Summer Event

The Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group's Village Social and Fundraising Group held their annual event recently and what a day it was. Working with St. Edmund’s Church who is celebrating its 700-year anniversary, the day started with a parade from the Anvil Public House lead by the local jazz band “The Byronaires” and was followed by a model of St. Edmund’s Church made by members and friends of the Village Social and Fundraising Group. The parade was policed by our local Sgt Dave Lindsay and other local officers. Other participants in the parade included Beavers, St. Edmund’s School, Rainbows, Leas Park School, Cubs, Pleasley Vale Women’s Institute, Home-Start, Excelsior Dance School, St. John’s Ambulance, Stage Door Dance School and SureStart and last but by no means least a selection of Classic Cars. The procession marched along the High Street, into Church Street and then onto the Turner Hall field before disbanding. The fun didn’t stop there and a full program of events in the arena continued with displays by the Byronaires, Kang Han Taekwondo Club, Excelsior Dance School. Stage Door Dance School, Huthwaite Prize Band and Jason Maverick entertained the crowds with his multi-talented displays of mime, balloon making and juggling tricks. A tug-o-war competition and races for all ages also took place. There were circus and dream-catcher workshops, BBQ by the Scouts, a mobile climbing wall and cave, a speed gun game with a portable colour television donated by the Mutual Clothing and Supply Ltd for the lucky winner and a host of other stalls and games were set around the field.

The Archbishop of York visited the village and event on the day before attending a special service in the church. A wonderful Flower Festival was held in St. Edmund’s Church over a five day period.

The Group would like to thank Leanne Taylor, Festivals Officer from the “Next Stage” project for her work with the Group.

The Group would also like to thank everyone who took part or attended the event on the day for making it a huge success. The Group will soon start work preparing for their Christmas Event so watch out for posters nearer the time.

If you would like to join the Village Social and Fundraising Group, Crime, Environment and Safety, Website or Woodhouse Warbler Groups please contact Sharon on 01623 429334.

The Group of course always do with new ideas and a bit of extra help! See Centre Pages for more!
Hi everyone,
Welcome to the August edition of your community newsletter. It doesn’t seem three months since the last edition. Thank-you to everyone who has made a contribution to this edition and sorry to those who have submitted something but we have not been able to include due to pressure on space. We are grateful for your continued support and we are continually looking for new members to join our team.

The Warbler team hope you all have a great summer break and hope that we have more sunshine this month than we did in July.

L.T

Editorial

Can any one tell us where the following phrases originated?

As happy as Larry
It's black over Bill's mother's
I'm sweating cobs
It's raining cats and dogs
Going Dutch

Dear Editor,
Everyone connected to this chronicle of Woodhouse do a wonderful job. The Warbler transports people in their twilight years down memory lane. May I suggest ‘Warbler donation tins’ be put in pubs, clubs and shops in Woodhouse – this would help fund the Warbler. Once again thank you.

Cliff Sims.

May I settle an argument! Are Woodhouse tunnels connected to Welbeck Abbey? (page 17 Warbler) Answer – No. Welbeck tunnels to Worksop train station only. Why they were built is another story. Woodhouse tunnels started at St. Edmond’s church to the old mansion on the market. During the 1939-1945 war a warden post was dug out under Woodhouse market, revealing a purpose built tunnel. The exact position of the entrance was at the bottom of Parker’s Lane. Where it went to no one knows!

There maybe a tunnel under Wolfhunt House on the High Street, its old kitchen has a priest bolt hole. Maybe the priests hid to avoid paying Mansfield Council Tax.

Part of St. Edmond’s church tunnels went to The Priory, a big house at the back of the Tivoli. St. Edmond’s want donations for the clock repairs! Why not open just the tunnel entrance, pounds gleaned will help the clock fund.

Cliff Sims.

Dear Warbler,
I am writing to express my deep felt appreciation and thanks to all concerned in my receiving the full rendition of the old song I wrote about in your last edition, ‘The Miners' Dream of Home’. The Editor, Lynne was most helpful and at first informed me of a Mr. Repton who had a vinyl record of the song but I had no record player any more. However, she then came up with a Mr. Arthur Waine who had a tape of that song and several more of that vintage. In fact I was highly delighted to find in fact that he had taken two copies of his own of some 30 tracks of marvellous songs and sung by marvellous singers of another age such as Paul Robeson, Lawrence Tibbet, Dame Clara Butt and the reproduction is superb and as good as the day they were recorded. Paul Robeson’s singing of Old Man River in the original production of Showboat at Drury Lane is said to have rendered Kathleen Ferrier to tears, such was the power and emotion of his voice.

Again, my sincere thanks to Lynne, Mr. Repton and especially to a most kindly gentleman and obvious lover of good music, Arthur Waine, I feel humbled by such kind thoughtfulness. Most sincerely

Jack Lattimer.

Dear Editor,
A few questions:-
Do trees have more rights than humans? If I let my front garden get into a disgusting mess, would the health and safety people clean it up and send me the bill or even lock me up? Does the wood being burnt by The Tree People come from trees? Do the Tree People go home at night when it gets dark? Do they have
Dear Warbler,
I thought you would like to know how far your paper travels. I am a former resident of Mansfield Woodhouse and moved to Rock Springs, Wyoming 24 years ago. Last year while I was visiting my family, I was very interested in everything going on with THE Tree and wanted to follow the situation. My Dad has been sending me the Woodhouse Warbler since I got back so now I can follow everything that is going on in Woodhouse. My favourite part is the "Ayup mi Duck" section. I enjoy reading it to my American friends and seeing if they can translate the phrases. So far they haven't managed to come up with anything which always gives me a good laugh. Keep up the good work, I look forward to future copies

Beatrice Clark

Another lost tradition of Woodhus – Feast Sunday
Always the second Sunday in July us kids were up at the crack of dawn. "Fair’s coming," how we ran up and down the High Street. “Another one coming”, the shout would go up. There in all their splendour, highly polished and gleaming with pride the giant steam engines pulling their trailers with the rides behind them. The fair people had been all night taking the rides down on Mansfield market. At day break off they set for Woodhouse down Debdale (Mansfield hill was too steep for them). What a reception met them at Ley Lane Woodhouse fairground. By now the parents had joined us kids, some of them as excited as us. Suddenly stalls appeared on the lane, gooseberry pork pies and home cured ham in abundance (no beef burgers). The fair people had settled in and without sleep started to put up the rides again. Dodgems, Noah’s Ark, Moon Rocket airways, Cakewalk, Chair o’ planes. Some of these went at the dizzy speed of 25 mph. Also the stalls and side shows, Darts, Wall of Death, Lady of the Lions, Hoopla, Coconut Shire and what would the fair be without the Boxing Booth – with our own local lads taking part (All Simms, Tiger Morris, Jack Curtis) just to mention a few. 12 o’clock opening time, the pubs were full all over Woodhouse for the next two hours – closing time was 2 pm. Back to the fairground, ice cream vans had appeared and the rides were almost ready. “Come on kids – free ride tickets, pull on this rope.” They gave us a large bull rope – we were to pull the empty wagons to the side out of the way. Most rides were 3 pence or 6 pence (old money.)

Monday dawned, excitement mounted, then came the opening music -what to spend our 3 pences on – it was a hard choice. A thunderstorm was always guaranteed at Feast time, alas us kids went home tired but very happy.

Happy days

Ron Sheppard.

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Due to pressure of space some letters and articles have been held over until the next issue.
Dear Editor,
I am researching the name of Bennison, which was my mother’s maiden name and found that an Eric Bennison was born in 1922 in Mansfield Woodhouse. Are there any descendants still living in this area? Please contact Fran on 01623 641444 if you have any information.

F. Highfield

Homes for Blue Tits in the Hornby Plantation

On Saturday 24th April St. Edmund’s Rainbows and other local children met in the Hornby Plantation to make bird boxes, nests and food for blue tits and play a survival game. The parts for the boxes were specially prepared so that the children could hammer the nails into the wood and complete the boxes whilst keeping little fingers safely out of the way. The children also learned more about the park and it’s various trees on a woodland walk. The bird boxes will be suitably placed and we hope that next year some of them will provide real homes for the blue tits. The event was organised jointly with Mansfield District Council, the friends of Hornby Plantation and the ‘Rainbows’ leaders. The weather was warm and sunny and everyone enjoyed the day.

Swan Lane Family Centre

Summer Holiday Activities at the Swan Lane Family Centre
Tuesday and Friday afternoons between 1.15 pm and 3.15 pm
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Please contact the Swan Lane Family Centre for more details on 01623 420113

Exciting Master Plan for Thoresby Road area of Mansfield Woodhouse

Exciting new plans are being developed for the Thoresby Road area of Mansfield Woodhouse. GVA Grimley has been commissioned by Meden Valley Making Places to prepare a master plan to regenerate the area. Meden Valley Making Places began initial consultations with local residents in the middle of May, with further extensive consultations planned for the summer.
As a way of tackling the decline in conditions and low demand for properties within the area, properties on Thoresby Road, Manvers Street and Cavendish Street are being acquired and demolished by Mansfield District Council. So far, 60 properties on Thoresby Road have been demolished and a further 14 properties are due for demolition in July. In order to maintain site safety until the demolition can take place the empty properties have been screened and made secure. Blockade steel fencing has been erected around the empty housing to help prevent unauthorised access to minimise the risk of vandalism, fires and dumping of rubbish.
Mansfield District Council and Meden Valley Making Places are currently working towards acquiring and demolishing the remaining properties on Thoresby Road, Manvers and Cavendish Street to facilitate the future redevelopment of the site.
Chief Executive of MVMP Janet Bradbury welcomed the developments, but said safety is a key issue for the derelict properties. She said: “The acquisition of properties is the first stage in implementing plans to regenerate this part of Mansfield Woodhouse. We are working with local people to develop the ideas at the moment and will have options for people to consider this summer.”
For further information on this press release please contact: Andrea Walker, Marketing & Communication Officer, Meden Valley Making Places on 01623 847675.

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The Metabolic Syndrome

This is probably an unfamiliar term, but it describes the most important health problem facing the U.K. at the moment. It has long been recognised that there is a group of diseases that are frequently found together. These illnesses include hypertension, type 2 diabetes (or maturity onset diabetes), raised blood cholesterol levels, coronary heart disease (heart attacks and angina), cerebrovascular disease (strokes) and obesity. For the sake of completeness I should add gout and polycystic ovary syndrome to the list as well. These illnesses are a major cause of illness and premature death. They frequently co-exist thus; somebody who has hypertension may later to be found to be diabetic (or vice versa). There is therefore a theory that these problems are interlinked and are different aspects as previously unnamed medical problem, which is now referred to as The Metabolic Syndrome. The cause can be simply explained – as a nation we eat too much and exercise too little. Official statistics show that the number of people overweight (or obese) has increased alarmingly over the past 20 – 30 years. However this fact is obvious to anybody walking through any busy town centre in the country. The solution is very easy to state, but extremely hard to achieve (namely eating less and exercising more). The most worrying statistics are not obesity rates in the adult population, but the obesity rate in our children. We know that obese children become obese adults. Even more worrying are the predictions of what the obesity rates will increase to in the next 20 years. With this we know there will be a lot of premature illness and death.

In trying to deal with the problem, we need to be aware of several factors. Firstly, the fact that biologically we are extremely efficient with the energy we consume in our food. If we don’t use it, we store it. Secondly humans in general (and yourself in particular) cannot defy the law of conservation of energy. If you’re overweight it is because you have over eaten (conversely if you over eat you will become overweight). Thirdly, while exercise helps it is not the answer. You can consume far calories in 5 minutes of eating than you can lose with an hour’s exercise. The sociological and political factors are also important. There are a lot of large national and multi national companies that are making a lot of money selling us unhealthy food and unhealthy eating habits. When you see all the advertisements for fast food chains, sweets/chocolates, sugary drinks, crisps etc you begin to see the size of the problem. I cannot see any government meaningfully standing up to such vested interests.

I would advocate some simple advice. Try and eat regular meals throughout the day. Do not skip breakfast and also do not snack in between meals. I do not advocate any particular diet (like the Atkins diet). Try to keep it well balanced with smallish quantities of meat and reasonable portions of potatoes and vegetables. Fresh fruit makes an ideal dessert. Think hard before buying any food that is being advertised, there are probably other healthier options (with less fat, sugar or salt!). If you have a weight problem, you need to have smaller portions (try using a smaller plate to help). Children need extra care. Avoid regular trips to the fast food chains (only go for special treats). Avoid allowing daily portions of crisps, chocolate bars and cans of pop. You won’t be popular but try and make them weekly treats! Instead encourage more fruit and vegetables. Please avoid giving food to young children to keep them quiet. It encourages comfort eating in later life. Finally try to avoid the idea of going on a diet to lose weight, and then revert to previous eating habits! The weight will only come back again.

Increasing the amount of exercise we take is difficult. The current recommended figure is for 5 sessions of 30 minutes each week. What is not often appreciated is that this is for a person of normal weight! Exercising to lose weight need to be substantially more, 40-50 minutes 5 times a week. Fortunately it does not have to be too vigorous! Steady walking is more than adequate.

I appreciate that changing eating and exercising habits is difficult. Don’t feel overwhelmed, but try one idea at a time. (A reputable slimming club is to be recommended). Finally if you want to get politically involved, campaigning against unsuitable vending machines in schools and sports venues would be a good place to start!

Peter Frith

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Local Learning Guide for Mansfield Woodhouse

Members of Nottinghamshire County Council’s Adult and Community Learning Service’s Community Operations Group (COG) for Mansfield Woodhouse are to produce a Local Learning Guide for the area. The guide will contain details of courses available at venues in the area from September onwards. Andy Ashley from the Adult and Community Learning Service explains more. “The aim of the guide is to give people clear information on courses available close to where they live. It will contain course details from all the organisations who are delivering learning so means people do not have to get separate information from each provider.”

The guides will be available in mid-August and can be picked up from the Mansfield Woodhouse Library, Park Road Resource Centre and various other locations around the area.

Andy Ashley
Adult and Community Learning Service
Nottinghamshire County Council
Tel: 01623 642304

Northfield Neighbourhood Management Team (NNMT)

Well, by now most of us in the Northfield Area should have had our burglar alarms fitted and are feeling much more safe and secure. What a great team of lads doing the work too.

It is now confirmed that the boundary for Northfield has been rolled out along Slant Lane down to Sunnylea and Cox’s Lane area. So, if anyone of you in the Northfield area is interested to see what the Northfield Neighbourhood Management Team (NNMT) are all about, you are more than welcome to come to our meetings at the Northfield Focus Point on Vale Road. The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

We have a small delegated fund, so if there is anyone in the area that needs help with a small project, please contact us.

Do not forget that the Northfield Focus Point is available to hire for parties, wedding receptions, christenings, wakes, etc all at reasonable rates. For more information on prices, please look at the price guide below. To book the centre please ring on 01623 626808 and speak to either Janet or James.

Janet Wood, Secretary NNMT

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To book the Centre, please ring Northfield Focus Point on 01623 626808. Alternatively, you can contact Janet on 01623 627229 or James on 01623 429334.

If you have access to the internet you can e-mail James at mwcdg_james@hotmail.com

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Due to this success we are pleased to announce this initiative is running once again. This time we are able to provide both refurbished AND NEW PC’s for eligible groups. The refurbished computers will cost £75(+VAT) each and the new computers £100(+VAT). This charge is towards our administration, delivery and support costs. The eligibility criteria remain largely unchanged and are outlined below.

The computers must be used to improve the number of learning outcomes in the North East Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire areas. This means that as before the PC’s can be used either for formal training, as community access points or for administration purposes provided a learning outcome is shown, which can be as simple as increasing the knowledge of your existing staff or volunteers.

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The price includes delivery, installation and basic tuition. Payment for the computers will not need to be made until after delivery and you are satisfied with the system. Printers and networking of the PC’s may also be available - please call for more details.

The second-user PC’s are from major PC manufacturers refurbished by the EnProve IT project that is supported by Groundwork Ashfield & Mansfield. We hope to have the PC’s ready for delivery from July.

An application form is available that needs to be completed and returned to the address on the form to register your details for the scheme. If you need any more information, or you would like a registration form, then please contact me by email at pwebster@groundwork.org.uk or on my mobile phone - 07799 133709. If you would like me to come out and explain more about the project please let me know.

Paul Webster
EnProve IT – Programme Manager

Volunteers – our unsung heroes who deserve lots of praise!!!
They plan events for the people of Woodhouse
Great summer activities and the Warbler too
Then comes the Christmas parade and pageant
I wonder what else they will do!!!
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Who work to make life easier
For the locals and visitors too.
Where would we be without them
Their dedication and willingness to strive
For success of each fun filled activity
I feel they deserve that High 5!!!!!!

Anon
The Sherwood Rise Beech Tree and its Non-existent Fungi

A decision has been made recently by the Mansfield Council Planning Committee to destroy the Beech we have been protecting at the junction of Sherwood Rise and Debdale Lane. Strangely members of that committee don’t seem to realise in condemning the Beech to death they have also passed sentence on up to forty other mature trees. A further instance of the lack of co-ordination at the Pagoda between elected peoples representatives and paid public servants. A whole swath of trees will also be taken out alongside Debdale Lane. This decision was taken on the information supplied by there one and only ‘expert’ witness. A local tree surgeon, who describes himself as providing tree services. The Planning Officers have been asked not to make this type of mistake again. They should at least refer to two consultants. Preferably experienced and unbiased people whose aim is tree care and preservation.

It has been suggested to the council that a more reliable consultant would be the Woodland Trust, a national organisation, or for fungal matters the British Mycological (study of fungi) Society at Kew. For various reasons, mainly poor guidance and facts from Planning Officers and expert, the Planning Committee don’t seem to have got the full and factual picture in focus here. It should be noted no part of a tree and no stage of its life history, is immune from fungal attack. Fortunately the tree is not without its own inherent resistance and mechanisms of healing. An obvious example – which the Debdale Beech is clearly showing – is the callus tissue that slowly grows around and seals off any open wound or breakage. Experience shows, despite all the perils the overall proportions of loss to fungal attack is low, and many trees survive to a ripe old age outlasting casual infections and invasions of their tissues.

A number of experienced field mycologists have examined the tree, alleged to be infested with two fungal species. Ustulina deusta, a saprophyte, only living on dead wood - so obscure that it has never gained a common English name. Armillaria mellea, a part saprophyte, part parasite – commonly known as honey fungus. On a close examination no specific evidence of either species could be found. The soil, leaf litter around the tree and roots have been carefully examined for any Armillaria species. There is no evidence of any rhizomorphs- which are specific to Armillaria – which gives it its other well known name of boot lace fungus. A small amount of surface white rot (less than a square inch) was noted in one of the old scars. This could result from any one of over 200 species of saprophytic fungi. **There is nothing to substantiate what the council expert says.**

Even if there was evidence as stated by him, “That the tree is terminally and completely infested by the alleged fungi and is highly dangerous and must be felled immediately”. He is grossly over the top and has gone completely beyond what is normal sense and experience. Even if the tree was attacked by any of the heart rot fungi and it was in a weak growth state – which it is not – it would take many years to have any noticeable effect. It is pertinent to note that the Major Oak has had all its heart wood eaten away and still stands and lives. Heart wood in any tree is dead wood even in young very virile trees. It is therefore structure and nothing else. The outside living tissues of the tree cans still support it. Armillaria likes damp acid conditions with poor soil, bad drainage and weak tree growth. It is hardly ever found on the limestone areas of north Notts and Derbyshire. It has never been seen on the Sherwood Rise Beech. Is it not notable that such an august body as the Royal Horticultural Society recommends Beech as one of four woody species that can be planted onto a known area of Armillaria infection. The other fungal species hyped up by the expert which has no common name has stroma (fruiting body/spore bearer) that is small and insignificant even in its early greyish-white state that rapidly becomes black with age as practically all other fungi do. Misidentification is highly likely. Suddenly in the last few years it has become big business – come ‘Tree Surgeon’ to the tree butchering fraternity and in their estimation gives them permanent open season for chain sawing every tree in sight of an alleged infection of such a dangerous pathogen!

Our Beech is in good health, showing no signs of stress whatsoever. There is not a twig in the whole canopy that shows any sign of an alleged infection of such a dangerous pathogen! Our Beech is in good health, showing no signs of stress whatsoever. There is not a twig in the whole canopy that shows any sign of an alleged infection of such a dangerous pathogen!

The tree remains under the full protection of the concerned enlightened people.

Tony Barton
Yeoman Hill Park Update

You may remember a while back, that a survey was carried out by the Group for ideas for improvements that you would like to see on Yeoman Hill Park. Although the Group has been working very hard to move the project moving forward, it has been a very slow procedure. This is mainly due to clarification on the Park’s deeds and future funding and maintenance needs but our Group is pushing forward to try and resolve this. You may have noticed that the War Memorial has been cleaned and flower beds replanted by members of the Group and the gates at the entrance of the park are to be repainted very soon. The Group will keep you informed of any new developments and if anyone is interested in forming a “Friends of Yeoman Hill Park” group and has not contacted us yet please do so on 01623 429334.

Watch this space!

Have you seen the new “Welcome to Mansfield Woodhouse” signs?

Pictured are members and staff of the Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group’s Crime, Environment and Safety Group who along with local schools, officers of the Meden Valley Town and Village Centres Renewal Programme and artist Jed Brignal worked together to produce the new signage. The signs depict St. Edmund’s Church who is celebrating the 700-year anniversary this year and this was the common theme that was wanted to be portrayed on the new signs by the participating groups. These new welcome signs have already been positioned at sites on Peafield Lane, Debdale Lane and Woodhouse Road.

Notts County Councillor, Reg Strauther, has provided Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group with a grant for £5000 from the Electoral Division Initiatives to replace the general office with new computer equipment and to support the Play Park Creche to purchase new equipment, furnishings, storage or supply them with consumables. Also shown in the photograph are: Val Devney and Jill Usher, Directors/Trustees, Gillian Welch, Project Manager, Mike Halewood, Administration Co-ordinator and Nic Wright Notts Rural Community Council Virtual Village Project.

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Third:             Louis and Niki Coupe
Dads and Daughters            Winners:        Chloe, Ellie and Tim Coupe
Race:                                   Runners-up:   Jason and Jodie Davies
Third:             Leah Young and Lee Barker
Egg and spoon race:            Winner:          Sarah Sheffield
Runner-up:    Lucy O’Neill
Third:             Jodie O’Neill
Tug-o-war Competition:       Winners:        Anvil Pub
Runners-up: Mansfield Woodhouse
Community Development Group

Race 1           Winner:           Dionne Wood
Runner-up:    Jodie Davies
Third:  Calvin Litchfield
Race 2           Winner:          Luke Dudley
Runner-up     Beth Vernon
Third:             Chloe Coupe
Race 3           Winner:          Lucy O’Neill
Runner-up:    Kodie Wood
Third:             Chelsea Norman
Race 4           Winner:          Paul Rathbone
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Third:             Steven Pogmore
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Good Coffee, Good Food, Good Surroundings

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The Archbishop of York visited the village and event on the day before attending a special service in the church. A wonderful Flower Festival was held in St. Edmund’s Church over a five day period. See pictures above.

The Mansfield 103.2 “Street Crusader” operated a live broadcast link on air throughout the day.

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The Group would also like to thank everyone who took part or attended the event on the day for making it a huge success. The Group will soon start work preparing for their Christmas Event so watch out for posters nearer the time.

If you would like to join the Village Social and Fundraising Group, Crime, Environment and Safety, Website or Woodhouse Warbler Groups please contact Sharon on 01623 429334. We can always do with new ideas and a bit of extra help!

**Dates for your Diary for St Edmund’s Church 700th Celebrations**

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Re-launch of the Park Road Resource Centre

The Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group proudly showed off their new Information Technology Suite and modernised reception area at the official re-launch of the Park Road Resource Centre recently.

Speeches and an official “Cutting of the Ribbons” opening ceremony were performed by Stefanie Stubbs, Strategic Partnership Manager for Employment and Skills from the Alliance Sub-Regional Strategic Partnership and Rowena Morrell, Chief Executive of the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation Coalfield Regeneration Trust’s Bridging the Gap Fund.

Earlier, County Councillor Chairman Reg Strauther had presented a cheque from the County Council’s Electoral Division Initiative Fund as had Mansfield District Councillor Norman Cook on behalf of the Mansfield North and Mansfield Woodhouse Area Assembly for four new staff computers, Creche support and computer server.

The re-launch was very well attended and after the opening ceremony visitors enjoyed a wonderful buffet and were able to look around and see other facilities on offer at the Centre.

Louise Kingdon, a Grants Officer from the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation was also on hand to give funding advice to local groups and organisations.

Engraved tankards and wine glasses were presented by the Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group to all funders at the ceremony in appreciation for their continued support.

Other guests at the opening included Mayor Tony Egginton and M.P. Alan Meale. Nic Wright, of the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council was on hand to demonstrate the new technology.

The new computer suite and server equipment with its more efficient and effective technology will enable the Group to continue to provide the community with training and development of ICT skills.

The suite also includes a range of adaptive equipment to enable users with disabilities to gain full access to the specialised equipment.

Anyone wishing to hire the suite at a reasonable cost can contact the Park Road Resource Centre on 01623 429334.

The Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group would like to thank everyone involved in the projects.

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We have a large car park which is free and has the benefit of CCTV. Refreshments can be provided and we also have a modern and newly refurbished IT suite. The centre is user friendly and accessible for disabled users.

Why not call the Centre today and speak to Mike, who will be pleased to show you around our facilities and give you a very competitive price for room hire.
Following lots of meetings over the past 7 months, with team building and issue based conversations, the first Youth Action Gang (YAG) project is now underway. One member has decided that she would like to improve the upkeep of Moor Lane Park in the West Titchfield area of Mansfield. Sessions have been run to draw up and design questionnaires which have now been dropped to each house in the park’s locality. Members have also been working on a letter to go out to all local people to try to encourage them to complete questionnaires and help with the proof of need and local support.

Amanda, aged 13, says that if we address the issues in the park there will be “benefits for children and a cleaner path for people to go by. I’ve got a dog myself and I had to take her to the vets because she got glass in her paws. It’s very disturbing”. Amanda is in the process of getting photographic evidence of the state of the park and designed the questionnaires herself.

The park is just one of the issues that YAG have identified. Josh, aged 17, says “In order for YAG to represent the young community, we need you to contact us to inform us of your issues. YAG is for anyone aged 13 – 24 to talk about their issues and to try to change things”.

Youth Action Gang is the young people’s sub group of the Community and Voluntary Sector Forum and is supported by the Hard to Reach Groups Project, funded by the Community Empowerment Fund. The project is employed by Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group, with Mansfield CVS as the accountable body. They meet every 3/4 weeks at the weekend at various venues. YAG are always looking for new members. If you are aged 13 – 24 or would like to know more, please contact Penny or Helen at the Hard to Reach Groups Project on 01623 624655.

Pictured below is County Councillor Joyce Bosnjak presenting cheques to June Wass and Ray Ward, Directors/Trustees of the Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group’s Crime, Environment and Safety Group and Village Social and fundraising Group.

The cheques are to help fund two projects: the Summer Event and the painting of the park gates at the entrance to Yeoman Hill Park. Sharon Cawar, Community Development Worker for the Group applied for both grants on the Groups behalf and is also pictured.

Notts County Councillor, Reg Strauther, has provided Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group with a grant for £5000 from the Electoral Division Initiatives to replace the general office with new computer equipment and to support the Play Park Creche to purchase new equipment, furnishings, storage or supply them with consumables. Also shown in the photograph are: Val Devney and Jill Usher, Directors/Trustees, Gillian Welch, Project Manager, Mike Halewood, Administration Coordinator and Nic Wright Notts Rural Community Council Virtual Village Project.

If you need any more information please contact the group on 01623 429334.
D-DAY Memories - 60 years On

In my last article I described what it was like when we landed in Normandy on D Day, June 6th 1944. This time I will try to convey what it was like 60 years on.

We were invited by the Cornish Branch of Landing craft, to join them on their pilgrimage to Normandy. We travelled down to Southampton by car, to my son-in-laws where we spent the night. The next day my son-in-law phoned from work to say we were to be ready by 2 am, as he was taking us down to Xbury Gardens. He had ordered a golf type buggy to take us round the gardens. We put our best suits on meddles flying. He took us down in his own car. It is Lord Rothschild residence. Our buggy came on time and we were taken around the grounds in style. After a long ride we came to a slipway, where our Landing Craft plaque is facing the Beaulieu River. From here a lot of our craft and boys sailed to France, never to return. The House was also used by the Officers to plan D Day operations. We were photographed many times by the visitors.

It was evening and we drove down to Portsmouth where we met our friends from Cornwall, we were soon all good pals together. Soon we aboard our ferry, the SS Normandie, of the Brittany Ferries. I think she is their Flag Ship. Everything was new, and you didn’t want for anything. The cabins we had were spotless and you only just hear the engine. The sea was calm, not at all like it was 60 years ago. We turned into our bunks and were soon asleep. The next morning we were on deck at 6 am, and we were looking for the coast of France, we could not believe the sea was so calm. We had breakfast on board then landed at Ouistcham, we got back into the buses again. Now we were taken to a big bunker, which the Germans had used for an observation H.Q. and they would direct fire to all the beaches landed on, how we gained footage I don’t know.

When we had seen this we went on to Pegasus Bridge but we didn’t stop long as it was so overcrowded with Pomms as Prince Charles was due there in the afternoon. We went on to Arromanche where our hotel was. We were soon in our rooms and unpacked. Then we went for a stroll as our hotel was on the seafront. The first thing we did was look at the sea, flat calm, if only it had been like this when we landed, many lives would have been saved.

The French people were there in there hundreds, all armed with a book wanting us to write in our names, numbers and what ship we came on. They also took many photographs of us. Next day we went back to Ouistreham, ??????? Beach, where one of our memorials is. We marched to our seats to the sound of bagpipes. We got a big applause from the waiting crowd. After the ceremony I did shake hands with Prince Charles.

The next day the Queen came to Arromanche, and believe it or not, when the veterans came marching in they got a bigger cheer and applause than the Queen or Tony Blair.

We also visited Omar Beach, where so many Americans were killed. I think at the time they called it Bloody Omar Beach. This time it was peaceful and the sea hardly had a ripple on it.

We returned to Arromanche after several diversions and received our chest badges.

Looking back and seeing all the crosses in the cemetery it was a very moving, electrifying yet sombre occasion as we paid our respects to our comrades. But for the grace of God there I would lie. The next day we were on our way home. Thanks to the Cornish branch, we had a marvellous few days in France which we will never forget.

Ken Parsons PJX 217319
The Facts - Woodhouse Millennium Green, Glebe Fields, Welbeck Road

There still seems to be considerable misunderstanding about the Woodhouse Millennium Green. A similar note to this was published in one of the early issues of the Warbler explaining the facts which are:

- The Green – which historically should be referred to as the Glebe, fields held by the church – is owned by the Mansfield Woodhouse Society. It has nothing to with the council. The land is held in trust in perpetuity for the permanent use of the people of Woodhouse.
- The trust deed states that the area should be managed as a quiet, green, informal leisure area for the contemplation of nature. In effect an urban natural area close to the centre of the community. It is in the central conservation area designated in the Mansfield local Plan.
- It is managed purely by volunteers. Nobody is paid to look after the area. The Mansfield Woodhouse Society do not own the Donkey (Rec) steps which is the responsibility of the County Council.
- There is a wide range of native flower, shrub and plant species to be found. Over 280 recorded with 36 different grasses.
- Bird species seen on and around the site stands currently at 314. Butterflies at 37 and moths at over 230 species.

If anyone is willing to spend an hour or two in helping to cut the pathways or hedges please let the Society know by leaving a note in the Park Road Resource Centre.

Tony Barton

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Local Groups! - Get your message across with the Warbler!
Pictured are attendees at the above Area Assembly meeting. Attendance held up well despite Mansfield Town’s play-off semi-final being on the same night.

A petition with 62 signatures was handed in concerning the stagecoach No. 1 and No. 3 bus routes. This is to be followed up with the County Council.

A survey of lorries using Vale Road on 31st March 2004 was presented with over 100 entering and leaving the quarry site. Only 74 of these would be classed as HGV’s using the County Council’s criteria. This was a continuing problem and Bowrings, the quarry owners and the local planning authority would be invited to a future meeting.

Despite the County Council’s decision to make the A60 bus lane permanent the Assembly still opposed it vehemently. The Chairman, Councillor Norman Cook said “We intend to fight on for its removal, the people in Woodhouse don’t want it and we are unconvinced with the justification for this decision. We intend to try and get it reconsidered through the Scrutiny Committee and have the support of local County Councillors in this respect”. The County are to review the bus lane again after one year.”

Julie Snowdon from Mansfield District Council Cleansing Services explained and answered questions on the working of the new area based cleansing teams. She also gave information on 2 other litter initiatives; the ENCAMs awards scheme for litter free business and the schools litter education programme which was to be part of the National Curriculum. Councillor Eddie Smith was welcomed and introduced to Members as the new Portfolio Holder for the Environment.

Assembly Officers are working hard to keep Peafield Lane Youth Club open and have volunteers to help maintain it. A meeting with the County Youth Service and the school headmaster to find a way forward is to be arranged.

Other issues raised were parking on Charles Street, Mansfield Woodhouse, a petition is sort to take to the County Council and traffic problems on Church Street, Mansfield Woodhouse.

Councillor Philip Smith reported on the market feasibility study indicating that any proposed site would be considered. The church indicated support for the use of Turner Hall car park for the stalls and this was emerging as the most favoured site. Residents felt that it was essential to launch the market before the end of the summer.

Further information on any of the above or forms for the questions for the agenda or requests for service are available from the co-ordinator, Dr. Bill Pearce, 46139 or wpearce@mansfield.gov.uk.

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Due to pressure on space a number of articles have unavoidably been held over until the next issue!
Mansfield Woodhouse Garden Holders Association Limited (6531R) would like to thank several funding organisations for their help and support in recent months. The Single Regeneration Budget Coalfield Community Fund provided a grant of £2,500 towards new security fencing on the Birding Street allotment site. This was completed with the remaining budget held by Mansfield District Council. Nottinghamshire Community Foundation provided a grant of £980 for 12 allotment notice boards that will help to keep our allotment holders informed. Northfield Neighbourhood Management Team for improving shed roofs and boundary hedging on Common Lane allotments at a cost of £1204 and Groundwork Ashfield and Mansfield for their assistance in managing a Waste Recycling Environmental grant for the community composting scheme with Mansfield Woodhouse benefiting by £2873.

There are many health and social benefits in allotment gardening – fresh air, home grown produce, fitness. The existing gardeners themselves are always willing to lend a hand to the less experienced so don’t let this put you off. There are benefits to becoming a member of the Association and these can be explained on joining a site.

We are interested in more people taking up allotments across Mansfield Woodhouse. We have empty plots on Birding Street, Kingsley Avenue, Longyards (off Slant Lane, Park Road and Park Avenue), Northfield (off Lawrence Avenue/Northfield Park), Priory (off Crow Hill Lane and Priory Road) and Whinney Hill (off Peafield Lane, Old Mill Lane, and Outgang Lane). For more information please contact The Secretary, Gillian Welch, by telephoning her on 01623 662200 who will pass you on to a site representative to arrange a visit.

Jigsaw Mansfield Floating Support Scheme

The Jigsaw Mansfield Floating Support Scheme is an organisation and registered charity set up to help promote the independence of vulnerable adults age 18 years and over, by offering a range of low level support. If you live in the Mansfield area or districts and you feel we might be able to offer you some support or would like more information please contact us on 01623 662200. We look forward to hearing from you.

Your Award Winning Woodhouse Warbler!
August

Holiday times are nightmare for gardeners. Leaving house plants and baskets for a week or so can bring about their demise. The best answer is to ask a neighbour to tend them. If this is not possible, lay capillary matting in the base of the bath, moisten and stand houseplants on it, don’t soak the plant first. Hanging baskets can be taken down and stood in the shade on buckets filled to the brim with water.

Pot Plants

Pot plants are the bane of many gardeners according to the questions that I am asked on gardener’s question time. Following a few simple rules anyone can keep plants healthy in the house. The first and most common mistake is over watering this must account for the demise of most house plants. On the dry side of moist is best for most varieties. Another cause is fly spray it tells you on the can to remove all food and pets from the area but remember a plant is a living thing. Air fresheners are another hazard that confronts indoor plants. Placing a plant at the side of a bowl of fruit will see it off. Fruit gives off ethylene gas which has a powerful effect on plant tissues. It will create in reality a process of accelerated aging and so bring about the demise of your plant so keep fruit well away.

Top Tip for your indoor pot plants, after rinsing out your empty milk bottles use the contents as a dilute feed, this will really give your plants a boost.

September

Most of the spring flowering bulbs should be planted now although tulips and hyacinths are best left until October or early November. With the onset of winter and the dreary moths ahead why not plant a few winter hanging baskets up. Make the basket up in the normal way and plant up with polyanthus and pansies adding a few small bulbs if you like.

October

As soon as the leaves start to drop from trees and shrubs rake them up. Particularly on lawns and rockeries as the fallen leaves can kill the grass or delicate leaves beneath them. These leaves are also a vital asset to the gardener they make leafmould, a really excellent soil conditioner. Collect them all together and place them in a wire compound or similar structure. They can be slow to rot down but adding grass clippings will speed up the process.

Get Growing - Get Moving

If you would like to start growing your own fresh fruit, flowers and vegetables and you have a few hours to spare, every week, it is well worth joining the growing numbers of allotment gardeners. Rents vary depending on whether you have a council run site or a privately owned one. The most you will pay in Woodhouse, at the moment, is £15.00 for a year and for the first year you will get £15.00 worth of free seeds from Mansfield District Council, who also offers up to £700 for the best kept gardens in their annual competition. And if that’s not enough they will even plough your garden to start you off. If you don’t know anything about gardening then help is at hand I have just updated my booklet Grow it, Cook it, Eat it, if you would like a copy completely free then contact me by e-mail, or if you would prefer a hard copy they are £1.00 each with the proceeds going to Yeoman School garden. Just leave your £1.00 and address at the Warbler office and I will get one to you.

I also run a school allotment garden in the area so if your school would like a garden with practical help and support from an RHS qualified gardener and instructor then once again contact me by e-mail. Mansfield District Council normally waives any fees for school gardens and they too will normally, subject to their budget, offer practical help.

Rob Foster
**Hole in One**

Local teenager, Sam Richardson (aged 12), who is a pupil at The Manor School and also a keen golfer recently took part in a Gentleman’s Medal competition at Sherwood Forest Golf Club. He scored a hole in one at the seventh hole and despite his young age he paid the usual penalty on his return to the green.

**Going for Gold**

Local swimmer Callum Lawson will be going for gold in September at the Paralympics in the 100m breaststroke. Callum has also been selected to be one of a ten-man squad for the medley relay. I am sure we would all like to wish Callum all the best in his quest for gold.

**Competition Winners**

The winners of the St. Edmund’s Pilgrim Badges in our wordsearch competition in our last issue were:
- Mrs B Pinnick
- Mr S C Davies
- K Wilson

Congratulations to the staff, friends and customers of the Co-op Superstore who recently helped raise £835 with a raffle and tombola. The proceeds are to go towards an electric wheelchair for local resident Wendy Swain.

**Kang Han (Manor) Taekwondo Club**

The club is based at the Manor Sports Complex. We are a very active club and are rapidly gaining a reputation as one of the best clubs in the whole of Great Britain. It is likely that some of our students will be in the next Olympic squad and our instructor, Master Adrian Tranter, has been selected to take the sport into the next Commonwealth Games for the very first time.

Tina Sherwood
Vice-Chair (Parents Committee)

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