

# Welcome to the FERNWOOD GAZETTE

## Fernwood Summer Update

Welcome residents to summer in Fernwood. Whilst the weather may have been a bit hit and miss in recent months, the village has been a busy with activities. We hosted another great market in the village hall [plus new regular stalls coming soon] as well as commemorating D-Day with a special event where we unveiled a one of a kind bench for the gardens. There's been a pop up police shop in the village hall as well as new classes, a ladies choir and activities for all ages booked in at the village hall. At recent meetings we've been discussing the play park on Ruby's Avenue which the Parish Council are hoping to replace with the support of third parties, developments at the quarry and sharing our recommendations based on the travel and transport survey. Plus we've made great progress on the renovations in the village hall and agreed to lease more space from Balderton Hall. The Parish Council have also made a decision regarding land ownership.

Councillors and staff have been busy planning the summer Fernwood Party In The Park which will return on **Sunday 25th August** with free activities for the whole family, music and food. You can find out more inside this issue and if you'd like to get involved or volunteer on the day, please do reach out.

If you have any ideas or feedback for the council, we are very open to new ideas and speaking to residents. Please get in touch!

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# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

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Councillors meet most months to discuss issues raised by residents, planning & strategy. These meetings take place at the village hall and are published online beforehand. Residents are welcome at the first 15 minutes of each meeting for open discussion, to raise any concerns or ask any questions.

## Upcoming meeting details:

No meeting in August  
Monday 16th September  
Monday 21st October

## Annual Parish Meeting:

Wednesday 15th May 19:45

Agendas are usually published the Wednesday before the meeting. Draft minutes with decisions are usually published on the following Monday. Our minutes and agendas are posted online, as well as on our noticeboards which are on the side of the village hall and on Goldstraw Lane, opposite the clock tower.

You can also speak to councillors at the following events:

## Coffee morning:

Most Tuesdays  
10am -12pm Fernwood Village Hall

Residents are always welcome to come into the parish council office in the village hall if they have any queries. You can also follow our Facebook page for regular updates on the Council's work.

## From the Council

Hello Fernwood! It's been a busy few months for all councillors, with the planning for events as well as some big decisions made. The play park discussions, transport recommendations and land ownership decisions have involved a lot of due diligence plus we've been looking ahead for things like the Quarry, sports facilities and future developments.

I'm happy to continue as Vice Chair in what is now my second year as a councillor. Time flies! Many will have seen that we have a vacancy at the moment; please reach out if interested. I must also thank Ian McGreggor for his time as a councillor, his valuable work and campaigning.

Being a Parish Council isn't an easy task but it is often enjoyable and interesting to say the least! We are tasked with making big decisions that impact ourselves and our neighbours. Every councillor casts their vote based on the information we have available and I very much appreciate the support of residents recently whilst we navigate tricky issues!

Kim Shepherd  
Vice Chair of FPC





# WHAT'S ON

## FERNWOOD VILLAGE HALL

[www.facebook.com/village.hall.fernwood/](http://www.facebook.com/village.hall.fernwood/)



### MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

<b>11:45 - 13:15</b> Sit, Get Fit, Get Healthy	<b>10:00 - 12:00</b> Coffee Group & Knit and Natter	<b>10am - 11am</b> Soothing Tots (starting September)	<b>9:30 - 11:30</b> Baby & Toddlers Group	<b>9:30 - 12:10</b> Caterpillar Music
<b>17:30 - 19:30</b> Tae kwon-do	<b>16:30 - 17:00</b> <b>18:00 - 19:00</b> Newark Karate Academy	<b>17:30 - 18:30</b> Blossoms	<b>14:00 - 15:30</b> Moving Together	<b>13:00 - 14:15</b> Cook Stars
<b>19:00 - 20:45</b> Soulful Circle (2nd and 4th Monday)	<b>19:30 - 21:00</b> Fernwood Amateur Dramatics	<b>18:00 - 19:00</b> Functional Fitness	<b>18:30 - 19:30</b> Antenatal Education (Small Hall)	<b>17:30 - 18:30</b> Blossoms
<b>20:00 - 21:00</b> Zumba		<b>19:30 - 21:30</b> Fernwood Ladies Choir	<b>18:35 - 19:35</b> Dance Fit	<b>18:30 - 19:15</b> Dog Days

### SATURDAY

**09:30 - 11:30**  
 Studio 29 Musical Theatre

### SUNDAY

**10:30 - 13:00**  
 Fernwood Community Church



For contact details of group organisers, please visit:

[www.fernwood-pc.co.uk/community/fernwood-parish-council-13053/regular-events/](http://www.fernwood-pc.co.uk/community/fernwood-parish-council-13053/regular-events/)

## PLAY PARK UPDATE

At the beginning of the year, the Parish Council created a working group to look at the play park in central Fernwood and potential redevelopment opportunities to benefit residents, especially children and young people. The current play park is over twenty years old and in need of redevelopment, especially as the village continues to grow so quickly and our needs change.

We have met with several stakeholders over the last six months to understand possibilities of the area and potential costs, as well as conducted research with specialists. As the Parish Council don't own the land, we have been in talks with FirstPort and Barratt David Wilson Homes to make sure all considerations are made for residents of Central Fernwood who currently pay a maintenance fee for the area. We expect this work to cost a significant amount of money; the Parish Council are offering full funding for the removal of the old park and installation of new equipment, using Community Infrastructure Levy [CIL] to fund these redevelopments. At the moment estimates are around £200,000 based on the research we have completed, although this will be confirmed once we have received proposals from suppliers.

At our July meeting, we agreed to a formal request for tender from suppliers and some key dates. During the process, we'll meet with suppliers to answer any questions & show them the site whilst being supported by key stakeholders to review and evaluate bids before deciding on a way forward. There will also be consultation with residents before any decision is made. We are hoping to have made a decision on supplier by Autumn 2024, with the aim being that the new park will be installed by beginning of 2025.

We're hoping to share more information with residents as soon as possible, as well as continue to share updates on social media and at our regular Parish Council meetings. Residents with any immediate questions regarding the redevelopment are invited to attend a meeting or submit questions to Clerk. Full information on the tender will be on the website and government portal as soon as possible.





# FERNWOOD PARTY IN THE PARK

**SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2024**

**4PM UNTIL 10PM**

**PLAYING FIELD (OFF RUBYS AVENUE)**

## FREE ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

- BREWS BROTHERS BBQ
- FULLY LICENSED BAR
- FACE PAINTING
- FRESH CAKES
- CHARITY STALLS
- KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
- ICECREAM VAN
- BOUNCY CASTLES
- LIVE MUSIC / DJ
- GAMES
- SCARECROWS COMPETITION

Please feel free to bring your own picnic tables, blankets and chairs so you are comfortable! There will be a road closure in place so we kindly ask residents walk to the event where possible.

THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY FERNWOOD  
PARISH COUNCIL, FOR ALL RESIDENTS TO ENJOY.







# FERNWOOD

## SCARECROW COMPETITION

**AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 2024**

This August bank holiday sees the return of the now annual Fernwood Scarecrow Competition with amazing prizes to be won at Fernwood Party In The Park on Sunday 25th August! We can't wait to see some of the creations you come up with.

If you wish to take part, please email [office@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:office@fernwood-pc.co.uk) by Wednesday 21st August with your address so we know where to find your creation. Then all you need to do is display your awesome scarecrow outside your house on Thursday 22nd August by 5PM.

Judges will walk around the village to determine the best scarecrows & score them on Thursday evening. Finalists will be invited to show their scarecrows at the summer Party in the Park on Sunday 25th August.

Amazing prizes on offer!



# FERNWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH UPDATE

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## History & Geography at Fernwood Community Church!

It's surprising how much history and geography you learn about in Fernwood Community Church. Our pastor has been teaching through a Biblical letter written in the mid-50s AD to a church in the ancient Turkish city of Ephesus. We've discovered aspects of the culture and one theme is the wonderful unity between Christians from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds. In a refreshing contrast to much of the news today, we've heard recently of Middle Eastern churches where this unity is practiced.

We mustn't forget that Christianity came out from Roman occupied Israel and quickly spread to all the known world of the day. Jesus instructed his first disciples to proclaim the Christian message from, 'Jerusalem...to the ends of the earth.'

Fernwood Community Church recently joined our sister Church in Newark for what we call a 'Mission Conference'. This is where we invite people who are working in different parts of the world to share about the projects and churches they're involved with. One family works in Uganda in structural engineering projects for schools, hospitals and churches. Another family are doctors helping to establish palliative and paediatric care in Central Asia.

We enjoy the richness of knowing such friends and being informed about the language, culture and the continuing spread of the Gospel through the world. Back to Fernwood, we are blessed with a spectrum of nationalities, meeting with a common faith and love. We recently shared an international lunch of dishes representing our cultural richness. We were delighted to see new folk of the Fernwood Community join us for our Family Fun Day.

It's great to be part of the spreading Good News that has covered so much history and geography and is making a positive difference to many lives. You're so welcome to join us and discover more! [fernwoodchurch.org.uk](http://fernwoodchurch.org.uk)



## Church activities

### Sunday

- Service at 10.30am -12pm
- Sunday school for 4-11 year olds during the morning service

### Sunday evening service:

- Last Sunday of the month
- 6-7pm

### Wednesday

Ladies' Bible study 1-2.30pm  
(homebased - term time only)

### ID group for 11-16 year olds

First Wednesday of each month  
7.30pm (homebased)

### Thursday

Babies and toddlers  
9.30-11.30am (term time only)

**Still Smiling** (support group)  
once a month on the first Tuesday,  
9.30-11.30am (term time only)

### 16+ youth group

once a month (homebased)  
28 July 7.30pm

## Church contacts

### Email:

[hello@fernwoodchurch.org.uk](mailto:hello@fernwoodchurch.org.uk)

### Social media

[Facebook.com/fernwoodchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fernwoodchurch)

### Website

[www.fernwoodchurch.org.uk](http://www.fernwoodchurch.org.uk)





EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:30PM  
FERNWOOD VILLAGE HALL



## INTRODUCING FLC FERNWOOD LADIES CHOIR

Every Wednesday  
7:30pm - 9:30pm

All ladies welcome, no experience needed! Join our new choir master and pianist - let's make some noise Fernwood.

First session free of charge. £5 per session after.

Find out more on our Facebook page or contact:  
[kev@kevjacksonltd.com](mailto:kev@kevjacksonltd.com)  
07747 034562

## COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Do you know inside Fernwood Village Hall you have access to the community bookshelf? Over the last 6 months there's been a steady flow of donations to the new community bookshelf in the entrance to the village hall, with plenty of choice for all ages. This fab idea was introduced by our village hall manager Claire, and has proven super popular with residents.

There's no need to sign books in and out like the library - this system works on trust and the hope that everyone will find something they want to read!

Please feel free to drop off your unwanted books for others in the village to enjoy (during opening hours) or pick up a book to take home!



## FERNWOOD FLOWER SHOW



A huge thank you and well done to the Tuesday Coffee Morning group who organised the Fernwood Flower Show in May. You may have noticed lots of lovely handmade flowers attached to the fences at the village hall. All the flowers all looked amazing and really brightened up the area. What a lovely idea and we can't wait to see what the group come up with next year.

The coffee morning meets every Tuesday at the village hall from 10am, as do the Knit and Natter group. It's free to drop along and refreshments are served, with a friendly face on offer from local residents.



# VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Over the last few months the village hall has been undergoing some long overdue renovations. This includes a lick of paint throughout, new blinds and new garden landscaping. It's safe to say users are loving the brighter, modernised and cleaner look to the hall. We do still have a few future updates to complete and are working with the village hall management group to continue to make the hall the best it can be; these will happen over time and we thank everyone for their patience and feedback.

In 2024 we have seen a drastic increase in bookings at the village hall; this has come from regular hire bookings, weekly classes and ad-hoc bookings such as parties etc. The staff team at the village hall have been working hard to ensure the hall is profitable and continues to be a hub for the community, but identified early into the financial year just how limited space was becoming due to the increase in bookings. After being approached by the owner of Balderton Hall and conducting some investigations into the space on offer, at our July meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council will lease a section of Balderton Hall. This gives us considerable meeting room and business spaces, kitchen facilities and outdoor gardens. Importantly it also gives us access to 11 additional parking spaces near the woodland, plus access to the full carpark at Balderton Hall on evenings and weekends. The Parish Council agreed to lease this space for five years at a cost of £29,700 which will be used from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and is inclusive of most utilities. We will also agree a budget to furnish at our September meeting. We expect this to have a really positive impact for all residents, introduce new business spaces to hire and elevate some of the parking challenges outside the shops in central Fernwood, especially when the main village hall is hired for parties.

Our current aim is to be in the space by October 1st 2024. Booking of the village hall remains unchanged and the hall will continue to focus its bookings on parties and large classes. The Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to the staff team for their hard work and due diligence on exploring this opportunity.

Fernwood Village Hall is an excellent choice of venue for all of your celebrations plus Fernwood residents are eligible for a reduced rate! We also offer a fully licensed bar provided by Cox Events. Visit our website for our prices, photos and booking enquiry form. Alternatively email [office@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:office@fernwood-pc.co.uk) or call 01636 613024.





# DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE



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Dear resident,

We are pleased to be writing to you again in this summer issue of the Fernwood Gazette, offering us an opportunity to reflect on our work and meetings since our last column which focussed primarily on council tax and glass recycling.

## ASB – Car Meets

We are aware of local concern regarding anti-social behaviour; in fact, we have included details of how to report ASB in previous issues. We have also spoken at the Policy and Performance Improvement Committee and have drawn attention to the importance of the Council focussing efforts on encouraging the reporting of ASB, highlighting that a reduction in ASB reported does not necessarily mean there has been a reduction in ASB. Most recently we have been contacted about car meets in Fernwood and we have written to both the Council's Community Protection Manager and the Police District Commander for our area to seek assistance. We have been asked to encourage residents to report these matters to the police including details of what has happened, the make, colour and model of the vehicle and the number plate details. We are pleased to let you know that, following our communication with the Police, the District Commander has assured us that the dedicated Police ASB car will be deployed in Fernwood over the summer.

## Local Healthcare

At a recent full council meeting we voted for and spoke on a motion regarding out of hours medical care in Newark, following the attendance of NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust at the Policy and Performance Improvement Committee. We also questioned the Council's Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing – an additional post created by the Council's administration and held by a Councillor from the ruling coalition – about what she has done in the last year with regards to working with these bodies to represent the health concerns of residents across Newark and Sherwood. We support the efforts of our local Member of Parliament, Robert Jenrick, who is campaigning for the 24/7 urgent treatment centre in Newark to be reinstated – an issue that we know matters to residents and their families across our ward.

## Young Debaters

We were delighted to recently host young people and leaders from 6th Newark Cub Scouts for a debate night in the Council Chamber at Castle House, NSDC's HQ. The young people demonstrated a great amount of community spirit and debated with decorum and tenacity, perhaps some will find themselves on a path to being future councillors... If you or someone you know runs a similar group, based in our ward, do not hesitate to get in touch if you wish to organise a debate night with us.

From L-R Cllr Simon Haynes, Cllr Neil Allen and Cllr Jack Kellas with the glass recycling bins in Fernwood)

## D - D A Y 8 0 M E M O R I A L

Thank you to all who attended the D-Day 80 year commemorations on the 6th June at the village hall. Parish councillors were joined by staff, local residents and District Council to remember those involved in D-Day with a coffee morning and information inside the hall with the support of the RAF Balderton Memorial Group. It was also lovely to have some of the children from the local nursery attend to find out more about Fernwood and Balderton's involvement in the war. We also unveiled a new memorial bench in the gardens of the village hall; two more will also be made this year by a local resident for free out of the wood from the fallen tree in the gardens which was estimated to be over 150 years old. The bench will soon be cemented into place and a memorial plaque added. Thank you to all involved in the event and to the RAF Balderton Memorial Group for their support and to Geoff Bowers for the fab photos.



## C A S U A L C O U N C I L L O R V A C A N C Y

Fernwood Parish Council posted a public notice to advise a Parish Councillor vacancy at Fernwood back in May. Individuals who are on the Electoral Register were then able to contact the Returning Officer at NSDC if they wished to call for an election to replace Mr McGregor.

We were advised by The Returning Officer at NSDC that they did not receive a request from ten electors (the minimum number required) in writing to claim a poll by the 31st May deadline. The Parish Council can now fill the vacancy by co-option. Our aim is to have filled this position by September 2024.

There's lots of information online about what is involved in being a Parish Councillor and anyone interested should reach out to the Clerk at [clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk) for more information.





## LAND OWNERSHIP UPDATE

Residents may have seen that in May, the Parish Council voted to no longer pursue land ownership in Central Fernwood. The land in Central Fernwood is owned by Barratt David Wilson Homes, who have licensed the land to FirstPort to maintain for 999 years. At the moment, this affects around 900 properties who pay a maintenance fee to FirstPort. The previous Parish Council had been pursuing taking over this land for several years.

The due diligence to make this decision has taken several years and spanned more than one group of councillors. It has included legal advice and many recommendations from third parties, as well as new councillors reviewing key documents. Based on the information available to the Council at the point of voting plus current law, it was resolved not to continue pursuing the acquisition of this land at this time. Whilst the decision needed to happen in a closed session due to the nature of the information presented, residents were welcome to attend the public forum of the meeting. The Parish Council have also discussed this matter at other meetings and listened to residents' opinions.

We understand this decision is a contentious one, with many people feeling strongly for and against pursuing the land. Staff are in the process of producing a report on how the council came to this decision. There is considerable data to protect spreading many years and protected information we legally have to redact in order to be able to share the information, which will take some time to compile.

We thank residents for their patience whilst we work through this process.

## NEW STALLS AT THE HALL



Residents have been loving the markets at the village hall in 2024, especially some of the fresh produce. We're very happy to announce that the greengrocer and bread stall are going to be coming to Fernwood more regularly!

Veg & Bread men are going to be coming to Fernwood in the Village Hall's Carpark on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month starting on Saturday 14th September 2024. We'll make sure to add reminders to our social media nearer the time.

Please come along and show your support!



**We are open every Tuesday  
10am – 12pm**

**Serving free tea, coffee &  
biscuits  
Everyone is welcome**

*Fernwood*  
Parish Council 





# The HISTORY of RAF BALDERTON – part 6 – the Americans



The WW2 emblem of the IX Troop Carrier Command

All US tactical air support units in Great Britain were consolidated into the Ninth Air Force on 16 October 1943, at the same time the IX Troop Carrier Command (TCC) was created. Twelve RAF Stations including Balderton were designated for the new command, each to house 40 C-47s (Dakotas) and a similar number of gliders.

Balderton known and referred to as Station AAF-482 by the USAAF was officially taken over by the US on New Year's Day 1944 and used as a reception centre for C-47 troop carrier groups arriving from the United States before relocating to other UK airfields. There was accommodation for 2,471 personnel. The 308th Station Complement Squadron were the first arrivals (responsible for ground traffic, safety, housing and air traffic control) to adapt and coordinate procedures with RAF personnel in preparation for the later Squadrons. Each GI, issued a bicycle on arrival and when the why? was asked was told 'when the planes arrive they will be parked in widely scattered areas over the field – no reason to give Jerry the chance to destroy a lot of C.47s with a single bomb!'

The first USAAF transport unit arrived during January 1944 from Baer Army Airfield Indiana. A ground school was set up to familiarise the aircrews with flying control, radio procedures and navigation aids in the U. On the 5/6 February this group went to RAF Ramsbury Wilts.



Crew of C-47 42-100640 Jersey Bounce:  
Copilot 2LT Allen B. Simmons, Pilot 2LT Philip C. Hecker, Crew Chief Sgt. Stanley T. Trzaska, Radio Operator Cpl. George H. Haug

TRIP TO GREAT BRITAIN VIA SOUTHERN ROUTE

DATE	DEPARTED	ARR-OF	ARRIVED	LAND	TIME
Wed. 2-16-44	Baer, Fla. Panama, Ind.	1615E	Phoenix Co. W. Pointe	2315E	7:00
Fri. 2-18-44	Moroccan, Fla., P.M.	1200E	Boqueron, Puerto Rico	1820E	6:30
Sat. 2-19-44	Boqueron, Puerto Rico	1015E	Boqueron, British Guyana	1715E	7:00
Sun. 2-20-44	Boqueron, British Guyana	1000E	Belen, Brazil	1540E	5:40
Mon. 2-21-44	Belen, Brazil	0705E	Patna, Brazil	1605E	6:20
Tues. 2-22-44	Patna, Brazil	1805E	Penang, Island, I.A.	1953E	1:50
Wed. 2-23-44	Penang, Island, I.A.	0625E	Bahia, Senegal, Africa	1610E	7:10
Thurs. 2-24-44	Bahia, Africa	RON			
Fri. 2-25-44	Dakar, Africa	RON			
Sat. 2-26-44	Dakar, Africa	RON			
Sun. 2-27-44	Marrakech	0705E	Marrakech, Morocco	1445E	7:40
Mon. 2-28-44	Marrakech	RON			
Tues. 2-29-44	Marrakech	RON			
Wed. 3-1-44	Marrakech	RON			
Thurs. 3-2-44	Marrakech	RON			
Fri. 3-3-44	Marrakech	RON			
Sat. 3-4-44	Marrakech	RON			
Sun. 3-5-44	Marrakech	0040E	St. Mawgan, Cornwall	1120E	10:40
Sat. 3-5-44	St. Mawgan, Cornwall	1420E	Bitterford, England	1650E	02:40
Mon. 3-6-44	Bitterford, England	1655E	Balderton, England	1710E	00:15
TOTAL FLYING TIME (Baer, Fla. Panama, Ind. - Balderton, England)					6:55

On the 21 February, the 91st and 92nd Troup Carrier Squadrons and the advance party of the 439th Troup Carrier Group, commanded by Col. Charles H. Young, arrived from Baer Airfield. Two further squadrons, the 93rd and 94th arriving on the 6 March having flown via Florida, Puerto Rico, British Guyana, Brazil, Senegal West Africa and Marrakech Morocco before a 10½ hour flight landing at St Mawgan. As the 94th Squadron history reported they had a quick medical, picked up some material as security (?) and exchanged their notes for the 'very strange' English money, they completed their journey to Balderton landing on a snow covered airfield.

Training began on the 8 March with two sorties per day flying in group and squadron formations, glider towing using British Horsa gliders and paratroop missions. The ground echelon of the 439th TCG had arrived by sea aboard the George Washington at Liverpool on the 10th travelling to Balderton by rail arriving on the 11th. American Waco CG-4A gliders arrived at the end of March.

The strength of 93 Squadron on the 31 March was 84 Officers and 265 enlisted men; the 94th 85 Officers and 270 men.

Balderton's facilities were found to be somewhat lacking from an American point of view as the 94th Squadron history recorded: 'Everyone was no little dismayed at the first glance of our new home – the Officers were billeted in a huge cylindrical converted mess hall, graced by four inadequate stoves, which, no matter how hot, could not possibly heat the vastness of the interior. The British stove seems designed to carry heat from the hot coals directly up the flue and out over the top of the building...

The enlisted men were barracked in the Squadron area, half a mile from the nearest water supply. Their only compensation was living in comparatively small buildings which could be heated some little – provided, of course, coal was available, which it usually wasn't! Mess facilities were rather makeshift pending the arrival of the Ground Echelon – the men found it necessary to walk about three-quarters of a mile from their area to a mess hall at another site'

As one Glider pilot wrote - Balderton was our first station in England and quite an eye-opener. Imagine being next to Sherwood Forest! It was a shock of the unfamiliar to many – warm beer, honeybuckets (portable toilets), washing in troughs in unheated washrooms and, considered by many the worst, orange marmalade! A favourite memory of one glider pilot is the question-and-answer show held for the children near the back fence. The subject, U.S. history and the prize a scarce sweet, I still remember the round-faced chubby boy who won a chocolate bar with almonds for naming the first U.S. president. This continued until we moved to Upottery. Lifelong Balderton Man Doug Clarke remembered not only sweets and Chocolate but the occasional tin of Spam to take home and the family feeling rich!

Bud Berry (picture right- his own photo) C-47 pilot, 91st Squadron writes - Most of the time that I left the base I went to Nottingham and enjoyed the city; I met a young lady and enjoyed a few meals and conversation with her family. We were there for such a short time that most of my memories have to do with practice flights and Missions flown. Efforts were made to create liveable conditions and a 48 hour pass system introduced with London, Nottingham and the quieter, perhaps more typically English 'town' of Lincoln, its Cathedral visited in force, Thrice weekly movies were shown.



24 hour passes were eagerly used and daily 'liberty' runs to Nottingham and Newark were established. Newark with its dances and pubs provided entertainment.

A dance arranged for the enlisted men in Balderton using the Theatre Building saw the group orchestra supplying the music and Newark and Balderton supplying the girls. A similar event for the Officers and Nurses, complete with liquid refreshment and the orchestra doing its bit and local talent providing entertainment saw the Mayor of Newark, his wife and the ladies of Balderton attend.(Note for enlisted men 'girls', for Officers 'ladies'!!)

The airfield became busy when used for glider training by the USAAF in preparation for the Invasion of Europe (D Day). Training with paratroops of the 82nd Airborne Division was conducted from Balderton until the 439th moved to RAF Upottery Devon on 26 April.

Operating in France in September, the 439th group returned to Balderton and towed gliders and dropped paratroops of the 82nd Airborne near Nijmegen during Operation Market. On the 17 September No.439 TCG had fifty C.47 aircraft towing one glider each and thirty C.47 aircraft carrying Paratroops take off at 11.35 Hours, all aircraft returned safely at about 16.00 Hours. On the 18th 50 Waco Gliders flew to landing Zone N landing at 1518.

Colin Savill BA (Hons)



# FERNWOOD RECYCLING



## Bottle Tops

Clean plastic bottle tops only

## Stamps



Please leave at least 5mm  
around each side of the stamp

## Foil

Please only leave clean foil



## Printer Cartridge

Please leave cartridges in a bag

# AROUND THE VILLAGE

Thank you to everyone who shared fabulous photos with us of Fernwood - there's been trains, lovely sunsets but also some very flooded fields as we struggled with the wet weather. Here's some photos from the last few months! Thanks to Geoff Bowers and Simon Gibbs for the photos.

If you'd like to share an image with us please email [office@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:office@fernwood-pc.co.uk)





## OTHER VILLAGE UPDATES



### Transport Survey

Earlier in the year, the Parish Council ran a survey on travel and transport as result of increased questions from residents. We got some great ideas and feedback to share with those who control decisions. A lot of these decisions doesn't fall in our remit as a council but it was decided we would share a formal report with third parties and Via East Midlands and request a meeting. We can't guarantee this will lead to change but will share feedback with residents at a future meeting.



### Dog Poo Bins

We have replaced several dog waste bins on Hollowdyke Lane and around Fernwood for larger bins. At the moment bins are emptied Thursdays and Sundays. Hopefully the bigger bins make a difference!

If there are any additional bins needed in the village please do get in touch with the Clerk who will be able to bring it to attention of the Parish Council. We thank residents who are picking up their dog poo and helping to keep the village clean and safe!



### Volunteers Needed

We are on the hunt for volunteers to support with Fernwood Party In The Park on Sunday 25th August between 2PM - 8PM.

The event provides free activities for residents and families but takes a lot of planning to come together! We are asking residents to spare an hour or two on the day to support with putting up gazebos, setting out bins and marshalling the event to ensure it runs smoothly. If you can help us for an hour or two on the day, please email [office@fernwood-pc.co.uk](mailto:office@fernwood-pc.co.uk).





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## **Additional Bus Service**

Fernwood now has an additional bus service! The new Nottsbus On Demand service, introduced by Nottinghamshire County Council, operates from Monday to Saturday 7:30pm until Midnight.

This bus doesn't have a set route and can be booked in advance. It operates via a zone route system which gives users more freedom of where to travel. The new zone links Winthorpe, Coddington, Fernwood, Balderton and Hawtonville with the town centre.

To book the bus, download the app or call the customer service line on 0115 8040404 during opening times. For more information please view the Nottinghamshire County Council website. Thanks to all involved in bettering the transport services in Fernwood over the last year. It makes a huge difference to residents of all ages & the buses are proving very popular.

*Clare Newton*  
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24**

**BEN MARTIN**

Live Music From 8 PM  
(Bookings taken from 7pm)

**FERNWOOD PARTY**

BBQ & BAR ON FERNWOOD GREEN  
BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY

**AUG  
25**



**SEPT  
28**

**MATTY HAYNES**

Live Music From 8 PM  
(Bookings taken from 7pm)

**FUNHOUSE  
COMEDY CLUB**

6PM DOORS/8PM SHOW (FOOD TILL 7PM)  
TICKETS £15 ADV.

**SEPT  
30**



**OCT  
26TH**

**LEE ROBERTSHAW**

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