

2018 Autumn/Winter Newsletter



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Dear Friends

The trustees thank organisers Nigel, Wendy and all of our wonderful volunteers who worked hard in the preparation and the manning of the stalls for our 2018 Garden Party on Wednesday 1st August. Thank you to all who came to support us and a special thank you to The Mayor of Havant, Councillor Peter Wade who opened the garden party and to Mrs Janet Wade, both of whom spent time talking to visitors and volunteers, as did our other special guest Alan Mak our Havant MP. Alan has been a continuous supporter of the Trust since he took up office and we thank him for making the time to come and support us again this year. Another special thank you to the volunteers serving much needed refreshments as they were kept very busy all afternoon! Thank you everyone - you helped us to raise over £1,000!



Official opening of the Garden Party

Two days later found Paula, our Trust Manager taking a Manor Trust stall at the last minute, kindly arranged by Alan Mak, at the Older Person's Fair at the Meridian Centre in Havant which helped to put the charity on the map once again.



Sue, Alan, Kath Houghton and friend on the popular cake stall.

The photograph to the right was taken of all exhibitors on the stairs afterwards. Paula is somewhere at the top of the stairs! The Older Person's Fair was hailed a great success by all. Thank you to Rhona who also came to help.



The Elms Refurbishments

Outside is finished with scaffolding down and everywhere looking very much smarter. Inside we are installing a bathroom and new kitchen in Flat F. New flooring and carpets were laid on Tuesday 18th September. The vacancy is advertised on our website www.manortrust.org.uk, so if you know of anyone looking for a special home do let them know. This is a two bedroomed flat on two floors and so negotiating two flights of stairs means that anyone interested needs to be relatively fit to fully enjoy what this flat has to offer. It has a beautifully appointed lounge with a view through Gothic type windows to Bidbury Mead and the Church.

Please contact Paula on 02392 484444 or trust.office@manortrust.org.uk to arrange a viewing.

The guest room off the library is now a Disabled Cloakroom with some storage facility. The small kitchen will be used as usual at fundraising events and by the Governing Committee and trustees at their monthly meetings.

Nigel has been busy again and this time acquiring a new piano as the old one sadly could not be properly tuned. We can now once again have musical evenings/afternoons, so look out for these!



In the Waterloo Room a new Chesterfield replaces the broken chaise longue, which unfortunately had been badly mended several times and was deemed beyond repair. Thank you to the Secret Bookshop for both the piano and the Chesterfield. Thank you to the anonymous person who gave Nigel a donation.

At the Lodge

As many of you know Tania is retiring after 30 years, 15 of those years as our Deputy Manager and interviews were held on Friday 24th August 2018 for a new Deputy Manager.

We can report that we have chosen as her successor Jemma Marsh who is a Senior Carer at the Lodge. We congratulate Jemma who fought off well qualified opposition in order to gain full marks at interview. Her IT and Leadership skills will be a great asset to us and to our Manager Jacqui.

Also, on the management side we now have digital records and care plans; giving staff more time to spend with residents. Training days were held on 20th and 21st September and this is seen as a great step forward with both residents and staff excited about these changes especially to the care plans. Also, on 15th October saw the start of a complete refurbishment of bathroom 1, which will be of great help to both residents and staff and is another step towards the modernisation of The Lodge, which to remind you was first registered 35 years ago.

Other Charity Activities.

On Sunday 16th September it was National Heritage Open Day.

The Waterloo room and BHC room were once again open from 11am - 4pm with many visitors coming to see the BHC and artefacts in the WR and Library. This year there was a WW1 theme to commemorate the end of the conflict, including the exhibition sponsored by The University of Portsmouth entitled Westerman's Great War - a look at the children adventure books by the Portsmouth author, Percy F Westerman during the war.

A video of the renovation of the exterior of the Elms was shown on a lap top depicting just why the refurbishment was so badly needed. **"The Elms is one of only eight buildings in the country with Grade II* status and gothic type architecture, and is therefore a very important piece of our Country's heritage"**. Our next task is to refurbish the Waterloo room itself. Please see dates below.

The trustees are also looking at how the drive can be improved and are in touch with English Heritage and the LPOA (Listed Property Owners Association, which the Trust joined this year), for ideas on materials to use.



More Dates for your Diary

- **2nd Tuesday** of the month - 10-12 Coffee and Books in the Waterloo room.
- **Tuesday 13th November** "How Napoleonic Prisoners of War Occupied their Time" an illustrated talk by Paul Chamberlin -doors open 6.30pm. Tel 02392375594 for tickets/ reservations.
- **Saturday 17th November** Christmas Crafts Making Day 10am -3.30pm. Contact Jill 02392471611

And replacing the usual Christmas Coffee Morning we invite you to an all-day event:

- **Saturday 1st December** "The Manor Trust Charity Christmas Fayre" at The Elms, **in aid of the renovation and redecoration of the Waterloo Room.** An all-day event 10am - 3pm, so please come and be ready to buy your Raffle tickets, Christmas decorations and much more.

We hope to start the refurbishment of the Waterloo Room sometime in the Spring 2019. Please go to www.manortrust.org.uk Facebook, BHC or Secret Bookshop on Twitter for more information or ring Paula on 02392 484 444 to find out more.

The trustees thank you for your support and hope to see you at all the above events not forgetting Saturday 1st December 2018. 10am - 3pm for the Charity Christmas Fayre in aid of the Waterloo Room refurbishments. There will be the usual stalls, coffee, tea and mince pies!

