Mansfield Woodhouse needs a strong voice to lobby for the resources and services it needs to revitalise the village.

Anyone who lives here can tell you the village is not what it once was. Anyone who visits the village can tell you it’s not what it could be.

Well, now a group of village residents who are passionate about the village and work towards making it vibrant again. They want to build on the best of the past and develop new ideas for the future of the village. They want people like yourself to join them in this quest. Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group is the established group whose members have been active in the community for some time. Over the past few years, much of their time and energy has been spent on securing and managing the Park Road Resource Centre. Now they want to build a Village Forum that will concentrate on the development needs of the whole village. To do this they need your help.

On Bank Holiday Monday the 28th May, after an absence of 10 years, this once annual, fun event is about to quite literally hit our streets again raising money for charity. Early discussions have taken place with the authorities with everything proceeding subject to final approval by the authorities.

The pubs and clubs taking part will be: -


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What is ‘community spirit’?

It’s one of those phrases that conjures up different meanings for different people - for some it will mean being able to assist fellow residents day to day - for others it will mean the sense of kinship with their neighbours - it might even simply mean for some the chance to be able to participate in local events.

However, it is a sad fact, that as communities grow and cover greater and greater areas (as is our own village) we lose touch with the heart of the place. We regard our homes as just another house on another street and that anything we do isn’t going to make the slightest bit of difference as to how things are right now.

It’s surprising though, how much the little things we do can make a difference. Helping a local group; participating in event put on for you; walking to your local shop; having a little more respect for our village and one another - a little community spirit, in whatever form, can work wonders for us all.

S.F.

Dear Woodhouse Warbler,

I am a resident of Mansfield Woodhouse and the grand-daughter of the man who built the Portland Arms as well as many other fine buildings in the village.

My Grandfather was an abstainer and a man of very high principles. He was on the Board of Guardians of the Workhouse for 23 years. The local paper, upon his retirement said, “The poor have never had a more staunch and trusted champion than Mr Ashley... who earned the sobriquet of ‘Honest’ John”

On his death in 1918, the Pastor of the Baptist Church said, “He leaves to us an example of what life we would do well to emulate.”

I care not whether it be a Dragon or a Griffin but John Ashley was a man of honour and principle and I hope I have convinced your readers how wrong one can be listening to other peoples tales.

Mrs E. Gale (nee Ashley)
Safety

A
fter the wettest twelve months on record, we are all hoping for a hot Summer. We feel much better when it is warm and sunny. However, as with everything in life, you can have too much of a good thing – and the sun is no exception.

While sunlight is good at helping our bodies produce vitamin D, it can also be harmful, causing ageing of the skin and skin cancer. In fact, it is recognised that about 80-90% of skin “ageing” is sunlight induced. Perhaps of more importance is that it is the main cause of skin cancer, and this, unfortunately, is on the increase. It is now known that excessive exposure in childhood significantly increases the risk of skin cancer later in life. The most important point is to avoid getting sunburnt and people with fair skin, freckles or lots of moles need to be extra careful!

I am sure most schools will allow (or even encourage) children to use baseball caps and apply sun creams in the Summer months. Putting sun cream on children before they leave home in the morning can help if they are likely to forget later on.

Other general advice includes avoiding staying in direct sunlight too long, covering up with long-sleeved, loose fitting cotton garments, using hats and caps and frequently applying high factor sun cream. I recommend using sun creams that have a skin protection factor of 30 or more.

Dr J.P. Frith

Snippets...

Grandma’s tips:
Washing glassware in cold water with two teaspoons of vinegar added makes them really shine especially if dried with a linen cloth.

Slimming World

Feeling lost? Find success at last with Slimming World, where it isn’t a sin to be over weight, where it isn’t a sin to be ‘less than perfect’ and it isn’t a sin to eat and enjoy life!

Come and join us at Mansfield Woodhouse library
Tuesday 5:00 & 6:30 or Wednesday 9:30 and 11:00
Or contact Denise on (01623) 658341

The Village Forum will be meeting on Thursday the 14th of June, 7pm at the park Road Resource Centre - please come along as all will be welcome and we guarantee that you will gain a great deal of satisfaction!

Don Rowe

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Each pub/club will hopefully enter two teams of two men each making twenty six teams in all. The route will be roughly circular, starting and finishing at the Sunnydale Inn and calling at each venue in turn as they are listed above.

Whilst it is called a race, the object of the event is to raise money for a good cause. This years beneficiary will be the Yeoman Park School. Yeoman Park cares for children who are physically less able and also those with learning difficulties. It is envisaged that each pub will have their own fund raising events, not only on the day, but also in the weeks prior to the race. The race has been licensed by the Home Office and there will be 8 official collectors on the streets of the village throughout the day. They will be clearly identifiable and will carry official registration certificates. Please donate generously, but make sure they are the official collectors.

Fingers crossed for a fine day. It is hoped to make this an annual event again so we would really appreciate your full support.

Ervin Devney

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They want to recruit more people who have ideas and energy to spend a little of making things better. Old people, young people, people in groups, individuals - in fact they want as big a cross section as possible as we believe everyone has talents that could be used for the common good.

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Shed burglaries continue to be a problem, not only in Mansfield Woodhouse but throughout the Mansfield area. Since the start of the year, there have been over 30 reported shed burglaries in Mansfield Woodhouse alone. There are no doubt numerous other offences which, for one reason or another, are never reported to the police. It is appreciated that the feeling may be, “The police can’t do anything about it, so why bother reporting it”. The police do have successes in detecting these offences but can’t take action if they are not reported – so please, do not think you are wasting your time or police time by reporting such incidents.

Sheds are vulnerable to attack as they are often located at the far end of the garden. They are a favourite target as they are used to store valuable items such as bicycles, lawn mowers and other power tools. Simple steps can be taken to deter a ‘would-be’ offender. The fitting of good quality locks is an obvious measure, however, an ever increasing method of gaining entry to a shed is by unscrewing the door hinges. This can be prevented by obliterating screw heads or by replacing the screws with nuts and bolts. The Neighbourhood Watch Office at Mansfield Police Station (420999) have shed alarms available for sale at the reduced cost of £8.50 and are battery powered and simple to use (so I am told)! Other measures to be considered are the chaining together of bicycles and securing items, such as lawn mowers, to the shed floor. Also consider white washing shed windows or adding net curtains to prevent offenders from identifying property they would like to take. There are numerous occasions when stolen property that has been recovered by the police (often from an arrested person) cannot be identified. To assist the police, it is advisable to permanently mark your property or make note of any serial numbers. It grieves police officers to have to return property to offenders just because we cannot prove that it has been stolen.

Sgt. D. Lindsay – Forest Town Police Station

Toy Library – Open to all.

Our Toy Library opened in November 1995 and is based in the Community Room. It is a registered charity and a non-profit making project. It is open on Wednesdays from 9am – 11.30am and 1pm – 3pm, Thursdays from 1pm – 3pm and on Fridays it is open from 9am – 11.30am and 1pm – 3 pm. There is a 50p registration fee per family and £2.00 registration fee for groups. There is a small charge per toy week. The toy library staff organise regular fund raising activities to replace and buy new equipment. It has been supported actively by grants from Children in Need and other charitable trusts. Many families, childminders etc; come along and let the children choose toys and then stay for a morning or afternoon play session. This has become very successful. Anyone can join the toy library and you are always made welcome.

For further information contact Sharon Savage – 01623 459540

Care Matters Mobility - has recently opened in the village specialising in equipment for people with a disability or special needs. The use of special equipment to aid day to day activities is a terrific boost towards leading a more independent life. Unique to Care Matters Mobility is the availability of professional assessment from qualified occupational therapists on the suitability of equipment to meet individual need. Home assessments can be arranged to advise you.

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The Renewal Area is now just entering the third year since declaration in April 1998. The Group Repair Schemes are continuing with more properties being offered Group Repair assistance on York Street and a move onto Limestone Terrace. A new programme is currently being produced and will be distributed shortly, this will enable all those owners who are waiting for the scheme to come to their area to see where we are with the programme.

Properties are still being purchased on Blake & Sherwood Street, most owners have now received valuations for their properties and are now proceeding with the sale to the council. Public consultation on the declaration will commence in the next few months. Remaining owners will be contacted individually shortly.

The Pathways Pavement Scheme has now been completed in the centre of Woodhouse and finger signposts placed in several places. MDC are also contributing to the funding of moving the wall around the new Clerkson Hall development to enable a footpath to go along Park Road. This will improve pedestrian safety along the narrow road. For further information about any Renewal Area projects, please contact Sarah Streater on 463272.
Walter Edwards was born at 45, Coke Street, Mansfield Woodhouse. His distinguished sporting career was kicked off by playing football for York Street School at the age of 12 years.

He was then chosen to play for the Dukeries team, a team made up from players from all local schools. Later, Walter went on to play for the county team for which he earned a county cap. For this honour his picture hung in the school hall.

On leaving school he played for St. Edmund’s Church Football Team and then the Woodhouse Rangers.

At 18, Walter was given the chance to trial for Nottingham Forest. However, on the very day he was due to attend the trial his call-up papers arrived for active duty based at the Lincoln Barracks. He was in the army.

Walter was wounded during the Normandy landings but recovered and went on to fight at Arnhem and later, the Middle East. Walter always found time to pursue his favourite pastime playing football in Palestine for the 3rd Infantry Division.

After returning home in 1947, Walter played for Mansfield Town before he moved to Leeds Utd. and then Leicester City. Walter ended his football career at Boston Utd.

Mansfield Town 1947 - 1949
Leeds Utd. 1949 - 1950
Leicester City 1950 - 1952
Boston Utd. 1952 - 1955

Unknown submission

As the opening of the Woodhouse Therapy Centre in May draws nearer, we would like to introduce you to two of the therapists:

Michelle Grundy-Wakelin Dip.H.S.E.C.
Practices Healing-Shiatsu to help cure depression, migraine headaches, backache, injuries, anxiety, insomnia and stress related disorders. She is a qualified general and psychiatric nurse working in this field for the past ten years.

Lazlo Osze I.I.H.H.T., S.S.O.M., G.C.P.
Practices therapeutic massage, aromatherapy and sports massage. He trained at the Sheffield School of Massage and further advanced his training at the North Notts College. He uses a caring, sensitive, therapeutic and holistic approach to his treatments.

01623 627904

The Woodhouse Therapy Centre

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The colloquialisms in the last issue proved very popular, so thanks to Mr Booth for the following:-

Mekit g’bakkuds = put it into reverse.
Intit cowd? = it’s rather chilly.
Oo worree wee? = who was he with?
Gizzarfonnit = please share it with me.
Ghee ovver = please stop that.
Kanni cum anorl? = may I accompany you?
Ittle norrothcha = it’s quite painless.
Ittim wiyer poss = use your handbag in self-defence.
Tint woth it = it’s hardly worth consideration.
Wairz beeroff ? = where is the nearest off-licence?
Gerroff om = please leave now.

If you have any more please drop a line to us here at the Warbler we’d love to get summut int post!

**Eyup Mi’duck!**

“We are the Byronaires, the Woodhouse Byronaires.”

These are some of the words that the band members have to put to music as they travel to competitions. These band members are some of our children of the village, very talented children, may I add. The band has been running for 20 years but is now in danger of disbanding through lack of funds and people helping. This would be a bad blow for the village because 35 – 40 children would be back on the streets with no aim in life.

If anybody can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact Pam on 467338 for further information.

*Pam – secretary.*

**Local Sports Hero Goes For The Gold**

Local disabled sports personality, Callum Lawson, 15, from Mansfield Woodhouse, became a World Record swimmer again in early March after shaving half a second off the previous 200 metres breast stroke record, one that had stood unbroken since 1997.

The record, smashed during a competition at Beechdale Baths, Nottingham, became even more of an achievement as Callum had never swum competitively in this event before!

This record came only weeks after Callum set a new World Record in the 50 metres breaststroke, and a total of six gold medals to boot, at the BT National Championships.

Callum has recently attended a training camp for potential paralympians and will be representing Britain in the Swedish Open Championships.

**Stop press:**

At the Swedish Championships mentioned above, Callum achieved the following outstanding accolades:

♦ A gold medal in the 100m breast stroke.
♦ A gold medal in the 200m breast stroke and also broke the world record for that event.
♦ A gold for the medley relay.
♦ A silver medal in the 200m individual medley breaking his personal best time.

**Congratulation Callum!!**

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Relatively little is known about what we in Britain call the “Dark Ages”, that is, those years between 400 – 800 A.D. The Roman Empire came under attack early in the fifth century from invaders and the Roman soldiers stationed here were called back to defend their homeland. The Roman Occupation here came to an end and with it went the Roman way of life, its technology and culture. Few natives could read or write to record the history at that time.

Germanic tribes of Angles, Saxons and Jutes that had so far raided and settled in Southern parts of Britain began to bore into the very heart of the country. The Angles gave their name to our country, Angleland… England.

Many British natives fearful of their lives fled across the Channel and settles in Northern France in a land called Brittany. So many local farmsteads were abandoned including our own Roman Villa site at Northfield and as the land in Nottinghamshire, north west of the River Trent was left unploughed and unfarmed, so it returned to its natural habitat of scrub, heath and woodland… the wood in the Shire… Shire Wood… Sherwood.

Many Britons fled north and west and into the hills to avoid bloodshed but many stayed and learned to live among the Anglo-Saxon invaders, albeit more often than not as slaves. Wherever those tribes invaded they gave their names to those areas and called them Kingdoms e.g. Mercia – land of the men of March (boundary people of Middle England) which included our area. The Kingdoms were divided by marsh or forest, where wolves and wild animals lived.

Anglo-Saxon place names ending in ‘ham’ means ‘a home’ e.g. Nottingham. Those ending in ‘ton’ means ‘a village’ e.g. Sutton and Ollerton, and those ending in ‘ing’ means ‘a family’ e.g. Eakring. We don’t know of any Anglo-Saxon settlement at Mansfield Woodhouse but there is evidence that the Saxons did live in the county. It is widely believed that the churches built at Ault Hucknall and Teversall are of Saxon origin and that Edwinstowe was built as a shrine to King Edwin of Northumbria, who died in battle in 633 A.D.. Do you know of any evidence that Anglo-Saxons lived locally? If you do then please let us know.

Anne Edgcombe, Old Mansfield Woodhouse Society.
Bronze medallist in the badminton mixed doubles at the Sydney Olympics, Simon Archer, along with four Nottingham youngsters in the National Badminton World Class Start Programme, have helped cut the first piece of turf to mark the start of the construction of the new £1.4 million Manor Community Sports Centre at Manor School. The Sports Centre will provide a wide range of sports facilities that will be used by the school and the local community. It is being built by North Midland Building, the building subsidiary of Huthwaite based civil engineering and construction company North Midland Construction and comprises a four badminton court sized sports hall, multi purpose hall and 30 station fitness suite.

Manor School is in its’ third successful year of Specialist School status with PE and Sport as a focus and community provision at the heart of the developments. Although a wide range of sports will be delivered focus areas will be badminton, basketball, netball and martial arts. There will also be a strong emphasis on encouraging women back into sport and Health in the community issues with a full and varied Aerobics and Fitness Programme in place.

The project has been financed by a combination of funding from the Sports Lottery Fund, the DfEE, Notts County Council, Mansfield District Council (who have provided much of the land), the Badminton Association and the school. A number of local companies and individuals have also given generous donations and we hope that they will all be able to join us for a celebration on the opening of the centre early next year. Thank you to all our supporters.

Manor Young People lead the Way

Celebrations took place at the National Specialist Sports College Gala dinner in March when the announcement was made that the School had won the highly prized Annual Beckwith Award for Innovation in Sport and PE, in this instance for ‘Developing Young Leaders’. The award was open to 84 Specialist Sports Colleges across the country so the school was particularly proud to achieve this recognition of its work in equipping young people with the skills and attitudes necessary to have a real and positive impact on the community around them. All students at Manor have the opportunity to take courses and awards which provided them with the skills and confidence which enable them to support and lead sporting activities in the area from working with primary school children to working with disabled people in sport. Further confirmation of the students’ dedication in this area came with the new that three 6th form students have been awarded the ‘Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Award for Young People’ in recognition of their outstanding service to their school and community.

Lindsay Easom, Rachael Clement and Emily Ashton have dedicated over 200 hours of their free time to working with the community.

Barbara Bakewell – Director of Sport in the Community, Manor School.
Jobs for May

May is a good time to plant climbers, especially early flowering clematis and honeysuckles, as you can choose the plants in bloom. There is still time to sow quick flowering bedding plants such as alyssum, godetias and stocks. Gladioli can be planted now. In the greenhouse sow cucumbers, peppers and aubergines.

Don’t forget….

To check your plants for aphids – they are already out in force. Miracle Rapid will soon sort them out, or if you are organic, use a ready to use spray, containing pyrethrum.

Jobs for June

The danger of frost should be over, so now is the time to plant out your summer bedding. Make sure heathers are never short of water should the weather become dry, apply additional mulching if necessary. Herbs, this is a good time to sow some parsley and chives - two very useful herbs for the kitchen and quite decorative in the garden.

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Now is the time to enjoy your garden, but don’t relax too much as watering is likely to be crucial this month especially as new plantings of bedding have yet to establish; feeding is essential too if plants are to continue to produce a good display.

Jobs for July

Top up ponds in hot weather if water evaporates and aerate occasionally to keep the fish happy. Pick sweet peas regularly otherwise the plant will think it’s work is done and start running to seed. California poppies flower for longer if deadheaded every few days. It’s your last chance at the end of this month to sow late peas for cropping in the Autumn. Try ‘Alderman’ or ‘Kelvedon Wonder’.

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Freeze parsley in polythene bags, then when it is needed take it out and roll it between the hands and it is ready chopped just right for using.

Rob Foster.

A Life on the Boards

Part Two

My next pantomime at Hull was ‘Robinson Crusoe’ presented by Arthur Lucan “Old Mother Riley” - he played Dame and his daughter Kitty (in real life his wife) was principle girl. There was never a dull moment the saying “the show must go on” was most significant on the last night when Old Mother Riley was in terrible agony but continued. A waiting ambulance whisked him away for an emergency operation. There was no end of the run party because everyone was very sad.

“Sleeping Beauty” my sixth and final panto had a special significance for me when my sister and I finally worked together performing at a London theatre in the next street to our family home.

The following year we joined Chapman’s Circus as a result of Miss Chapman watching our last panto and booking us there and then. Working with family acts and outstanding acts from abroad we did seasons at Birmingham and Leicester.

A nine month tour of theatres in London with Lord John Sanger’s Circus was followed by a tour of Britain. At this time we were joined by a friend of ours and we ventured into trapeze work - new to us but we mastered it.

Nancy Smith

Part three next edition...

Green Fingers

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After raising £800 for Children in Need in November, March 16th saw the abandonment of school uniform again at Manor Comprehensive – this time for Comic Relief.

Various sponsored events, such as eating spaghetti without cutlery, dressing up as “The Village People” and wearing pants on their heads helped raise £720 with more due. Well Done Everyone!!

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Rob Foster.
The Hornby Plantation is a small park in Mansfield Woodhouse. Local residents would like to know more about its origins:-

Was there a Hornby family?
Why plantation?
Why are there daffodils amongst the undergrowth?
Do some of the Hawthorn bushes and trees represent an original hedge boundary?
Why are there coppiced Lime trees planted in a line?
Did you play there as a child?

If you know anything about the Hornby Plantation or know any answers to those questions, please could you let us know via The Woodhouse Warbler.

The Friends of Hornby Plantation. Note: The Friends of Hornby Plantation are in the plantation every third Saturday morning in the month from 9:30 if you want to talk to them!

Debdale Sports and Recreational Club celebrated the official opening of its new astro-turf in March.
The club which is based on Debdale Lane has seen major developments since its creation in 1997. The clubroom has since been renovated and extended and is able to hold functions for up to 150 people with a well stocked bar (open 7 days a week). Non-members are most welcome and we have a special children’s area.
The original cricket ground outside is the home of the Sherwood Colliery Cricket Club and the football pitch has been fully renovated with a dug-out and improved drainage. The land alongside has also been developed with another full sized pitch. During the winter juniors are able to use 3 small side pitches.
The latest achievement has been the development of a floodlit astro-turf pitch. This facility gives all weather training to all the clubs at Debdale. All of this development over 3 years has been achieved with no grants or financial support. This is mainly due to the hardworking Committee and Members.
Future plans for Debdale are to build new changing facilities after sufficient funding can be obtained.
Affiliated Member clubs consist of Manor A; Manor B; Manor Colts (football clubs); Abacus F.C.; North Notts. Hockey Club; Mansfield Ladies Hockey Club; Sherwood Colliery Cricket Club; Mansfield Amateur Radio Society; Mansfield Town Ladies Football Club, Debdale Colts; Drezden Colts; Woodhouse Imps and many other small side teams; Northern Counties German Shepherd Dog Club (train 2pm - 5pm every Sunday, all welcome)

Anyone wishing to use the facilities/join at Debdale contact:-
Astro –turf                             Val Tatterson 0789 0046613
Soccer Sixes League                  Paul Chaplin  0797 414039
Clubhouse/private functions   Andrew Tatterson 01623 648003

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**Snippets...**

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To win this editions competition for **2 tickets to see the fabulous King Villa** (see page4) just answer the following questions:

1) What year’s census records will the library be getting next?
2) What vitamin does the sun help the body to make
3) What page is the ‘wonky warbler’ on?

Answers on a postcard to the address below before 11th May 2001 - good luck!

*Oh, and by the way, the show has been described as ‘bold, brassy and occasionally raunchy’ so you may need to bear this in mind if you decide to enter this competition!*

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