

Spring Newsletter 2016

**Manor Trust
Bedhampton**

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Spring is in the air in Old Bedhampton where the daffodils have been out so early this year. The Magnolia Tree in the Lodge garden is in full bloom and the gardens will be looking as good as last year or even better thanks to Maureen our gardener.

The many fish in the pond at The Lodge will be sunbathing as usual and all will be well.

Our new gardeners shed will soon be operational; the old was damaged irreparably by strong winds in March.

Dear Friends

Last year was a tumultuous one for the Trust, which saw the completion of the Tower restoration following a long 5 months and the fund raising events being held at The Elms for the first time with the Waterloo Room being the focus of attention for many indoor BHC activities. The residents have noticed the extra traffic and have been supportive and for this we thank them. Matters will soon settle down into a routine as we all strive to manage the changes.

The Elms

The 'Winter Warmer Fayre' (Coffee Morning), was held in the Waterloo Room on Wednesday 25th November 2015 and our volunteers worked very hard to make it a success as these pictures show.

There were not quite so many people attending as in previous years, despite the advertising and it is hoped that the new venue will soon be remembered and that we can increase the numbers this year. Look out for the date!



The success of the BHC has not gone unnoticed and our thanks go to Nigel Gossop and the team of volunteers who raise funds for the museum by holding evenings of interest in the Waterloo Room.

'A talk on The Life and Death of a Tudor Sailor' by Trevor Sapey of the Mary Rose Trust was held early in December, see left.



On Tuesday 12th April doors opened at 6.30pm for A Literary View of Portsdown Hill, written and narrated by Nigel with readings from the Havant U3A play reading group. Tickets for future events £3.00 from Katie 02392 484444.

The picture on the right reflects a community and Christmas spirit! The Luncheon Club 'Christmas lunch' was celebrated by 30 people in the Waterloo Room. Thanks go to Kath (pictured), Margaret and Carol and all who helped to prepare this meal and to the volunteers who served, washed and tidied up.



The Luncheon Club meets every Thursday and is saying goodbye to Kath pictured above right who has served delicious meals for many years. **The club is actively looking for a third cook to cover for holidays & sickness.** Come and see for yourself how friendly and appreciative everyone is. You won't be alone as helpers are there ready to do your bidding. Why not ask a friend if they might be interested? Should you or a friend wish to participate or help in any way please contact Margaret on 02392 619152 or Bernard on 02392 483240.

The Lodge

This small and caring Residential Care Home founded in 1981 was first established to complement The Elms and The Manor House, thereby giving the three stages of care offered by the Trust. For many years we were ahead of the times with this concept; from flats in The Elms for the 'Early Retired', now 'Active Older Person', to 'Housekeeper Care' at The Manor and full 24hour care at The Lodge. This worked well for over 30 years as residents went from one to another of the houses, as their care needs dictated, already knowing of course many of the staff and residents.

A personalised room at The Lodge



To the right are just some of the vegetables enjoyed by our Lodge residents last year. We have fruit trees and shrubs too.

Many of the visitors ask to see where the vegetables and fruits are grown after hearing all about them from residents themselves.



The Lodge is currently fully occupied but please let us know if you would like to be informed of any vacancies. If you require further information, or wish to visit please contact the Lodge Manager on **02392 452644** or email lodge.manager@manortrust.org.uk Or go to the website for news.

Our new Manager Jacqui Hildick looks forward to meeting you all at the AGM and in the meantime she has been busy preparing for her interview and registration with the CQC. The residents are contented and looking forward to the warmer weather. The staff, some of whom have been with us over 20years, remain motivated and happy in their work. To see a copy of the last inspection report, go to our website www.manortrust.org.uk. You can also look at, or download, 'The Lodge Brochure' on the website and see pictures of past events and read the latest news of the Trust.

The AGM is on Saturday 7th May 2016 in the Waterloo Room at 11am.

We look forward to seeing as many Friends and Members as possible on Saturday 7th May at 11am in the Waterloo Room. We hope that staff will attend the AGM as well as all our volunteers, residents from both houses and relatives too of course. Refreshments kindly provided by The Lodge will be served from 1200.

The Art Exhibition and Sale – is as always on the last Bank Holiday Weekend in May. Sat 28th May, Sun 29th May and Monday 30th May (Bank Holiday).

Artists Forms may be obtained from the website or from Katie on administrator@manortrust.org.uk or phone 02392 484444. Do make a date in your diary and tell all your friends. Items made by The Lodge Ladies, volunteers and much more will also be for sale. Homemade cream teas and cakes will be available as usual on all three days. See the website for all details or phone as above. If you wish to help with the teas on any of the days, please let us know by ringing the above number. You would be most welcome.

The Manor House

We had hoped to be able to say in this newsletter that the Manor House has finally been sold, but we shall have to wait a little longer yet. It seems appropriate to give a little of the history instead. In 1967 Cynthia Hoy purchased the Manor until the trustees were able to reimburse her. For nearly 50 years' residents enjoyed its ambiance and three meals a day cooked by a housekeeper on the lines of Abbeyfield. Now like Abbeyfield, which has sold many of its old houses, we too have had to sell for lack of support due to people staying at home for longer until needing 24hour care. We tried to look at various ways of keeping the Manor including contacting the HBC housing department, other charitable organisations providing care, including Abbeyfield. All came to look at the house full of enthusiasm, but all decided that buying or even renting wasn't viable. Neither was it viable as a care home or a day centre. In October 2013 we sadly closed the Manor House to residents and a decision to sell the Manor closely followed. We continue to be indebted to Nicky and Shaun Bray for living there and keeping the Manor safe for us.

We thank the 'Bedhampton Volunteers' for their continued help and everyone else for their ongoing support, especially those who have given donations and of their time at our events. If you receive the Newsletter by post and have an email facility please let us know via administrator@manortrust.org.uk, so that we can send it by email.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the **AGM on SATURDAY 7th May 2016 at 11am in the Waterloo Room.**

In the meantime, very best wishes from the trustees
Bernard Stanley, Susan Maclaurin-Pratt, David Sweetman.

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