

# Welcome to the FERNWOOD GAZETTE



## Spring Time In Fernwood

Welcome residents to spring in Fernwood. It's been a busy few months with Easter activities in the village hall & around the village. Thank you to all the residents who came along to the hugely successful craft market and to all the stall holders! We also hosted a fun Easter egg hunt across Fernwood; we hope everyone had fun trying to find the clues and the Tuesday morning Coffee Crew did a great job of decorating the post boxes. As we move into the summer months, there's lots of new events and activities coming up so please keep an eye on Fernwood Parish Council social media for updates.

The Parish Council have been busy working on the things we set out in our strategy including the Youth Club, developments at the quarry, redevelopment of the play park on Ruby's Avenue and the due diligence of the potential land takeover. We've consulted with residents on travel and transport with recommendations to be made to stakeholders in the coming months. The Clerk and office staff were busy resolving the fallen tree for some time but good news on that inside this edition! Plus we've made great progress on the renovations in the village hall recently with the decorating and gardening, as well as increasing the number of activities happening at the hall for residents to enjoy. We've also just started to plan a special D-Day memorial as well as our big summer event.

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

## Office opening times:

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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:

Monday 20th May

### 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 Chairman

Hello everyone. As a new council we are approaching the end of the first year of this council. It has been a busy year where we have looked at priorities; there has been some re-alignment of these!

Sadly the youth club will not continue to to reasons outside of our control due but we are working hard to look at alternatives. We have increase community involvement with litter picks, events at the village hall such as the Christmas carols and the recent spring arts and crafts market. We a planning a lot more please look out for our summer events!

As a result of your views provided by our survey we have given the village hall a new look inside and recently had some landscaping work carried out in the hall grounds. As we are a growing community and the village hall bookings have increased we have re-visited the previous proposals on plans to extend the village hall using funds from the community infrastructure levy, a business case is being put together by the village hall working group to ensure investment in the hall will provide a long term sustainability.

We are also actively looking at the play park and as it is now 20 years old what can be done to replace it with a new play park. We have also been fortunate in having Cllr Ian MacGregor who's drive and enthusiasm has helped us in conjunction with Nottingham County Council improve bus services to and from Fernwood to Newark and beyond. We no have an hourly service running from the Tawny Owl form 6;15 weekdays and Saturday mornings until late evening, and back.

A lot more work has been going on behind the scenes and we hope to be bring more improvement forward to you for consultation in the near future.

Cllr Neill Misson





# WHAT'S ON

FERNWOOD VILLAGE HALL

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



## MONDAY

11:45 - 13:15  
Sit, Get Fit, Get  
Healthy

17:30-19:30  
Tae kwon-do

19:00 - 20:45  
Soulful Circle  
(2nd and 4th Monday)

20:00-21:00  
Zumba

## TUESDAY

10:00- 12:00  
Coffee Group & Knit  
and Natter

16:30-17:00  
18:00-19:00  
Newark Karate Academy

19:30-21:00  
Fernwood Amateur  
Dramatics

19:15- 21:30  
Salsa

## WEDNESDAY

10:30 - 11:15  
Body Blast

17:30 - 18:30  
Blossom

18:00 - 19:00  
Functional Fitness

19:30 - 21:30  
Fernwood Ladies  
Choir



## THURSDAY

9:30-11:30  
Baby & Toddlers Group

14:00-15:30  
Moving Together

18:30 - 19:30  
Lucina Mama  
Antenatal Education  
(Small Hall)

18:35 - 19:35  
Dance Fit

## FRIDAY

9:30-12:10  
Caterpillar  
Music

13:00 - 14:15  
Cook Stars

17:30 - 18:30  
Blossoms

18:30 - 19:15  
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/)

## NEWARK & DISTRICT U3A

Newark and District u3a recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, as well as celebrating 40 years of the u3a charity as a whole, last year (see photo). There are more than 1,000 u3a's nationally, spread right across the UK, with more than 430,000 members, who are making the most of life by continuing their creative, educational or social interests in a friendly and encouraging atmosphere.

For anyone no longer working full-time or raising a family, then Newark and District u3a is an ideal way to develop your talents, make new friends and enjoy yourself. Tongue in cheek, it is a 'Youth Club for Seniors'.

With over 30 different interest groups, there is plenty to choose from, such as Archaeology, Pathfinder Travel, Tai Chi, Knit and Natter, Art for All, Funtography, Ukulele Happy Band, Science, Coffee mornings, Coach Trips, Pub Lunch Quizzes and Disco Dancing, to name but a few, and members can join as many groups as they wish.



On the second Tuesday of each month, a general meeting is held at the Village Hall in Coronation Street, Balderton, where members can chat over a cup of tea or coffee and listen to some great speakers.

For more information please visit the website <https://newark-u3a.org.uk> or call 07726 573600

# FERNWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH UPDATE



## Lost and Found in Fernwood:

Hidden in around the Village Hall were poor lost lambs! They were longing for good shepherds to find them! Thankfully, many family-teams came to the rescue! They searched thoroughly, found the sheep and discovered the 'secret' Easter message that 'Jesus is alive!' All who took part were rewarded with goodies, including Easter eggs.

This was one feature of our recent free, Easter Family Fun Day. 22 families took part in the search. 12 families were new to the church. 56 children were amongst the happy mix! Even better than the numbers, were the conversations had and community relationships built. We also had a good interest in our free bookstall of thought-provoking Christian literature.

Do you feel a sense of being 'lost'? You're not the only one. Maybe it's because you live on your own. Maybe it's because of the large looming problems you face, and you just don't know where to turn. It could be that you have experienced rejection in life.

Jesus told a story about a Lost Sheep. He was explaining that his mission was to seek and save the 'lost'. Often the outcasts of his society were found listening to Jesus. They knew they were lost. They saw in Jesus the Good Shepherd who welcomed them with joy! Others were too proud to admit they were spiritually lost as they hid behind a veneer of respectability.

You are always welcome to our special events. Check out on our website for details: [fernwoodchurch.org.uk](http://fernwoodchurch.org.uk)

Every Sunday is also a special event! You are most welcome to join us each week as we worship and discover more about faith in Jesus. He is the Good Shepherd for lost sheep – who loved them so much that he laid down his life to find and save them!

For any questions: [hello@fernwoodchurch.org.uk](mailto:hello@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

Join the first session on  
Wednesday 1st May

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)  
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We are open every Tuesday  
10am - 12pm

Serving free tea, coffee &  
biscuits  
Everyone is welcome



## COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



Residents and Parish Councillors got together for our second community litter pick in February with great success. In total we collected more than half a dozen bags of rubbish from around Fernwood! Thank you to all who came along and helped and to residents who have been making reports of rubbish and fly tipping over the last few months. For reference, any fly tipping can be reported directly to the District Council via their website.

Residents of all ages are welcome to join in keeping Fernwood looking great. Don't forget, litter pickers and bags are also available from the village hall during weekday opening hours if you spot something that needs collecting.

# 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 feedback has been excellent and users are loving the brighter, modernised and cleaner look to the hall and can't wait for the works to be completed. All of the work has also taken place with very little impact to regular users - thanks to everyone for their patience!

The Parish Council ran a survey towards the end of 2023 to understand users needs in the hall and it was clear investment was needed. Whilst we continue to look at longer term development opportunities, it was agreed that Community Infrastructure Levy [CIL] could be used to modernise the hall, with the works being overseen by the village hall manager. We will keep residents updated of any further plans for the hall and surrounding space.

Fernwood Village Hall is an excellent choice of venue for all of your celebrations or events. In the middle of the village, we've got two halls available for hire and a secure outside space with patio and lawn. 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.



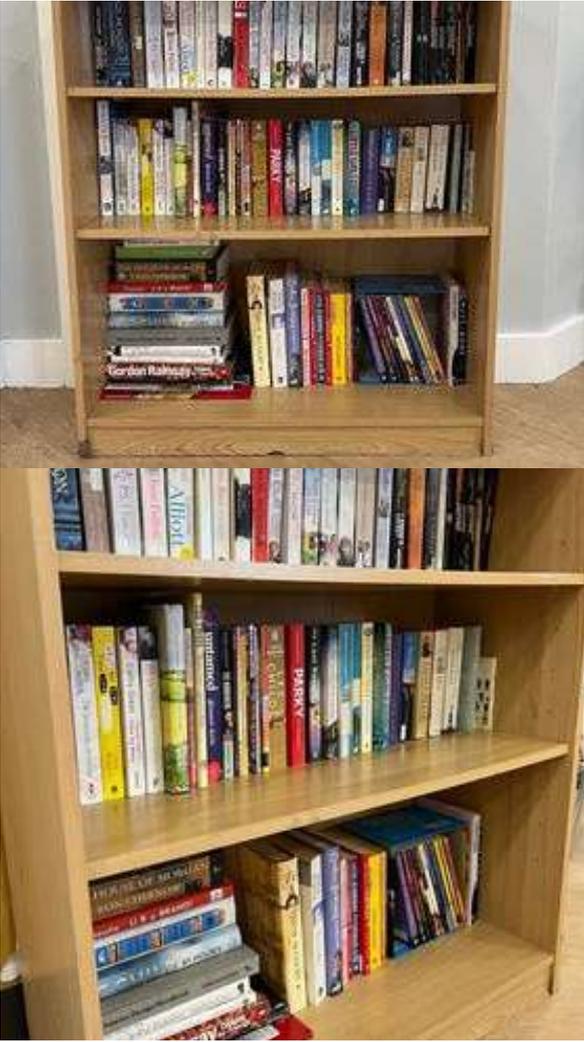
# PLAY PARK UPDATE

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 in the village, especially children and young people. We know residents feel strongly about the development of this area, so over the last few months have been meeting with many stakeholders and suppliers to look at potential options for the park and surrounding area. As we don't own this land, we are in talks with FirstPort and Barratt David Wilson Homes to make sure all considerations are made for residents of Central Fernwood but are still in early stages of discussions.

We have however, met with a handful of contractors already to discuss potential development ideas covering play ideas all age groups, sporting activities and accessible play equipment. We've seen some fabulous suggestions and demos and can't wait to share with residents when we're confident we've covered all the due diligence involved!

We're hoping to be able to update at an upcoming council meeting and plan on having an open evening for residents to look at suggested options in the coming months. Thank you for your patience as we work through this.

## COMMUNITY BOOKSHELF



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 Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 15th May 2024 7:45pm  
Fernwood Village Hall

A meeting for the residents of Fernwood.

The agenda for this meeting will be published on our website, shared social media and our notice boards.

Light refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend

# DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE



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Dear resident. We are pleased to be writing to you again in this issue of the Fernwood Gazette, and it offers us a valuable opportunity to reflect on our work and meetings since our column at the beginning of the year.

## Council tax

In the months approaching the end and beginning of financial years, local authorities have to set budgets for the coming year, review the precept, and propose and vote on any increase to Council Tax. Budgets can be said to demonstrate a Council's priorities for the coming year, setting out how much is to be spent on each service area. Residents will know that we sit in the Council's opposition and were supportive of an amendment to reduce the administration's proposed increase in Council tax from 2.99% to 1.94% by reducing additional funding for concessionary (non-essential) services. Unfortunately, our amendment fell, and the administration's budget subsequently passed. It is important to note that NSDC's portion of your total bill is around 8%, as you will see set out in the recent letter received from the Council tax department. Details on Council tax support can be found on the NSDC website, along with contact details and an online application form - <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport/>

## Glass recycling

We are pleased to see that the teal lid bins for glass recycling are now being rolled out and you can expect to receive your bin by the end of April, unless you have opted out. Kerbside glass collections will be every 8 weeks starting in early April, and you can find the collection date for your street by searching with your postcode and house number on the NSDC website - <https://app.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/bincollection/>

Please be assured that you can start using your bin as soon as you have received it and you can check what does and doesn't belong in the bin on the NSDC website and attached graphic <https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/kerbsideglass/>

We know that with new processes and change teething issues can be expected. Please do check the website for the answers to your questions, and as ever, do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Neil, Simon & Jack

# WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY KERBSIDE GLASS RECYCLING BIN?



## ANY COLOUR GLASS BOTTLE OR JAR INCLUDING:

- Food jars
  - Drink bottles
  - Toiletry jars (e.g face cream or aftershave containers)
  - Perfume bottles
  - Reed diffuser bottles
- Items must be empty and clean
  - Remove lids if you can
  - Labels can stay on



## NOT INCLUDING:

- Oven-proof glass such as Pyrex
- Mirrors
- Drinking glasses
- Vases
- Nail varnish bottles
- Panes of window or greenhouse glass
- Microwave plates
- Spectacles
- Light bulbs and tubes

Find out more at [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/kerbsideglass](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/kerbsideglass) or follow us on @NSDCouncil

## EASTER IN FERNWOOD

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Craft Market in the village hall in March and to all the suppliers who came along for the afternoon. The turnout was egg-cellent! Local baked goods were on offer outside as well as glassware, painting, books plus lots of other crafts. Outside the cheese and bread selection went down a treat as well as the green grocery, plus lots of lovely cakes inside. We've had requests to try and bring some of the outside fresh food stalls back on a fortnightly basis which the Parish Council office staff are looking into.

There was also activities with the hidden eggs around the village with some chocolatey prizes on offer for those who managed to find a hidden egg. There was also a hidden word search and clues for those who weren't lucky enough to find an egg - we hope you all enjoyed finding them and the plans for Halloween are already underway. Plus a huge thank you to the Tuesday Coffee Morning Crew who knitted some excellent post box coverings which everyone in the village has loved seeing and hid random acts of kindness around the village.



# TRANSPORT UPDATE



Fernwood now has an hourly Monday-Saturday bus service including evening and late night buses for the very first time. The 90 and 90C services operated by Vectare will pick up on the Great North Road (Tawny Owl side) and run via Balderton to Bay A at Newark Bus Station, then on to Farndon, East Stoke, Bingham and Nottingham.

The new six day a week timetable will see fifteen buses in each direction. On weekdays the first bus will leave Fernwood at 6.13am and run hourly throughout the day with a new late night service returning from Newark Bus Station at 11.48pm. Services on Saturdays will start from Fernwood at 7.20am and run hourly through the day with the last bus returning from Newark Bus Station at 11.10pm. There are currently no plans for a Sunday service. One morning and two afternoon weekday services will also call at Suthers School. The whole of the Parish Council welcome the news of improved transport for residents. The parish council has been banging the drum for more buses for Fernwood as one of our election promises and we are delighted that this will become a reality with all day and evening services including on Saturdays starting in January. Fernwood is Newark's fastest growing area with three new housing developments which will grow the parish from 1,200 dwellings to 4,000. We are very pleased that the public transport needs of our expanding parish are finally being recognised. And the extension of the £2 fare cap until the end of December 2024 will make the service particularly attractive from a cost point of view.

The full timetable is available on the Vectare website.

**Plus get unlimited bus travel around Newark town and neighbouring areas from only £2.30 for children and £4.20 for adults with the new multi operator Newark All-Rounder ticket. Tickets will be available on-bus and through operators' existing platforms.**

## Don't forget!

You can also book the Lincolnshire Call Connect bus service by app or by calling 0345 234 3344. This service offers a pick-up and drop-off in Fernwood but must be booked in advance. It serves many of the villages between Fernwood and Downtown including Claypole, Dry Doddington, Foston and Long Bennington.

The £2 fare cap applies and concessionary bus passes can be used.

Find out more here <https://lincsbus.info/.../callconne.../callconnect-kesteven/>

## OTHER VILLAGE UPDATES



### Tree Update

During the winter the top of a large tree in the village hall garden fell in high winds. Two specialist tree contractors visited the site and were able to save a good portion of the tree to the delight of residents. In good news, a local resident has kindly offered to use the wood from the fallen tree to create a special memorial bench for the village hall garden. We'd like to say a big thank you to all the staff and residents who worked so hard to support during the storms and NSDC for their help.



### Dog Poo Bins

The Parish Council are aware that the dog waste bins on Hollowdyke Lane need to be replaced for larger bins. At the moment they are emptied Thursdays and Sundays but are reaching capacity due to all the four legged friends in the village! We have agreed to replace five of the dog poo bins in Fernwood to larger bins. These should be installed in the next few weeks. We thank residents who are taking their dog poo to other bins or home whilst we get replacement bins sorted.

# D-DAY 80

### D-Day Memorial

We will be commemorating D-Day on June 6th by unveiling a special memorial bench in the village hall gardens. This bench is being kindly created by a local resident using the wood from the tree which fell during the storms. This will be a focal point of the new garden landscaping. We are also working with Balderton RAF Research Group to showcase more information about Fernwood during the war through June for residents to learn more. We are also planning on lighting a Lamp of Peace to join in with the national memorial.

# THE HISTORY OF RAF BALDERTON – PART 5 – MISCELLANEOUS UNITS

**RAF Balderton Research Group - Pete Stevens, Leighton & Debbie Topham & Colin Savill.**

No.14 Service Flying Training School re-located to RAF Ossington on 19 January 1942 with Airspeed AS.10 Oxfords, seven days later it was redesignated No.14 (Pilots) Advanced Flying Unit. The units ORB notes - on the 28 January 1942 it was agreed by HQ No.5 Group that the airfields at Balderton, Wigsley, Skellingthorpe and Dunholme Lodge would be used during the day making possible an increase in the number of pupil pilots and instructors. No.2 Heavy Glider Maintenance Unit had personnel at Balderton during 1943 and 1944 when Airspeed Horsa gliders were towed in by Armstrong-Whitley aircraft for storage. No.2 HGMU was formed at RAF Snailwell on the 16 August 1943 to take on charge and be responsible for the storage, inspection and maintenance of the heavy gliders held at present or planned to be held by Bomber Command on 24 airfields. On the 24 August No.5 Group instructed Syerston, Fulbeck, Balderton, Langar and Bottesford to voucher (transfer) their Horsa Gliders to No.2 HGMU.

Thirty-two gliders at Balderton were handed over by WO Nicholls to FO R. W. Best of the 26 th MR & R Squadron US IX Air Corps on the 22 December, part of an allotment of 394 Horsas to be transferred. On the 19 February the ORB recorded that the RAF Glider Maintenance Section [at Balderton] would continue to maintain and service gliders until ferried away or USAAF servicing personnel arrived. The RAF introduced Heavy Conversion Units (HCU) in late 1941 to qualify crews trained on twin-engined or medium bombers to gain experience on the new four-engined aircraft before posting to operational Squadrons. There were 20 HCUs and two HCFs (Heavy Conversion Flights) formed between 1941 and 1944 training Bomber, Coastal and Transport Command crews.

No.1668 HCU formed at Balderton on the 15 August 1943. The ORB stated: On the Authority of Headquarters Bomber Command, No.1668 Conversion Unit was formed at R. A. F. Station, Balderton, Satellite to R. A. F. Station, Syerston ...The Unit is administered by R. A. F. Station, Syerston but is operationally controlled for training by R. A. F. Base, Swinderby.

Training aids for Flight Engineers, Navigators, Bomb Aimers, Wireless Operators and Gunners were assembled and/or sectioned (where the internal workings could be seen) and models created with some u/s parts obtained from No.58 MU (in Newark), four turrets were stripped and mounted for demonstration with component parts sectioned and 'drill' guns stripped.

November saw training start in earnest with the first crews completing their training in the first part of the month; Wing Commander Leonard Cheshire completed his conversion in less than a week and took over as Commanding Officer of No.617 'Dambuster' Squadron as reported in the No.617 ORB – w. e. f., 15.11.43 W/Comdr. G. L. Cheshire, D.S.O., D.F.C. assumed command of the Squadron.

The first course, strangely numbered No.47, arrived on the 5 th and after some ground training started flying on the 13 th . On the 14 th No.51 Base [Swinderby] informed Balderton of

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a change of policy and No.1668 HCU was to be No.5 Lancaster Finishing School (LFS), moving to Syerston on the 17 November 1943. No.12 FTS formed at RAF Grantham (Spittlegate) on 1 December 1938. On 1 April 1942 redesignated No.12 (Pilots) Advanced Flying Unit, by September 1943 No.12 (P) AFU was equipped solely with the Bristol Blenheim – around 90 aircraft. The unit briefly operated from Balderton for three weeks in November 1943 due to the runways at Spittlegate breaking up due to bad weather and the ORB recorded that 30 aircraft moved to Balderton on the 10 December for carrying out flying exercises returning to Grantham on the 16th.

Rolls-Royce used Balderton from October 1943 for testing the Rover W2B jet engine. The first aircraft to fly in was Vickers Wellington Z8570/G, followed by Wellington W5389/G and Gloster F.9/40 development aircraft DG202/G codenamed Rampage IV (this aircraft is displayed at the RAF Museum Hendon); the G suffix meaning the aircraft was to have an armed guard at all times whilst on the ground.



Wellington test beds W5389G and Z8570G - NAM archives Balderton had been chosen because it had concrete runways which were unaffected by the blast from the jet engines, a smoother take off run – there had been some tailwheel collapses due to the extra weight taking off from the grass airfield at Hucknall - and there were no RAF units stationed there at the time.

The Rolls-Royce W2B/23 Welland turbo-jet was the first British production engine. From October 1943, a total of 167 Wellands were dispatched from Rolls-Royce, it was only used for a short time as development of the W.2B/26 soon entered production as the Rolls-Royce Derwent. Frank Whittle stayed at Balderton [old] Hall (on Main Street) at some time during the testing and flight trials of his engines at both Cranwell and Balderton.

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!

1. Geoff Bowers
2. Geoff Bowers
3. Geoff Bowers
4. Simon Gibbs

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



# JOHN JEYS RETIRES

For many of us, living in Fernwood is a privilege. We have some beautiful woodland and open spaces to spend our time and many of these areas are maintained by the groundsman of FirstPort. At the helm is John Jeyes, who most will agree, is one of the friendliest people you can meet. John is retiring on the 31st May and is having drinks at the Tawny Owl to celebrate his retirement. If you wish to join him, I'm sure he will be pleased to see you.

Many of us have required John's help throughout his tenure here and he seems always to have time to help residents. There is a long list of improvements he has contributed to the village in his own time that maybe you are unaware of.



He worked with Ray Dickenson and Jeff Hobson of the Fernwood Conservation Group to build the Insect Tower behind Balderton Hall. He has created two Bird Hides. The one you see now on the meadow and a previous one near Goldstraw Lane. He, along with the conservation group, created the Fruit Tree Circle and the hedgehog hide on the meadow. He worked to create a path through the woods and he helped set up the Petanque court. A few years ago, John and his team turned the balancing pond at Chuter Ede School into a living diverse eco system. He provided paths and decking so the children could safely access the area. He has helped, free of charge, at Fernwood's summer and firework events.

John is going to be difficult to replace. But he has earned his retirement and I'm sure we wish him well and hope he enjoys his time with his wife as they journey in his campervan. Good luck John!

CLlr Dave Mack

**Making  
sense  
of your bottom line.**



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## SAVE THE DATE

**Fernwood Flower Show Tuesday  
21st May 2024**

Our Tuesday Coffee Crew will be creating a flower show using hand crafted flowers and would love the community to get involved.

Flowers can be knitted, crochet, sewn and modelled and will be displayed on the fence of the Village Hall for everyone to enjoy.

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# YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Many of you will have seen on social media that unfortunately Fernwood Youth Club will not continue past the end of March despite efforts to maintain it for another year. Several Parish Councillors attending the Youth Club a number of times over the beginning of the year and quickly understood how important it was to the children attending. We spoke with the young people who told us how much they enjoyed the club, who said they felt safe and supported by the staff who ran the sessions. There was a range of activities on offer and a good number of children attended the session we visited.

A report was provided by Councillor Mack and Councillor Shepherd to the full council meeting plus we read out letters sent from several of the children who attended the club regularly and wanted their voices to be heard. The council agreed to be the sole funders of the youth club for an additional year as well as provide Fernwood Village Hall free of charge if we could reach an agreement with Nottingham Sherwood County Council, who run the service and provide the trained staff.

We worked hard over several weeks to achieve a favourable service level agreement but despite this Nottinghamshire County Council informed us that staff availability meant they would be unable to continue with the youth club and they would not be able to provide staff to run the sessions. We were disappointed with the outcome and hope the parish council will look into alternative youth arrangements in the coming years.

We would like to thank Councillor Johnno Lee who championed the idea of the youth club, the staff at Fernwood Parish Council who put in considerable work to reach an agreement and provided the hall, the youth workers and the children who made it so successful.

Yours,  
Cllr David Mack & Cllr Kim Shepherd

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