

# 2017 Autumn/Winter Newsletter

Manor Trust  
Bedhampton  
Heritage & Care

## 50 years' young!



### Dear Members and Friends

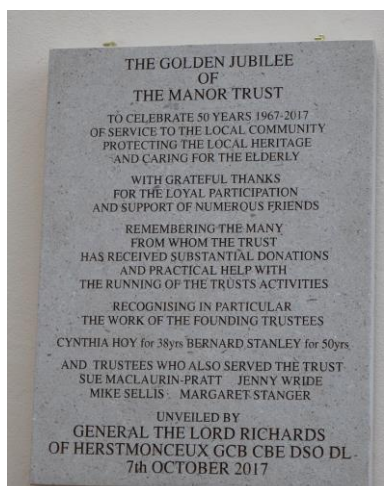
What an action-packed year we have had so far. Following the wonderful celebration on 2<sup>nd</sup> July when Bernard cut the Golden Anniversary cake in the presence of our Patron Lord Richards, Lady Richards, our Vice-President, Trustees, Members and Friends. Later there was another celebration at The Lodge with residents and staff when Bernard cut another cake made and iced by member of staff Carolyn Woods. See the picture opposite → where you see Bernard depicted as reading the newspaper, glasses and cup of coffee to hand. This is how the Lodge care staff will remember him.



Bernard has had an eventful and happy few months but unfortunately he was admitted to hospital on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. His interest in the Trust never wanes and those of us who visit him have to answer many questions in order to keep him updated. Unhappily, he is unable to come home to the Lodge as his needs are very much on the nursing side.

Current and past trustees count ourselves fortunate in having had his wisdom, his sense of humour and great knowledge around for so long. At the time of writing this newsletter Bernard is still in hospital, but we hope to hear some further news very soon.

Our Golden Anniversary continued to be celebrated when on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Our Patron, Lord Richards unveiled a plaque, below, commemorating 50 years of The Manor Trust's Service to the Community. Also in attendance were Lady Richards, our Vice-President Richard Pratt, Havant Mayor Cllr Elaine Shimbart and Cllr Gerald Shimbart, Alan Mak MP and past trustees Jenny Wride, Margaret Stanger and Mike Sellis. The event was screened live for Bernard in hospital via 'Whatsapp'.



Mayor, Cllr Elaine Shimbart, Alan Mak MP,  
Cllr Gerald Shimbart and Lord Richards



Rob and Jan Hoy and Lord and Lady Richards

Thank you Jo Cameron who was with Bernard in the hospital and to Wendy Gossop at the Trust end! Nigel Gossop, Events and Volunteers co-ordinator, was the Master of Ceremonies. Sue Maclaurin-Pratt, trustee, gave a speech on what the Trust has achieved and will continue to achieve with the collective generosity of local volunteers and highly regarded staff, gave a hint of the changing times and finished by thanking the many volunteers and staff who continue to contribute so much to the success of the charity. Afterwards, light refreshments were available in the library, organised by trustee Rhona Stokes.

## Sponsor a Waterloo Room Chair

A BIG thank you to all who have sponsored a chair for the new look Waterloo Room. Watch this space for news on our special event to say thank you in person.

**A Coffee and Secret Bookshop Morning** has been held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Waterloo Room in this 50<sup>th</sup> year. The library is open so do come along, bring your friends and tell your neighbours!



**The Lodge:** In July Sue Sykes our senior cook at the Lodge retired after 22 years and the cake made for this occasion is shown below, right. The cake was made as usual by our senior night carer Carolyn Woods. The staff and residents gave Sue a wonderful thank you party with gifts from staff, residents and trustees and Bernard made a short speech.

**The Garden Party Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**, due to heavy rain was held in the Waterloo Room and library the whole afternoon, but many of you braved the weather to come and support us; so, another huge thank you for that. We had hoped that someone would take a picture of Nigel, with mop and bucket rushing to deal with the surplus water at the entrance before anyone slipped! Later he could be seen, cap and raincoat donned with rake in hand rushing to spread the hurriedly applied extra bark at the bottom of the steps.

Thank you to him, our volunteers and to you yourselves for coming on such a rainy day. The volunteers who had the only outside stall, the vegetables, are to be congratulated for their perseverance and good humour, whilst still managing to sell the produce to those brave enough to step outside and buy!



**On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October** - we held a Jumble Sale- it was very successful, so it is planned to hold more. To make sure that you never miss out on any event go to [www.manortrust.org.uk](http://www.manortrust.org.uk) or Facebook for news and events.



## What are we doing next?

**On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Coffee Morning**

This will be held as usual in the Waterloo Room from 1000-1200. Do come and bring some friends to what is promised to be our best yet and yes, there will be coffee and homemade cakes to purchase and to consume! Browse the many stalls and pick up a bargain. If you could help by serving at the stalls, please get in touch and we would be delighted to hear from you- please contact Nigel on 07793805157. **Venue** 'The Elms' 2 Lower Road Bedhampton PO9 3LH. Car parking in Bidbury Mead car park **PO9 3JG**, a short walk away.



**NEW TRUSTEES** - we are very pleased to welcome Mike Case as a trustee. Mike, as you may know has been a keen supporter of the Trust for many years and can be found tempting you to have a go on the tombola at our events! We will value Mike's input and especially his financial advice. We are also set to welcome Graeme Loten to our next meeting. Graeme has recently retired from Government Service, lives in Bedhampton and will bring a wealth of experience with him. We hope that both Mike and Graeme enjoy their time with us and we look forward to ratifying their appointments at the next AGM.

**NEW TRUST MANAGER** - we are delighted to welcome Paula Humby to this new post, created to enable the trustees to accomplish the changes needed to allow the Trust to move forward and upward. Paula has many years' experience in management at Southdowns College and brings her variable skills to help us in all aspects of managing and running of the charity. Paula will work opposite days to Valerie who remains as our administrator. The trustees hope that Paula will enjoy working with us for the foreseeable future and wish her well in her new position. Paula- [trust.office@manortrust.org.uk](mailto:trust.office@manortrust.org.uk)

## OUR NEXT BIG PROJECT - WITH YOUR HELP

**The Elms** 'Grade 2 Star Listed'. Maintenance of this beautiful building is a heavy expense for the charity, which aims to preserve its heritage for our children and their children. We plan to commence renovations next Spring 2018. Please help us to bring the Elms back to its former glory by making a donation. This may be done through our website [www.manortrust.org.uk](http://www.manortrust.org.uk), see under 'fundraising tab' Or send your donation to the Administrator at 2 Lower Road Bedhampton PO9 3LH, cheque payable to 'Manor Trust Bedhampton'. Thank you.



With very best wishes and grateful thanks to all our supporters. We hope to see you at the Christmas Coffee Morning on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 10am.