

# 2018 Spring Newsletter



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## Dear Members and Friends

We are settling down after a very exhilarating 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. The news of Bernard is good, making a remarkable recovery and choosing to make Cross Way House in Havant his temporary home following his long stay in hospital. He attends the luncheon club each Thursday.

## The Lodge



Celebrated Christmas in the usual way and residents enjoyed their Turkey with all the trimmings ably cooked by Angela. Those residents seeing family and friends over the festive period chose Boxing Day to do this and so it was full house on Christmas Day!

In January we welcomed Kevin a qualified chef who takes the place of Sue Sykes as our senior cook. Kevin comes highly recommended and is already making a big difference in the kitchen. He joined us following the arrival of a new cooker, and the staff are congratulated for making

do with only one oven for the previous few months. A new kitchen floor completes the refurbishment for now, but even without this refurbishment the kitchen was awarded Food Safety top marks by the Environmental Health Inspector. So it's congratulations to all the staff working in the kitchen!

The highlight of the year were the players from the pantomime Mother Goose who came to the Lodge in December. They were delighted with the reception they received from the residents, who in turn thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

This year is exciting as we plan for much needed improvements, including having well appointed storage space for all our equipment.

In the gardens the residents are looking forward to seeing the many new bulbs planted by Tony who is already planning the summer crop of vegetables with Kevin.

## The Elms

### Retirement announcement



Nigel Gossop retired in December as the gardener at the Elms, but not before he found us his replacement, Martin Bream, who is working closely with Tony at the Lodge where he shares the shed and a greenhouse. Nigel has worked hard in the garden over the 12 years, especially clearing space for the garden party with the help of the Bedhampton Volunteers and for creating spaces for the residents to sit and enjoy the clement weather.

The present trustees thank him for his forbearance and willingness to undertake the heavy work in all weathers and we would also like to thank him on behalf of the Elms residents for his creativeness in making some of the tree trunks into tables for the birds. We don't really lose him as his voluntary work as the Events and Volunteer's Co-ordinator is increasing all the time. We welcome Martin and hope that he enjoys his work in The Elms gardens



## Waterloo Room Chairs

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

**A Coffee Morning with Books** is being held on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** in the Waterloo Room. The library is open so do come along, bring your friends and tell your neighbours!

**The Annual Christmas Fayre** was held in November and was a good morning, with not quite so many people coming to sample the home baked cakes and mince pies with a cup of coffee. Do tell your friends and neighbours about the homemade crafts for sale and what a festive occasion it is. Thank you to staff and volunteers who worked hard before the day as well as on the day. Thank you to **Tesco** for supporting us!



At the Christmas Fayre you see to the left Wendy Gossop showing trustee Mike Case a picture depicting the Scottish Highlanders at the Battle of Waterloo. This has kindly been acquired by Nigel, a gift to the Trust from the Secret Bookshop.

We think it sits very well above the mantel piece!

**A Christmas Craft Making Day** was held by the BHC Team on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm. Some of the results can be seen in the two pictures showing one or two of the beautiful handmade Xmas decorations.

**An Evening at The Elms** - The Butler's Christmas was held Tuesday 5 December: 7pm. This was an illustrated talk by Dr. Bob Francis and was about John Dine, Petworth's Victorian butler and a typical Christmas at a great house in Victorian times.

## On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 another evening at the Elms

We thank our Patron, Lord Richards, who gave us a thought provoking evening when he spoke of 'A Troubled World and the Absence of Statesmanship' in the Waterloo Room at 7pm and this is still being talked about as we write this newsletter. It was a topic of conversation at the luncheon club three days later!

## The AGM is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 from 1100-12noon

The next important date in our calendar is The Manor Trust's 51<sup>st</sup> AGM on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April to be held as usual in the Waterloo Room 11-12 and all Members and Friends are welcome. On this day, we shall be introducing two more new trustees to you, Mr Michael Case and Mr Graeme Loten who have served on the Governing Committee before agreeing to become trustees and we can highly recommend them to you all and shall be asking Members to ratify them as trustees. Sadly, we lose trustee Rhona, but she will continue to help us with the fundraising in between her travels.

We once again thank all our hard-working staff and volunteers for their considerable help and hope to see as many as possible at the **AGM on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.**

## Art Exhibition and Sale 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Is to be held on the last May Bank Holiday as usual - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2pm-6pm  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 2pm-6pm and on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 5pm. The picture on the right was taken last year - Bernard with Jo, his goddaughter, the organiser of the show for many years.



## Our next big project

**The Elms 'Grade 2 Star Listed'**. Maintenance of this beautiful building is a heavy expense for us, as we aim to preserve its heritage for generations to come and we plan to start renovations this Spring. If you care to help us bring the Elms back to its former glory, you can make a donation to the restoration, if you wish. Please contact Paula either through our website [www.manortrust.org.uk](http://www.manortrust.org.uk), under the 'fundraising tab' Or by sending a donation to Paula the 'Trust Manager' at 2 Lower Road Bedhampton PO9 3LH, cheque payable to 'Manor Trust Bedhampton'. Thank you so much.



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With very best wishes and grateful thanks to you all for your support. We hope to see you at the **AGM on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 11am.**

*From the trustees*