages within the Newark District, Fernwood has continued to call upon the expertise of agencies as a combined body (the Development Meeting) that have an effect on the enhancement of our village.

Periodically, a meeting is called which involves representatives from the County and District Councils, the developers, OM – our maintenance team as well as the Residents' Association and Parish Council.

The latest meeting held on the 11th September discussed the following issues:

Road adoption

At last there is some progress and it looks like the majority of the main spiral road, including its side roads – Goldstraw Lane through to Dale Way - will be adopted this November.

There is, however, one exception and that is a stretch of road running between Johnson & Phoenix – since construction traffic will still be using this as an access point to complete the build programme.

Following adoption some measures can be taken to curb irresponsible parking and speeding, and we will be assisted by the Highways Department in this respect.

This is not to say that cars will ever be banned from parking on the road systems, for we have suffered from short-sighted planning which never adequately anticipated the growth in the usage of private motor vehicles.

There are schemes we could adopt which would ensure a provision to accommodate the wishes and safe passage of all road users, and which can deal with those that cause a real nuisance.

Although it is appreciated that we are just emerging

Transportation

from one of the worst financial depressions in living memory, we feel that greater efforts could have been made at County level to provide Fernwood with an effective public transportation system.

Extension of bus service?

Initially, we have requested (with the road adoption imminent) that the existing bus services, primarily that running between Grantham and Newark, extend their journey to travel round our village via Dale Way and Goldstraw Lane.

Dissatisfaction has been expressed that no immediate plans are in place to address the fact that we have a growing business park, care home, school and a proposed home build which will eventually add another 3000 dwellings to our village.

Transportation is a constant agenda item at the development meetings, and will remain so until services improve.

Maintenance of the village and associated charges to residents

Residents may not be aware that, via a joint effort of the Residents' Association and the Parish Council, an *OM Strategy Review Group* has been formed.

Formation of an OM Strategy Review Group

Most of the points raised at the meeting were formulated by this Group, and its sub-section commonly referred to as the 'Walkabout Group'.

General upkeep of the communal areas was reported good to satisfactory.

However, there are admitted staff shortages which will be addressed by OM.

The Highways Department has responded to general road systems, drainage and lighting issues but improvements are needed from the developers.

The frequency of mowing the meadow area has been questioned – to maintain it as it is or modify to accommodate the further growth of wild flowers with unwanted weeds, and be as readily accessible to residents as was previously the case.

A new maintenance map needs to be drawn, describing who is responsible for what.

There is a need to engage with all stakeholders during the physical inspection of the village as part of the 'Walkabout Group'.

We now have a commitment from both the developers and Highways Dept that they will appoint a representative to be part of the inspection team.

The opportunity was also taken to remind those attending the Open Meeting that there have been earlier meetings with OM to resolve the issues relating to the levying of maintenance charges as outlined below.

- *Clarity in the presentation of the accounts – and where the charges made are fair and reasonable.*
- *Queries concerning the involvement of OM in the re-mortgaging process, and indeed the application of charges made in respect of additions to individual properties.*
- *Poor customer service – some residents have taken the unusual step of writing to the CEO of OM for assistance.*
- *Challenges made to the*

fairness of the contract between the developers and OM – it seems too 'open ended' and appears counter to current fair trading/contract practices

At this point the efforts of members of the *OM Strategy Group* should be recognised. A considerable amount of work has been completed so that we are in a position where the question of "Are we receiving value for money?" can now be fairly set with supporting facts and figures to justify the concerns previously expressed by residents over many years.

It is the intention to produce a survey in the near future, via the offices of the Group, which will be delivered to all households to elicit even more facts to contribute to the ongoing dialogue with OM. Its next scheduled meeting with OM and the developers/Highways Dept is to be held on the 21st October, but with an interim meeting pencilled in for the 29th September.

In closing, and with reference to the flower beds adjacent to the village hall, although owned by the shops they have plainly been neglected and are a discredit to the village. So much so that the Parish Council will contemplate taking over their maintenance.

Council tax charges

Residents have complained that, in comparison with local villages, our charges are disproportionate when reviewing the actual services received. Previous requests for an explanation to justify the current amounts levied have been greeted with a derisory response from the District Council. Another request has been issued for a full justification.

We have been advised that the planning process (a

Greater Fernwood Development (North)

review of the current proposals) has been deferred until the end of this year.

This due, no doubt, to the considerable input from residents which is now being handled on your behalf via another Strategy Group. This further group is dealing not only with this development but also with the formation of a Parish Plan.

Highlighted, in a separate report are the following issues:

- the fact that no facilities are proposed for the new build (900+ homes)
- access to the new build has clearly not been thought through. Concerns have been expressed with the proposed through route via Hollowdyke Lane which may be unnecessary if there is some joined-up thinking with the house builders to the proposed south development
- the existing village infrastructure needs enhancement to cater for the additional population – ie. approximately double what it is now.
- the retention of the existing breakers yard to the N East of the proposed new build is considered incongruous within a residential build programme
- the new build appears to lack any defining features: additional thought needs to be given to the provision of car parking spaces, perhaps to the front of properties
- that there should be a steering committee for the build programme which involves residents
- concerns that the new build will cross a major gas line. Reassurance is

needed that there will be no safety problems

Production of a Neighbourhood Plan

A Strategy Group has been formed (as mentioned above) which is dealing with issues arising from the proposed North build but also tasked to produce a parish plan – a template for future development and to handle ongoing problems and the everyday needs of the village.

The aforementioned plan will probably take one to two years to complete, and when finalised will ensure the *buy in* from all stakeholders to the village since such an initiative is recognised via legislation. Our Strategy Group is determined to establish a legacy for the future.

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

OM Property Management: omfernwood@fsmail.net

Mob: 07738 738910

Fernwood Residents' Association:

www.fernwoodra.com

Email: jrproctor@talktalk.net

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

First of all I would like to thank Merilynne for all the hard work she has put into the production of Fanfare and to John for assisting - organising distribution - and making the tea! They will be sorely missed.

We now have two Strategy Groups - one for the ongoing problems with OM and the other for the Newbuild/ Neighbourhood Plan. Reports of experience of OM - good or bad - made by residents to the Parish Council will be passed on to the relevant group, for a list to be compiled.

The new build hasn't made a lot of progress so far, as the project has slowed down a little, mostly due to letters of complaint which residents have sent in to the District Council. The plans have now been put back to December 2014 - so someone is listening.

The Neighbourhood Plan has entered its first stage and should be in place for the second new-build, some 2/3 years down the line. This plan will give us more say in issues local to the village.

A Development Meeting was held in the hall on 11th September between, DWH/Barratt/District/Highways/School/OM/and Parish Council and Residents' Association members.

The main topics were the New build of 950 houses, including access and egress to this, flooding etc, parking, speeding issues and lack of transport. Once the north side of the Village is adopted, which should take place shortly, we should have more say.

If you have any questions on these issues which have not already been submitted, please get in touch with the Parish Council or Residents' Association so that they can be brought to the attention of the relevant agencies.

Jim Weale
Chairman, Fernwood Parish Council.

Balderton Medical Practice

'Meet the Team' Open Day

24th October 2014 10am – 2pm

**This your chance to meet the whole Malling Health Team
at Balderton Medical Practice**

We having just recruited 3 new permanent GPs and retained 1 current GP.

All clinicians and support staff will be happy to answer any queries from current patients and those who would like to register.

You will also be able to view the facilities and services we offer.

This really is your chance to have your say about how we can improve and what you would like to have on your doorstep.

On the day
the following services will be available

- FoBs, your friendly participation group, will be joined by NHS England for your views on the service. FoBs will also welcome any new members for the group.
- Malling Health Management to answer your questions on the management of the services.
- Flu clinic, provided by our wonderful nursing staff, no appointment necessary.
- Age UK, will be able to give advice and assistance for our mature patients.
- FLO, this is a self-monitoring service for Hypertension and COPD available for you to sign up to. This also helps us monitor your condition remotely without you attending the practice.
- CCG (Newark and Sherwood), any queries of the services delivered in the area, and get your views on how we can provide local services together.

Registration forms and help completing them should you wish to join us.

Healthy refreshments

The origins of Halloween

There are so many stories about the origins of Halloween that it is difficult to get at the truth. Is it a pagan rite dating back to some pre-Christian festival? Is it worshipping the devil and pagan gods?

Well, apparently not. The origins of Halloween are, in fact, very Christian. Halloween falls on October 31 and its observances are the result of medieval Catholic piety.

The feast, in honour of all the saints in heaven, used to be celebrated on 13 May but Pope Gregory III (d. 741) moved it to November 1 which was the dedication day of All Saints Chapel in St Peter's at Rome. Later, in the 840s, Pope Gregory IV ordered that All Saints be observed everywhere. And so the holy day spread.

The name Halloween (sometimes spelled *Hallowe'en*) is a contraction of "All Hallows Even".

The word *hallow*, which means "to make holy" or "to revere as holy," was once also used as a noun to mean "holy place" or "holy person" - ie a saint. Thus, in Christian liturgy, as already mentioned, October

31 is designated All Hallows Eve because it's the day before the Festival of All Hallows, or All Saints Day .

*A celebration of light
and thanksgiving*

The feast was a memorial to commemorate deceased relatives, as well as a thanksgiving to close the end of the summer season of light and to prepare for entering into the darkness of the long winter season.

The "eve" before the feast was a time to ward off any evil spirits cast out or released from the spirit world into the physical world and which would come to attack the feast celebration of the ancestors - the saints.

Dressing up to look like goblins, witches, and devils, and carving ugly faces on gourds lighted with candles, and putting treats outside their door were all ways to trick or appease the evil spirits.



Pumpkin Seed Necklace



This pumpkin seed necklace, done in Halloween colours, makes a great accessory for Halloween and perfect for a witch's costume! Alternatively, paint in more autumnal colours and make it as an autumn craft.

You will need:

Pumpkin seeds (roasted)

Paint (orange, black, white and green)

Needle and thread

(Kitchen foil to put seeds on while you paint them)

Instructions:

Paint your pumpkin seeds in orange, green, white and black. The easiest way to do this is to put them on kitchen foil so that they will not stick to anything while they dry. But it is a very messy job!

When your seeds are dry, thread your needle with a length of thread long enough to go over your head with 3 or 4 inches to spare. Put your seeds, a few at a time, on a pile on newspaper or a thin sponge. One by one push the needle down through the seed - when you have pierced the seed safely, pick it up and pull it through the thread.

When your thread is about two thirds filled, knot the ends together tightly.

Note: you need a sharp needle for this so make sure children are well supervised or that an adult does the threading.



Autumn Scramble Puzzle

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| 1 | vhtsear | ----- |
| 2 | aveesl | ----- |
| 3 | cesowrrac | ----- |
| 4 | lowlye | ----- |
| 5 | binrefo | ----- |
| 6 | prae | ----- |
| 7 | kupminp | ----- |
| 8 | racon | ----- |
| 9 | isrquelr | ----- |
| 10 | alppe | ----- |
| 11 | nagreo | ----- |
| 12 | antuum | ----- |
| 13 | rebrise | ----- |
| 14 | sunctesth | ----- |



1 Harvest, 2 leaves, 3 scarecrow, 4 yellow, 5 bonfire, 6 pear, 7 pumpkin, 8 acorn, 9 squirrel, 10 apple, 11 orange, 12 autumn, 13 berries, 14 chestnuts

Q. What do ghosts eat for dinner?

A. Spooketti

Q. What do ghosts eat for dessert?

A. I scream.

Q. What did the witch have for snack?

A. A sandwich.

Q. Why couldn't the skeleton laugh?

A. Because he lost his funny bone.

Q. Where does a vampire keep his money?

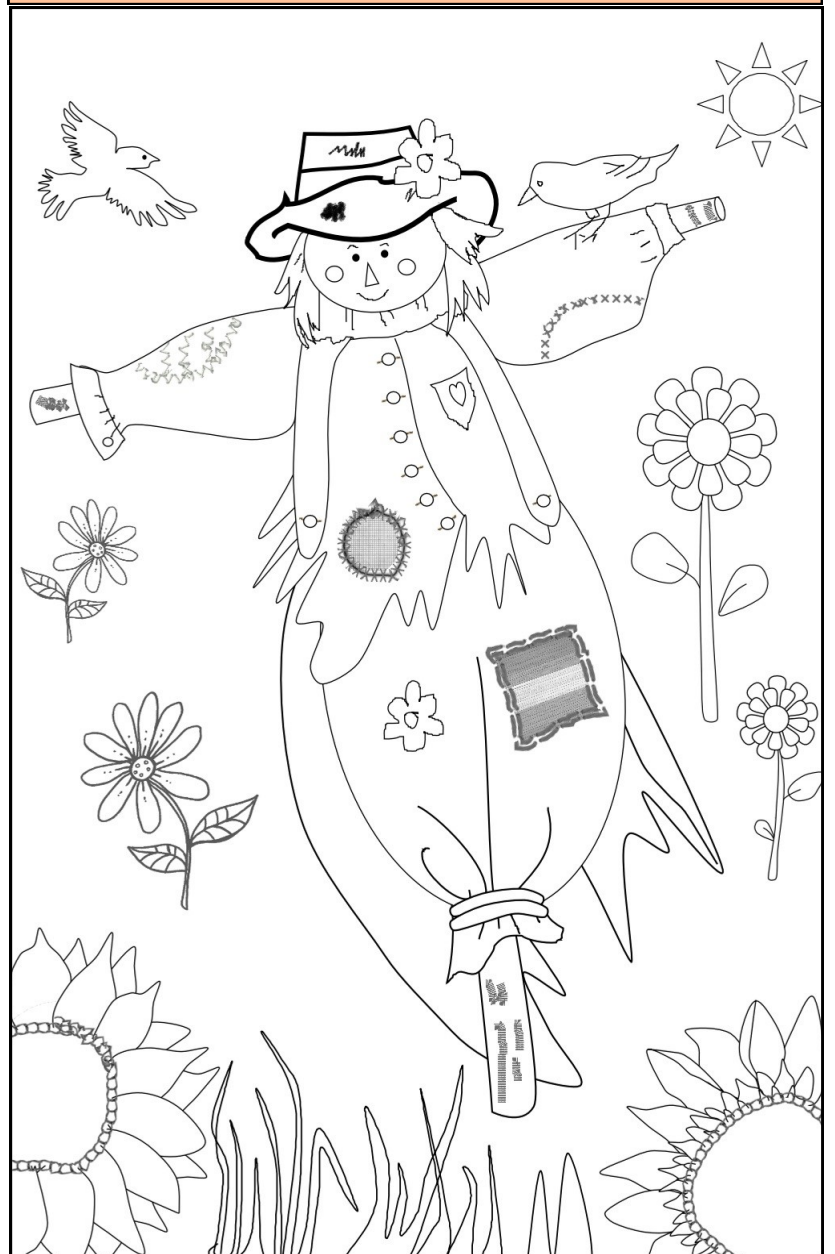
A. In a blood bank.

Q. Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

A. Because he had no guts.



Harvest Scarecrow to Colour





Celebrate one year with £1 offer

Fernwood Taekwondo Club has been running for a year this October, and local residents are being encouraged to come and join in the fun with a special offer.

During October, readers who haven't tried Taekwondo before can train for just £1

per session by simply quoting "Fanfare" to the instructor.

Daniel Pearce is pleased

with the club's first year of operation, but hopes to encourage even more people to come along and see what the martial art has to offer them.

The newest development for the club is the opening of a brand new class for youngsters. Fernwood Tigers will run at 5.30pm on Mondays for boys and girls from 4 years old.

This new class will specialise on the key skills required for that age group, like balance and co-ordination, whilst also separating young children from the adult group at 6.30pm, so they can focus on more mature themes like self-defence and fitness.

Families will still have the opportunity to train together if they wish.

Anyone wanting to learn more can contact Daniel on 01476 570616, dpearce@tkdclubs.com, or drop into the hall on Monday evenings for more info.

Residents' Open Meeting
13th January 2015
7.30pm
Fernwood Village Hall

Defibrillator Open Meeting

Friday 10 October
At 7.30 pm
In the Village Hall

Come and learn how to use the new defibrillator.

It might save your life.

1st Steps Football - Graham Picker, Claypole and Fernwood Warriors FC

Claypole and Fernwood Warriors thank everyone involved for their support in making our soccer school happen and look forward to our club moving forwards and working with the local community for the community.

We held taster sessions throughout the summer and the response was fantastic and we have now started the weekly soccer school called "1st Steps Football".

Reception and Year-One school children are being introduced to football with

an emphasis on fun whilst learning. Children will then go on to play for Claypole and Fernwood Warriors FC in the New Newark Youth Football League when reaching the appropriate age.

We are working hard for funding and development support and anyone who would like their little one to get involved should get in touch with us at www.claypoleandfernwoodwarriors.co.uk.

We are grateful for sponsorship from David Wilson homes as well as the

Parish Council and Cllr Sue Saddington, Newark & Sherwood District Council.

We are very grateful to John Jeys of OM from whom we have had fantastic support.



Zumba classes



have been running at Fernwood Village Hall for a few months now and I love teaching Zumba here. The reason is simple: Every class feels like a party!

Come join us and you'll see what I mean. The classes start at 8pm on Monday evenings and last for 45 minutes at a cost of £3.00 per session.

It's a nice environment and all the ladies in the class are really welcoming. You don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow my lead. I guarantee you will have a blast

and it's a fantastic way to get into shape!

If you would like further information you can contact me, Paul Stephenson, on 07907732104



ZUMBA

Join the party every Monday!
8.00pm – 8.45pm

For more information call on 07800 533970 or email fitnessinlincoln@hotmail.co.uk