

# 2019 Autumn Newsletter



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Dear Friends

We have had yet another busy year, with refurbishing at both the houses. We welcome Kevin our new resident, at The Elms, where as a child he used to come school! It has been a nostalgic journey and we wish him every happiness and hope that he will enjoy his Apartment and the Trust activities that take place.

## The Gardens

We also welcome Francis at The Elms, who has taken over the gardens for us and he has been very busy shaping the back garden. He has painted the railings that abut the drive to the Lodge and says that his next big job will be the front fencing. We hope that he will be very happy working for us in the Elms gardens. We thank Fiona for the hard work that she has put in at the Lodge.



## The Lodge, snippets

Some of the Lodge residents planted sunflower seeds early in the year with the help of Kaila one of our younger carers. There is now a competition to see whose sunflower has grown the tallest. Photographs were taken by Sue and the residents will be choosing which one they think is best.

Later on some residents made good use of the lavender that Fiona cut down and put these in small lavender bags bought on Amazon by Sue, and then Renate, when more bags were needed. These make nice presents, but most residents now have a lavender bag hanging either outside or inside their wardrobes! Angie was responsible as our Activities Organiser for helping with this particular activity. Another activity that has proved very popular with a few residents again at the direction of Angie has been the painting sessions. The finished pictures are so good that we will be framing them and hanging them in the dining room.



We have been very pleased to welcome Ian as a new resident at the Lodge and hope that he will be very happy with us.

We were also pleased to welcome Jean for a few weeks respite, together with her guide dog Flora. We shall miss them both, but are pleased that Jean is fit enough to go home.

You may have seen the post on our Facebook page, when Lodge residents enjoyed lunch in the Waterloo Room. Residents from the Elms joined in and helped to contribute to the party atmosphere!



A very big thank you to the family of Lilian who kindly donated to the refurbishment of the main lounge and we hope to purchase some blinds for the windows to remember Lilian by, as she loved to sit there on sunny days.

One of our residents who was finding difficulty getting around, now has a small electric wheel chair that his family bought for him and this has transformed his life. He can now go almost anywhere within the home and can even go and sit in the sun, where Sue found him one day. Another gentleman has also made good use of one of the benches in the garden and can be found sitting quietly in the sun on most warm days. We need some further ramps at The Lodge if anyone wishes to help us?

New furniture has been ordered for the main lounge that has been repainted and measurements for a new carpet have been taken. Bathroom 2 will hopefully be receiving a face lift and on our Wishlist is a hairdresser's basin as this is the bathroom used by the hairdressers, because of its close proximity to the small lounge where hairdryers are in use twice a week.

A reminder that you can see our website for vacancies or phone 02392 452644. We are always pleased to show you round.

## The Elms

**The garden party** was another huge success and it was a sunny day, but rather windy at times! Our grateful thanks go our Deputy mayor, Prad Baines, together with our Member of Parliament Alan Mak who both helped to save the day when the wind threatened to take away some of our gazebos moments before the event was opened by our Patron, General, The Lord Richards of Hertsmonceux. A big thank you to Lord Richards, Alan and Prad for their time and also to Paula and her team of volunteers who worked very hard on the day and also let's not forget the much needed planning and work beforehand. Thank you to all those who gave so generously towards the tombola and main raffle as well. We raised £1,400 together with an anonymous donation of £100.



## Heritage Open Day Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### 'Bedhampton As Others Have Seen It'

Another sunny day and the trustees thank Nigel, Wendy, and Jill for their hard work both beforehand and on the day itself. This was a really special exhibition of unique pictures of Bedhampton including those by Lionel Grimston Fawkes (1849-1931) a former resident of The Elms, and William Grant (1893-1982).

There were many compliments, from the arrangement of the pictures themselves, to the refreshments. Just under 300 people graced the doors of the Waterloo Room, which was very heartening for the organisers.

The evening before, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September saw a private invitation to view the exhibition with wine, soft drinks, and nibbles. This too was commendable, and the trustees once again thank the organisers for their hard work.

Amongst the pictures were loans from private collectors, to whom we owe grateful thanks. Sue couldn't do justice in trying to photograph the many pictures on display.

← Pre-view evening before Heritage Open Day itself.

## The Luncheon Club in the Waterloo Room.

This club meets every Thursday and lunch is served at 12.30. 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.

## The Waterloo Room

As you read in the previous Newsletter, we have to re-roof the Waterloo Room before we can redecorate the interior and because of the events this autumn we will be undertaking this in the Spring of 2020. Any help towards the re-roofing will be gratefully received. Please visit our website's 'Charitable Funds' page [www.manortrust.org.uk](http://www.manortrust.org.uk) or contact Paula our Trust Manager at [trust.office@manortrust.org.uk](mailto:trust.office@manortrust.org.uk) Also on 02392 484444. A huge thank you to those who have already donated, we very much appreciate your help.

## Dates for your Diary at The Elms

- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October and every second Tuesday** of the month 'Coffee and Books' morning 10-1130.
- **Also 8<sup>th</sup> October** An illustrated talk 'A Saxon Naval Base in Chichester Harbour'. Doors open 6.30pm. Tel: 02392375594 for tickets/ reservations.
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> & Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2 x Games Evenings;** contact Jill Munden for further details on 02392471611 or [bedhamptonhc@gmail.com](mailto:bedhamptonhc@gmail.com)
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, Charity Christmas Fayre; all day event 11-3pm **in aid of the renovation and redecoration of the Waterloo Room in Spring 2020**, so please come and be ready to buy your Raffle tickets, Christmas decorations and much more. **Then in the evening:** 'Lighting the Christmas Tree', with Christmas Carols and Mulled Wine. Contact Paula for further details.

Paula our Trust Manager can be reached on 02392 484 444 or email [trust.office@manortrust.org.uk](mailto:trust.office@manortrust.org.uk) Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, for further details on the above events and for delivery of any raffle and tombola prizes. (thank you).

Please go to [www.manortrust.org.uk](http://www.manortrust.org.uk), or Facebook, 'BHC' or 'Secret Bookshop' on Twitter, for more information on all 2019/20 events and any changes.

We hope to see you at all the above events not forgetting Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019. 11am – 3pm for the Charity Christmas Fayre in aid of the Waterloo Room refurbishments. There will be the usual stalls, plus coffee, tea, and mince pies!

With very best wishes and thank you again for your continued support, from us all at The Manor Trust.

