

2019 Spring Newsletter



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The Lodge

The Elms

Dear Friends

Last summer's delightfully long heat wave brought with it a drought that has played havoc with the gardens of both The Elms and The Lodge where the elderly residents love to go and see the flower beds in full bloom. Also, some so-called perennials fade away and fail after a few seasons. We wish to bring the Lodge garden back to its former glory as seen left and to re-shape the Elms back and front garden.



So, we are announcing an appeal for plants that can re-stock the flower beds in the Trust's two houses. Also, we are planning a new flower bed at The Elms rear garden and reshaping one at the front. If you have or can grow some cuttings in pots that you would like to donate to the Manor Trust, they will give much pleasure to the residents this summer. We are looking for almost any lowering plant

whether it be annuals, such as a bedding plants, biennials, perennials, or summer flowering bulbs, corms, or rhizomes. We would be grateful for any flowering shrubs and those with colourful leaves or colourful stems, especially if evergreen. All will be welcome. Please contact Paula on 023 9248 4444 or bring any plant gift to the Elms on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Thank you.

The Elms: scaffolding is now gone, and most of the refurbishments have been completed. Some redecoration in Flat G is planned and Flat C had various maintenance issues resolved. Two new boilers and a new central heating system were completed just in time for the colder weather.

Also we have been delighted to welcome our new resident at the Elms, who moved into Flat F at the beginning of the year and hope that she will be very happy in her new home with us.



Celebrating John Keats

2019 to 2020 is seeing the 200th anniversary of the celebrated poet John Keats. Nigel and Wendy have been working very hard commemorating John Keats' stay in Bedhampton. The celebrations began by holding a talk and book launch at The Elms on Sun 20th Jan followed at 7pm at St Thomas's church candle lit readings by actor Tom Durham reciting 'The Eve of St Agnes'. Later someone was heard to say how 'moving' it was. On Sat. 26th January there was a display in the church featuring a 'Time Traveller's Guide to Bedhampton Village' written by Nigel and on Sunday 27th a further display in the Waterloo Room featuring an 1825 map of Bedhampton followed by a special Evensong Service to celebrate John Keats' link to Bedhampton. The trustees thank Nigel and Wendy for putting such a special week together and to all those who helped.

BHC: The back door leading from the garden and into the Museum has been reinstated and a complete refurbishment of the large window frames was undertaken, with new blinds, completing the look. The BHC room is now self-contained, complete with its own entrance.

The Waterloo Room: has been used extensively by both the Lodge and Elms staff for training and the library too has seen extra activity for various meetings with staff.

The Waterloo Room is becoming quite booked up by various establishments, along with Havant U3A, the weekly luncheon club and other such organisations and recently by the Save Old Bedhampton Movement with which the Trust has formed an alliance. Both Trust houses are situated on the long blind bend in Lower Road. Any further traffic in this part of the village would make it unsafe for our combined number of older residents (19) to walk into the village, especially crossing from Lower Road into Bidbury Lane to the church and park, which is the usual destination for one or two of the Lodge residents, when out for a stroll, using a walking stick or buggy.

Our volunteers: have been busy with their fundraising activities with the usual craft days, games evenings, thank you Jill, and 2nd Tuesday of the month Coffee and Books mornings etc. The trustees extend their grateful thanks to you all. On Tuesday 13th November a successful evening was held with Paul Chamberlin who gave an illustrated talk on "How Napoleonic Prisoners of War Occupied their Time" to a full house as always. There have of course been other talks enjoyed by residents, people of the immediate village, Bedhampton and beyond.

A break with tradition: with the usual Christmas Coffee Morning, making way for Saturday 1st December, an all-day event 1000-1500 named "**The Manor Trust Charity Christmas Fayre**", in aid of the renovation and redecoration of the Waterloo Room. A thank you to Nigel, Wendy, Margaret, Paula, Jill, Phil, Chris and Steve, and the many other volunteers who worked so hard beforehand and on the day. Several raffle prizes were kindly donated by: Meadow Farm Nursery, Hayling Island, Tesco, Morrisons, Hair Advice Centre, Hayling Island, our Vice-President and more, culminating in more than one book of raffle tickets being required. So watch out for news of the Saturday Christmas Charity Fayre again this year.

The redecoration of the Waterloo Room: talks are going ahead with a Conservator who has been invited to advise the trustees on certain aspects of the task with a big thankyou to those who have donated to the cause, further donations would as always be gratefully received. The work will be quite extensive.



At 'The Lodge': we say good bye to our Registered Manager, Jacqueline Hildick on May 24th as she makes a career move, nearer to her home in Gosport and we thank her for helping us to achieve a 'good' from the CQC three years ago and we wish her well for the future. We are advertising for a new Manager whom we look forward to welcoming within the next few weeks.

The kitchen has never really settled down following the retirement of our cook of 20 years and so we are also advertising for two further cooks to join Kevin.

The trustees thank Kevin for working so hard in the kitchen during this difficult time. The trustees also thank those members of staff who have been cooking delightful meals for our residents on their days off, and specifically thank the night staff who have worked numerous extra nights over many weeks, and day staff too for working sundry additional hours, all in order to maintain continuity of care for our residents. This, throughout a prolonged and very problematic period in the history of the Lodge.

The 2019 AGM:

The AGM will be held in the Waterloo Room on Saturday **27th April** with the meeting commencing as usual at 1100 and ending at 1200. **This year we will be serving coffee at 1030:** and the trustees will be delighted to speak with any Members and Friends after the meeting, over a glass of wine.

Is there anyone who would like to be the first to play our 'new to us' piano? Please contact Paula 02392 484 444 if you or someone you know who might like to add some music at the **AGM on Saturday 27th April 2019** from 1030-1100 and again from 1200-1230.

More Dates for your Diary in 2019 at The Elms in the Waterloo Room

- Tuesday 14th May 'Coffee and Books' morning 10-12.
- Tuesday 14 May an illustrated talk by Dr. Frances Hurd, entitled Quakers at War: What do they do and why do they do it? 7pm; doors open at 6.30pm. Tel 02392375594 for tickets/ reservations.
- Sunday 2nd June 'Big Bedhampton Book Sale', 11am – 3pm Refreshments available, FREE ADMISSION.
- Tuesday 11 June The Mysterious Case of The Haberdashers Scissors by Dr. Alison Habens & Mark Wingate at 7pm; doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £4.00 Tel 02392375594 for tickets/ reservations.

The trustees thank you for your support and hope to see you at the **AGM Sat. 27th April 2019**. Paula our Trust Manager can be reached on 02392 484 444 or trust.office@manortrust.org.uk

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