

# 2018 Summer Newsletter



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Dear Friends

Thank you to you all who came to our lively 51<sup>st</sup> AGM when we introduced two new trustees, Mike Case and Graeme Loten, who have both been a great help in the many decisions that have had to be made for the coming year. Rhona stands down as a trustee, at the end of her term and Susan thanked her for her help and wished her well although it is understood that Rhona will continue to help when she can at fundraising events.

Bernard too has decided to stand down following 50 years of service as a trustee after co-founding the Trust with the late Cynthia Hoy in 1967. There was much applause as he was presented with a Rose Bush called 'Celebration', a photograph album depicting 50 years at the Manor Trust and an original painting of the old Manor House, which of course was the start of the charity. Susan said that he remains an essential part of the charity and will continue to be kept up to date with all the news.

Further presentations were made to Tania Relf who retires as Deputy Manager at The Lodge after 30 years and Susan described Tania's history from 16 years undertaking night duty and then almost as long as Deputy Manager. Tania said that although she will miss the residents and staff at The Lodge she knows that she leaves it in capable hands.



We were delighted to welcome our new Vicar the Rev. Max Cross who commenced proceedings with a short prayer.

And equally delighted that our MP Alan Mak, who despite his busy schedule came to say a few words of encouragement to us at the start of the meeting. Sadly, Alan had to leave shortly afterwards, but we hope to see him again during the summer.



The Art Show was another successful event with Artists exhibiting over 60 paintings. The Raffle prize shown in the picture left was kindly donated by our Vice-President and drew favourable comments.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped prepare the room and to Jo Cameron who so expertly hung the paintings to their best advantage and to all those wonderful people selling teas, cakes and cream teas. Following expenses, the charity raised over £800.00. A big thank you to Nigel and Wendy Gossop for all their hard work over the three days.

Some of you will have noticed that there is scaffolding on the main building, whilst we renew the exterior including the figureheads, but it will be gone by Garden Party time.

We are also refurbishing an apartment so there is a lot of comings and goings once again as we try to bring The Elms back to its former glory, both inside and out!

We applied to the council to trim the pine tree at the front of The Elms, but the weather beat us to it and we had to fell 2 branches as they had cracked.



This magnificent tree is a 'Pinus Radiata' and is featured in many paintings of The Elms over 100 years ago.

We shall do our best to prolong its life by undertaking the work necessary following the visit of the independent professional assessor from CBA Trees who made a thorough examination and we await his report with interest. The tree of course has a TPO and so we will need to seek permission from the HBC before any work can be started.

## Dates you may have missed and NEW dates for your Diary:

### June 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 3pm Book Rumble

Very many people came to take advantage of the giveaway prices to choose some favourite authors from the 100's of books for sale from 50p! The weather was another scorcher and a few of us could be found sitting at the tables underneath the scaffolding for our morning coffee. This has been a successful venture and is likely to be repeated later in the year, so don't miss the opportunity to buy more books by your favourite author at ridiculous prices!

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July is The Bedhampton Show in Bidbury Mead

We will once again be there, so come and say "Hello" to the Manor Trust at the Bedhampton Summer Show this year in the Community Tent.

### Next Dates for the Coffee and Books Mornings 10 - 12 In the Waterloo Room,

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August



## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2pm - 4pm 'An Annual Thing' - the Garden Party!

A time to meet old friends and to make new ones. Raffle to be drawn at 3.30pm.



### Gates open 2pm.

Come and meet our Mayor and Lady Mayoress who will officially open proceedings at 2.30pm.

You can expect to see and sample cream teas, homemade cakes, jams and honey with home grown produce from the Lodge Gardens to buy for a song!

## More Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 10-12 Coffee and Books again in the Waterloo Room
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Heritage Open Day. With 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 written by the Portsmouth author, Percy F Westerman during the war.

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With grateful thanks to you all for your support. We hope to see you at the Bedhampton Show, Coffee and Books morning and the Garden Party on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at The Elms at 2pm.