

2019 Summer Newsletter



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Dear Friends

We are pleased to announce that our Member of Parliament, Alan Mak, has agreed to become a Vice-President of the Manor Trust Bedhampton. Alan's hard work in the constituency since he was elected is well known and we count ourselves fortunate to have Richard and Alan as our Vice-Presidents. We welcome you Alan and thank you for your invaluable and continuing support in recent years.

The Manor Trust had a stall again this year at Alan's Older Persons' Fair, which was once again very busy. Susan and Rhona had no time to sit down as visitor after visitor came over to say hello and ask about the charity. Many leaflets were taken away. Old friends too came to see us and a few to verify the date of the garden party, which had been incorrectly advertised in the latest edition of PO9. Susan was able to invite the Solent Male Voice Choir to come to The Lodge and we eagerly wait for a date to be announced after an exchange of telephone numbers and email addresses. Thank you Paula for the printing, Nigel for setting up the stand and Rhona for helping.

Thank you for all for coming forward with plants that you had to spare. Tony too has been growing many plants for the borders from seed and together we have enough to see the gardens of both houses almost back to their former glory. Thank you to the Bedhampton Volunteers for plants and for helping us once again at The Elms.



This picture is taken from behind the garden gate at The Lodge leading up to the vegetable patch. I am very pleased to tell you that we have engaged Fiona, to help with the Lodge garden. Fiona will be spending her time on the flower garden to the south of the Lodge and is already making a big difference in her two days spent so far (at the time of writing). Tony will have the hours he needs to keep on top of the large garden to the west of The Lodge. And will be able to continue to carry on supplying the Lodge Residents with fresh vegetables and fruit.

Fiona will also be spending time on the front garden at The Elms and we hope to see plenty of colour by the time of the Garden Party.

Date for your diary –

The Garden Party Wednesday 7th August at the Elms 2pm-4pm admission £1.



We are privileged that this year the 2019 Garden Party will be opened by our Patron, General, The Lord Richards of Hertsmonceux.

We thank him in advance because we are lucky to have him in the country just at the right time! Do come along and say hello not only to Lord Richards but to other distinguished guests as well.

There will be the usual stalls –see our website www.manortrust.org.uk and of course cream teas and lots of cake served by our marvellous volunteers.

Thank you Paula, and your team for your hard work in organising this year's Garden Party.

Susan was again at the Bedhampton Village Fête, flying the flag for the Trust on Saturday 6th July 2019 sharing the stand in the much needed shade under the gazebo with Nigel pp The Bedhampton Historical Collection. As so often happens a long-lost acquaintance, this time Nancy W, who used to help Cynthia at the luncheon club came to say hello. Bernard also came to the Fête and was re-acquainted with Nancy, who was surprised that the Luncheon Club was still going. And as if to prove a point, Susan invited her to attend the following Thursday, which she did. Thank you to Nigel who set up the stand at the Fête and took it down again, as Sue had to rush off to a birthday party. It was all very worthwhile.

The Luncheon Club in the Waterloo Room.

This club meets every Thursday and lunch is served at 12.30. A delicious two courses are served for just £4.00 and cooked with fresh ingredients in the small kitchen by voluntary cooks. If you would like to be a voluntary server or if you would like to join the lovely people who partake of the lunch, please contact Margaret on 02392 61952. Helpers also have lunch!

The Waterloo Room:

The Elms elevations having been refurbished last summer, we were greatly looking forward to re-decorating the interior of The Waterloo Room this year, but sadly this will have to wait because first of all we find we need to re-roof the Waterloo Room, and this has to be a priority. We had engaged the services of a Conservator to advise care of the building, he inspected the roof and advised that the roof needed attention as a priority. This now has had to be budgeted for and so we are rearranging the finances in the hopes that it will not be too expensive a task, although the existing slates were the more costly Welsh Slate and we must replace like with like. Even as a charity we do not get VAT relief as other businesses do and so this makes it 20% more expensive for us. Any help towards re-roofing the Waterloo Room would be greatly received. We very much hope that someone will give to help the charity. Please visit our website's 'Charitable Funds' page www.manortrust.org.uk

At 'The Lodge'



We welcome Renate Ditton, our new Manager who comes with excellent references, and a vast experience of caring for the older person. There were a few of her staff from her previous employment who wanted to come as well, and we thank Dawn who has joined our 'bank' of staff filling in for staff holidays at supper time. Due to an oversight, both supper ladies are away together and so, it was fate, if you believe in it, that brought Dawn to us and she is proving popular with the residents.

We wish Renate well and hope that she will enjoy working as the Manager at The Lodge. She was certainly thrown in at the deep end at her induction with the additional work arising from the recent CQC Inspectors' visit, bringing along new required methods of producing policies and keeping records. We are confident that Renate can quickly install these upgrades. We still have a waiting list; and potential residents ring every week to see if there is a vacancy. It's well worth putting your name down if the Lodge is where you want to be.

More Dates for your Diary in 2019 at The Elms

- **Wednesday 7th August Garden Party at the Elms.**
2pm-4pm Admission £1.
- **Tuesday 13th August 'Coffee and Books' morning 10-1130.**
- **Sunday 15th September is National Heritage Open Day**
The Waterloo Room will be open from 11am-4pm with refreshments available. This particular exhibition is entitled, 'Bedhampton as others have seen it.'

The Trustees thank you for your support and hope to see you at the **Garden Party on Wednesday 7th August 2019 at 2pm.**

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Go to www.manortrust.org.uk, Facebook, 'BHC' or 'Secret Bookshop' on Twitter, for more information on all 2019 events.

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With best wishes to you all, from the trustees.

