Be Prepared, Whatever The Weather!

It might be cold outside, but the 150 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the 4th Mansfield Woodhouse Scout Group are nice and warm inside their Scout Hut this winter.

The Group now have new double glazing to keep them toasty warm thanks to a grant from the ‘Great Places for Great Scouting’ fund set up by Nottinghamshire Scouts. The £100,000 fund was established to improve scouting facilities across the County.

Jordan Phillips, County Youth Commissioner for Nottinghamshire Scouts, said, ‘I am delighted to present a cheque for £1,500 to the 4th Mansfield Woodhouse Scout Group to help improve the facilities for young people in the area. It is vital that young people have a comfortable environment to allow them to enjoy everything that Scouting offers.’

One of the Group’s Young Leaders, Josh, helped put the bid together. He worked with the Cubs and Beavers on their Environmental Conservation Badge last year as part of a £7,000 grant from a National Lottery ‘Awards for All’ Grant to install new LED lights and heaters to the Welbeck Road Scout Hut.

Josh said, ‘We learnt about energy efficiency last year and had a go with thermal imaging cameras to show just how much energy was being lost through the old windows. It’s great that we can now get some new windows to keep the heat in.’

The new windows, heating and lighting mean that the Scout Group can deliver a wider range of Scouting activities through the winter without having to worry about what the weather is doing outside!

Scouting is shaped by young people in partnership with adults and we are always looking for new volunteers. If you fancy volunteering, why not join the adventure at http://4thmansfieldwoodhousescouts.org.uk.
Welcome to your Spring 2018 edition of the Woodhouse Warbler and our very first FULL COLOUR publication.

I am quite excited at the prospect of a colour newsletter and hope you find the visuals a marked improvement over the black and white printing method we've traditionally used.

To keep within our budget, a few small compromises have been made and the most notable is probably the size of the publication.

The change, albeit marginal, has allowed us to continue offering extremely competitive advertising at no extra cost to advertisers, coupled with the ability to display ads in full colour. Another bonus is the newsletter will be slightly lighter - making it easier for our amazing team of volunteers to deliver.

Please write to us and tell us what you think to the changes - we'd love to hear your thoughts.

Lee Chapman

Dear Woodhouse Warbler

It is with much sadness that I am writing to tell you about the death of my mum Dorothy Coulton, who died at the age of 97 on the 13th December 2017 at Magnolia Care Home on Chesterfield Road.

Mum had moved to the care home in June 2012 leaving her home on Park Road in Mansfield Woodhouse. Born at Bett’s Ironmongers shop in February 1920 she was the ninth of ten children. Her father was William Lewin Betts and her mother Sarah (Sims).

Mum loved to write and completed a book called ‘One Hundred Years of Methodism in Mansfield Woodhouse 1883 – 1983’ which can be found in the library. She went on to write ‘I Met a Gentleman’ about her time nursing at the Victoria Hospital to raise funds for Trinity Methodist Church when in her nineties.

Over the years, she had written articles for the Warbler calling herself the Woodhouse Lass and also had articles and letters in the Chad. Mum was known for her writing and reciting her own poems, some voiced on special occasions.

Whilst in Magnolia the Warbler was read from cover to cover, sometimes taken in by Sam (one of the care staff) so mum could keep up to date with things happening in Woodhouse. The fact that an article was published in the Warbler (No. 67 – June 2017) about Watson Homes was really special for her, a day she could remember and tell us about.

Mum touched a lot of people’s lives over the years and will be missed by all who knew her. Mum’s funeral was held on 2nd January at her beloved Trinity Methodist Church having been a member there all her life. No matter where she was, she never stopped being a Woodhouse Lass.

Sue Sansom
Dear Editor

Raised in Woodhouse (but living there only briefly since 1955) I find The Woodhouse Warbler a wondrous memory jogger taking me way back to my youth that I spent there. I invariably end up resorting to Google Earth and checking my then-time recollections with how things look now, and they have changed quite a bit.

Whilst studying Portland Street on Google Earth my eye was caught by the double fronted shop (near the Star Inn car-park) which, at the time they recorded, was (and possibly still is) a grocers, bakers and confectioners. In my day this was two separate properties. The one to the right a general dealers and to the left, adjoining what was the Anvil Inn, a greengrocers. In my day this was two separate properties. The one to the right a general dealers and to the left, adjoining what was the Anvil Inn, a greengrocers. In the 1940’s this latter was owned by a Mr Clary and the former by the Bowler family.

All this served to remind me of an article I wrote, for a distant Parish Magazine many years ago, about the local shop I remembered as a boy. That shop was the one owned by the Bowler family referred to here and I enclose a copy in the event you may feel it of interest to your readers (shown on page 4).

John White
now living in Staffordshire

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money for Cancer Research in my mum’s memory.

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Thank you x
Laura Taylor

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**Amendment**

In response to Tom Shead’s letters in the previous edition of the Woodhouse Warbler (Issue No.69 – Dec 17), Tom made reference to a website called hooleyheroes that documents pit fatalities in Notts. and Derbys. collieries.

The correct website is actually www.healeyhero.co.uk. Thank you to the gentleman who took the time to telephone the Warbler with the revised information.

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As We Were
By John White

Long ago, seventy years or so anyway, before ‘corner shops’ had been invented and ‘convenience stores’ and ‘Eight till Lates’ were science fiction, we just had shops, local shops that is - our Mothers would say to us kids ‘run down to the shop and get me a packet of Oxydol’ (or a Reckits Blue or a shilling’s worth of potatoes or whatever the current need was).

Our local shop was ‘Billy Bowler’s’, just across the road from my Grandma Pogmore’s on Portland Street, and Billy (or his wife Sarah) could sell you just about anything. He had one of those big red bacon slicers where you turned a handle and the side of bacon moved back and forth against a spinning blade and rashers peeled off with a hiss. The side of bacon was then rewrapped in a piece of butter-muslin and, with a long pole, hung back on its hook in the ceiling. That high ceiling was a showroom in its own right. All sorts of things hung up there, on metal rails, out of the way. There were bundles of wooly white mop heads and festoons of shining Snaptins and Dixies, as well as knee high ‘pitsocks’ for the miners. Switches of ladies print wraparound aprons hung up there besides other, unmentionables, for the ladies - bundles of pink and blue, long legged ‘Directoire’ knickers. Rumour had it that some miners favoured these to wear down the pit - but who would dare ask if it was true? The same miners would sit outside the shop in the early afternoon smoking Woodbines and waiting for Gittins’ pit-bus to take them for their afternoon shift at one of the local collieries.

The shop had two windows, one either side of the door. The one on the left was given over to domestic paraphernalia - brown earthenware stewpots, cheese graters, clothes pegs and enamel saucepans (there were even a few iron pans for then many people still cooked on coal ranges). It was the other window that always claimed my attention though. A wooden screen with a little door separated it from the shop. On top of the screen was a shelf carrying a dozen or so jars of boiled sweets, pear drops, mint humbugs, cinder toffee, barley sugar, satin cushions, sherbert lemons - all taboo for spenders of a hard won penny for sweets were rationed (that is you needed sweet coupons for them) and only bought when your Mother got her ‘order’ for the week. In the bottom of the window though, among the boxes of shoelaces and hairnets and Beechams powders and fly-papers, there would be unrationed treasure, ‘chewingwood’ (dried licorice root) and ‘Blackjack’ sticks (two for a penny). I once remember chewable ‘Locustpods’ (like dried black broad beans that oozed a honey like substance). Sometimes there would be little boxes of percussion caps to use in toy pistols or put into ‘bombs’ that exploded when you dropped them to the ground. There were hair slides, grips and ribbons for the girls and coloured chalks for hopscotch or colouring the tops of whipping tops. I recall once getting a lucky bag with some small, shrivelled pithy bits inside that expanded into beautiful golden fishes when placed in a bowl of water - novelties were coming out of China even then!

Billy Bowler’s shop came into its own if you were ill. Besides the aforementioned Beechams powders he stocked Carters little liver pills, Doans back and kidney pills, pink pills for pale people, tapes of ‘Aspros’ and Fennings fever cure. If these didn’t do the trick there were the big glass bottles on a high shelf behind the counter. You took your own medicine bottle and Billy would carefully measure out the required number of fluid ounces of Indian brandy, Indian bark or ‘Tonic Wine’ for when you were feeling a bit better.

Billy Bowler and Sarah, like the sort of shop they used to keep, are long gone. Whether their time, the time I remember, was any better or any worse than nowadays is difficult to assess. My recollection seems to be of a friendlier, more contented era. But maybe that is the gloss that time gives to memories!
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Bramble Academy out of Special Measures

Ofsted inspected The Bramble Academy during December 2017 and the Headteacher is pleased to announce that the academy has been moved out of the Ofsted grade ‘Special Measures’. Inspectors recognised the improvements the academy had made since Mr Simon Sharp (pictured below centre) became Headteacher in September 2016.

Mr Sharp said “We have had strong support from The Evolve Trust Leadership Team over the last 18 months and taking the Ofsted feedback we have a robust action plan in place to take the academy to the next level which would be an overall ‘Good’ Ofsted grade. I am especially happy that our Early Years Foundation Stage has been graded as ‘Good’- this is well deserved for our Early Years Team who work incredibly hard and plan a fantastic curriculum to ensure that their children are ready for Year 1”.

The academy has already been graded as ‘Good’ for its Early Years provision and requires improvement for, Effectiveness of Leadership and Management, Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment and Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare.

Mrs Claire-Marie Cuthbert CEO of The Evolve Trust said “Whilst we still have a long way to go I am proud to show off the progress the academy has made. I am pleased that Inspectors have recognised the improvements made in behaviour, pastoral support for children and the way that we have made improvements to teaching and learning. I am also delighted with the recognition that has been given to our Teaching Assistants for the brilliant work they do with our children.”

The inspectors commented on how lovely and polite the children at The Bramble Academy are and made particular reference to one child who went right up to one of the inspectors and said “Hello sir, pleased to meet you;” and then promptly shook the inspectors hand!
Badminton at Peafield Lane

A small group of adults who meet at Peafield Lane Academy each Friday evening for a friendly social game of badminton are looking for more people to come along and join them.

The group was set up over 25 years ago with support from Mansfield District Council as an initiative to get more people in the community active.

Badminton has proven health benefits which promotes physical fitness, reduces stress and anxiety. Exercise also increases endorphins which are the brain’s feel-good neurotransmitters, and has also been found to improve mood and aid better sleep.

This is purely a social group and not a club that plays league standard competitions - with a wide range of standard and ability with both male and females players in the group. Currently there are 12 players in the group with about 7 or 8 of them who will be able to get along each week. The badminton games are played on a court in the school hall on Peafield Lane starting at 8.00pm each Friday.

Anyone who would like to come along and have a game would be made most welcome.

No previous experience is necessary – just bring a pair of trainers and a badminton racquet (if you have one) and turn up any Friday evening. So if you are a beginner or a returner come along and have a game of ‘doubles’ with us.

We even have time between games for a cup of tea and a biscuit and chat.
The Mansfield Building Society has pledged £500 to Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes to help purchase and adapt a new motorbike to enable the charity to extend its reach in to the north of the county.

Blood Bikes is a national charity that operates outside of normal NHS working to deliver blood for transfusion as well as breast milk. The service is free for the NHS, significantly reducing the cost of using taxis which are currently used to fulfil the service and have been on the increase throughout the county over recent years.

The charity has created the Blood Bikes 100cc Club which aims to attract £100 donations from 100 local businesses to help them raise £10,000 to invest in the new motorbike.

Peter Hauton a member of Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes and an organiser of the Blood Bikes 100cc Club said “We work hard to ensure we run as effectively as possible with many riders now having completed well over 100 journeys. We want to expand and need help from local businesses like The Mansfield to achieve our goals and help us help the NHS deliver its incredible service as efficiently as possible to more parts of the UK.”

Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes are looking to grow the area in which they operate, including expansion into Mansfield and Ashfield, with the charity expecting to be awarded new contracts in the next few months which means demand for the service is set to increase further. The new contracts will relieve the NHS of its current cost and reliance on the use of taxis, benefitting the NHS in northern wards of the county.

Mansfield Building Society is delighted to help Blood Bikes with its plans. Richard Crisp, Commercial Development Executive at the Society, said “We are proud to be one of the first members of the 100cc Club and help the charity raise funds to invest in a much needed service for the local community. With the charities current and future expansion plans we hope to support them as much as possible and would encourage other local businesses to do the same.”

If, like The Mansfield, you’d like to make a donation to Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes please visit: http://nottinghamshirebloodbikes.org/donate/
Experian Volunteers Brighten Peafield Outdoor Spaces

Peafield Lane Academy in Mansfield Woodhouse has seen its outdoor spaces spruced up with the help of local companies and some hands on work by 33 Experian volunteers!

Michelle Martin, teacher at the school says that it has made a great difference to the appearance of their outdoor spaces. “We have access to fantastic grounds at Peafield but some of the areas were certainly looking a little tired. Now, with thanks to donations from local companies and to Experian volunteers the area looks fantastic. The whole school would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped to cheer up our play areas.”

Belinda Lowings of Experian said that it was nice for her team to be united in one location to carry out the task. “Our team is split over two office locations, London and Nottingham and so it’s nice to have this opportunity to work together and to put something back into the community. We hope we have created a better entrance for the children and made a difference for the school.”

Materials for the revamp were provided by Travis Perkins, Midland Paint, Wickes and Tesco’s with the hands on work being carried out by 33 hardworking Experian employees from their Nottingham and London offices.
Sepsis

It has become clear in recent years that sepsis is a common cause of serious illness that is often fatal. Prompt recognition and treatment are essential to reduce the risk of death.

So what is sepsis? If I may paraphrase a more technical definition - it is a life threatening condition when the response of the organs / systems in our body to infection becomes out of control and harmful. Septic shock is when sepsis leads to low blood pressure, and this is even more serious.

Traditional thinking has pigeon holed infections into the different organs that were infected. Thus we think of pneumonia as an infection of the lungs, meningitis as an infection of the meninges covering the brain and pyelonephritis, the kidneys. However these infections lead to fatal outcomes when they cause sepsis. Thus the most important thing is to recognise that someone has a serious infection, rather than which organ is infected. Determining the severity of the infection becomes more important than its location.

How is this to be done? Unfortunately, looking for a specific symptom or making a single measurement such as the temperature does not give a useful answer. People can have a high temperature with a viral infection that will settle in a day or two, and others can have only a modestly raised temperature (or even a low temperature) and have sepsis. To help overcome this guidelines were made by the Royal College of Physicians in December 2017. These rely on making six observations about a patient (temperature, heart rate, breathing rate, oxygen saturation, blood pressure, and level of consciousness). The problem is that about 70% of people develop sepsis at home or other community setting. So, while these observations can be readily made in hospital or by a paramedic/GP, they obviously can’t be done by a patient or patient’s family.

Another issue is that people with breathing difficulties (e.g. chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) tend to have scores that are too high. Yet another problem is that the values used for adults are different for children, and these will vary according to a child’s age. This leaves us with the question of how do people get the prompt treatment they need? Unfortunately the answer does lie in people or their families/carers seeking medical attention urgently. Some people are at higher risk than the general population. These include: those under under 1, over 75, are frail, have impaired immune systems, people on other drugs that reduce immunity such as steroids or medication for rheumatoid arthritis, those whose spleen has been removed, diabetics, people who have had surgery in the previous six weeks; people with breaches in the skin such as cuts, burns or blisters; intravenous drug users and those with catheters or indwelling lines.

We also know that whilst sepsis is rare in pregnancy, it is serious if this does occur. This includes those who have in the last six weeks, given birth, had a miscarriage or termination of pregnancy.

People in the categories listed above should have a lower threshold for seeking medical advice than the rest of the population.

Of the six measurements that I listed above for determining the risk of developing sepsis, it has been shown that the most useful three are a low blood pressure, breathing more quickly (more than 22 breaths per minute), and altered mental state.

Whilst the first of these can’t be done by most people the second two can. Perhaps more helpfully the Sepsis Trust lists the following symptoms as indicating emergency assessment is needed:

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**Severe breathlessness**
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**Skin mottled or discoloured**

Continued deterioration is worrying. Even if someone has been seen by a health care professional, the signs of sepsis may not have been present then, but only become apparent later.

Thus if someone is getting progressively worse prompt medical attention should be sought. If it looks like there is a high risk of sepsis, this should be with a 999 call. Otherwise a call to 111 or the GP surgery would be appropriate. *NHS choices* has a good video and written information for children under 5. A good leaflet for monitoring a child’s progression can be found at [bit.ly/2zoPSva](bit.ly/2zoPSva).

**Support for the mental health charity MIND** – on an entirely different subject, I have enrolled to do the Great North Run with my daughter to raise funds for the mental health charity MIND. (I intend to write about mental health issues next time.) If you would like to sponsor us, this can be done on line at: https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/TheFrithFlyers

Any donation, however small would be greatly appreciated.

*Dr Peter Frith*

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The ‘missed’ appointments at Oakwood Surgery have been steadily dropping in recent months, freeing up appointments for those who really need them.

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Our Voluntary Roles

A Directors role is to attend a monthly meeting and oversee the general operation of the centre, making group decisions on the running of the building and ensuring good governance.

As a member of the Social Group you will also be asked to attend monthly meetings. This role helps organise the yearly Summer Event and Christmas Event which has become an integral part of Mansfield Woodhouse culture.

The Community Action Forum (or CAF as it is known) holds bi-monthly meetings which are designed to give local residents a platform to voice their views and concerns. The meeting is regularly supported by Nottinghamshire Police, District and County Councillors, Oakwood Surgery and Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators.

The Woodhouse Warbler newsletter goes from strength to strength. Volunteers are needed to join the Warbler Committee and attend quarterly meetings to offer support and guidance to the publication. If you have a few hours to spare every three months, we are also in need of volunteer deliverers for several rounds throughout the area.

Christmas Lights - anyone who has attended this very special yearly event will know how much it is looked forward to by young and old alike. This event once again has meetings organised on a monthly basis to discuss management and improvements.

We would love you to come and join us to get a feeling what we are all about.

The open afternoon will be held on: Wednesday 11th April 2018 between 1pm and 3pm

Light refreshments will be served.
Hundreds of people gathered to witness the annual Mansfield Woodhouse Christmas Light Switch-on at the beginning of December.

The event, which kicked off at 5pm on Friday 1st December on the Market Place, provided a variety of entertainment courtesy of Brambles Academy and Leas Park school choirs. Hot food stands and free seasonal refreshments helped keep attendees warm in the brisk winter air.

Other entertainment in the run-up to the switch-on, included Santa interacting with families, providing gifts to children eager to share their wish list. The switch-on itself was carried out by The Peaceful Uhuru Trust Manager, Charlene Burton-Betts, who along with her little helpers counted down from five to welcome in the festive period.

Event organisers MWCDG would like to extend a special thank you to The Peaceful Uhuru Trust, Councillors Joyce Bosnjak, Parry Tsimbiridis, Katrina Atherton, Ann Norman, Lesley Wright, and John Coxhead who all made a financial contribution to the event and Reverend Richard Tanner for very kindly providing us with a tree blessing.

Plans for this year’s switch-on are already underway and anyone wishing to get involved please contact MWCDG on 01623 429334.

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WordSearch Competition Winners

Congratulations to Louise Cox and Tracy Jones for correctly identifying the missing word ‘AURORA’ from the 2017 Christmas Wordsearch Competition.

Louise and Tracy were drawn at random from the many correct entries received and each received a family ticket to the Westfield Folkhouse Pantomime Group’s performance of Sleeping Beauty (pictured below) held on Monday 15th January 2018.

Thank you to Pamela Annable from Disability Nottinghamshire for independently drawing the two winning entries on our behalf and to the ultra talented cast of the Westfield Folkhouse Pantomime Group for donating the tickets and putting on a wonderful first class performance.

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Little Roots Open Day on Saturday 30th June from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Come and see the allotment full of vegetables and fruits. Enjoy free games and activities. Refreshments and snacks available.

In addition we will have a second Open Day in September, Summer Gardening club, Grow Your Own courses and our Primary School visitors throughout 2018. If you would like to volunteer at Little Roots we would love to hear from you.

We're looking forward to offering a warm welcome to friends old and new. See you soon.

For enquiries contact Richard, our Allotment Coordinator on:
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You would think that little happened during winter, but we've actually been quite busy. Amongst other jobs we've been developing our own website - look for www.mwmgreen.weebly.com.

We had help from one of our partners in the Greenwood Forum - Kay from Friends of Bestwood Country Park who provided the basics, but now it's down to us to develop it further.

In December the contractors finished the final stretch of the Welbeck Road hedge by taking out the old timber and replanting with native hedging plants suitable for our geology. This will take some time to flourish, but in the long term it will make a better habitat for insects and birds. The January Working Party finished the job by spreading wood chips to mulch the new plants (see images below).

We've had a problem regarding the Peoples Local Postcode funded Bird Feeding Project. All was going well with the volunteer feeding rota when we realised that we were also feeding the local rat population. This caused alarm among some users of the Green so we decided to suspend feeding in the hope that the rats would disperse once their food supply was removed. We are seeking advice and will review the situation shortly.

Back in 2016 the Trustees looked at how the Green could commemorate the First World War. After much discussion we thought we would like to plant three English Oaks to remember those who fought and died for their country, and the wives, mothers and broader families who experienced that time and were affected by the war.

We've started a ring-fenced fund - Three Oaks to Remember and anyone who would like to contribute to it should contact us. All donations will make a difference and will be gratefully received.

Another on-going project is to build a small store on the Green. At the moment we have nowhere centrally to store our equipment and tools so most of it is kept at home by individual Volunteers. This means that when we have a Working Party it all has to be brought to the Green and then returned which takes time...
and effort. Building a permanent base will undoubtedly help us care for the Green more effectively.

Don’t forget, we’re always looking for Volunteers - Saturday Working Parties are 17th March, 21st April, 19th May, all 10am to mid-day, and mid-week meets are usually on a Tuesday morning. Give us a call. Finally, if you have any suggestions, or concerns, please get in touch. Email: wmggreen@hotmail.com or phone 07759 207 550.

If you have any old photos, or stories about the Green or photos of wildlife please let us have them so that we can include them on the site. Looking to the future - we have the Bat Talk in St Edmunds Church (see poster-right). This is a free event with Michael Walker from Notts Bat Group. We’re sure it will be both entertaining and interesting.

Bob Thacker
**Woodhouse Warbler**

Fred was very strict and a very good handyman doing a lot of maintenance around the Cinema. I remember when he decided to paint the outside of the Empire but didn't like heights so it was up to me.

We had a very long pole ladder made from a split tree trunk and it was kept at the back of the stage, the side doors opened onto Stockwell Gate and to my embarrassment we had to stop the traffic. Fred then went to a window at the top of the Empire and chucked me a rope across the road to tie on the top of the ladder.

Now the ladder was completely over the road and I was on the opposite pavement next to the bike shop as Fred pulled the rope. I pushed the heavy ladder and the cars and buses were blowing their horns and cursing. We had to take it down every day before the cinema opened. Boy was I glad when we finished. Imagine nowadays with health and safety and traffic. But I still remember Fred with a lot of respect. I finished my working life at Sherwood Colliery in the position of blacksmith foreman and in charge of the shafts.

*Thanks Malcolm for your interest and thanks Woodhouse Warbler reminding us of days gone by. Terry May.*
Photo 1 (left) – shows Ken as a young sailor. Ken joined up early on in the Second World War on September 4th 1940, as a seaman in the Royal Navy and first served on HMS Collingwood based at Fareham, Hampshire.

His 20th birthday was spent at Portsmouth Barracks on guard. He had served in France and in the Middle East. He remembered on one occasion sailing back from France with 200 prisoners of war on board with only him and another to guard them and the fracas that followed because breakfast food rations were low and the prisoners were starving.

His commanding officer saw the fight break out and Ken was told to part them and stop the fighting. He managed to overcome the dangerous situation by removing the blade of his bayonet and using the butt end to calm the argument down.

Ken was one of the first men who landed in Normandy with S Force on Gold Beach (now called Arromanches) during the D-Day Landings on 6th June 1944. He was on a Tank Landing Craft (TLC), and on D-Day was promoted from Able Seaman to Leading Seaman.

Photo 2 (above right) – This photo was taken at Ken’s 90th birthday celebrations at the Mansfield Woodhouse Library Friday coffee mornings. I think it shows how proud he was of his medals and of the part he played in that theatre of war.

His medals include the General Service Commemorative Cross Medal; the Greek 1940-1941 Medal; the Reconnaissance De La France Liberee 1944 Medal; the French Normandy Commemorative Medal; the Normandy Medal; the 1939-1945 Star; the Africa Star; the France and Germany Star; the Defence Medal; the 1939-1945 War Medal; the Tobruk Siege 1941 Medal.

As you read this, Mansfield Woodhouse Library has been closed for some five months during which extensive refurbishment has been done. If all goes to plan it is scheduled to re-open this April. The Heritage Link which through this time has been manning a stall at the Turner Hall Flea Market is due to return to its home within the library then. Please look out for the notices which will show the actual date of the Library’s reopening. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Ann Sewell, Archivist
The Old Mansfield Woodhouse Society and Heritage Link.
a.edgcombe619@btinternet.com

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**Diary Dates**

**Monday 26th March 2018**
“Hotels In the Sky - The Led Zeppelin Story” - An illustrated Talk by Mr Mike Ogden

**Monday 30th April 2018**
“More Tales of Old Woodus” - A slide show and talk by our own Archivist Mrs Ann Sewell.

**Monday 21st May 2018**
“A short walk in Park Hall Woods” - meet in the car park on the Fairways at 10.30am

**Monday 30th July 2018**
“Members Social Evening” - Have you any photos, memories or stories you can share with us?

All meetings (except the May meeting) start at 7pm in Turner Community Hall, Mansfield Woodhouse. Everyone Welcome.

Non-members £1.50
Annual Subscription £10

For more information, please telephone: 01623 621781.
Post War Kids

How lucky were we being born after THE war, No need for Fortresses flying, or Spitfires to soar Silenced the guns, the dead laid to rest Peace, fashioned our lives, its survival, our test.

Six decades on, that Peace still intact.... Just, as world leaders plaster its cracks, But, for me and my peers, we've had it all, From homes with hot water to Internet Calls.

Schools, with high windows, and regular tests, Kids in old "Cardies" with holes in their vests, Grew up to challenge, with that little word Why? Yet, disciplined, respectful, and never work shy.

We played outdoors, at games we'd invent Not frightened of crime or people's intent, We had the “Teds”, with their crushers and quiffs The Beatles, The Stones, Tamla Motown and Spiffs.

TV, brought the “Pictures” into our house, Roy Rogers and Trigger and Walt’s Mickey Mouse, Then man turned fiction right on its head When he flew in a rocket and on t’ Moon he tread.

Housing was cheap, jobs by the score Spain’s sunny weather pulled us to its shores, Immigrants came, from all over the Globe, changing culture forever and our style of wardrobe.

That was us back in time, when being 70 seemed so distant. The years, where have they gone? three score year and ten now imminent. Our fragile World gives rise to fears, for children left to cope, We Post War kids had the best of times, yours better we all hope.

Jim Smith

Votes for Women

Councillor’s Joyce Bosnjak and Amanda Fisher recently took part in a march to celebrate 100 years of votes for women. The event was organised by Amanda and supported by friends and colleagues they walked through Mansfield Town Centre to the Museum.

Is anyone from Woodhouse the relative of a Suffragette? If so, please get in touch with your stories. Details on page 2.
Sunday 12 November dawned beautifully sunny and dry for the Remembrance Day parade and commemoration ceremony and we had a record turnout. It was certainly gratifying to see so many people of all ages from so many community organisations.

The Friends were very pleased with the response to our Christmas stall. It was our most successful fundraising event ever! Thanks to everyone who stopped by and contributed to a great day.

On a cold Saturday in January, Friends Corinna Brown and David Ellis attended a tree pruning workshop at Pleasley Community Orchard. They gained valuable knowledge and skills which they will share with the rest of the Friends as we take on a new project of caring for the orchard at the top of the park.

Also, while we are at the top of the park, I have to mention the football pitch which is used most Sundays for matches. I am sorry to say it has also become an area where some dog walkers feel there is no need to pick up their dog’s mess. This is a problem throughout the park, but especially so around the playing field. Not only is it an eyesore, it is a health hazard.

I was surprised to discover that one gram of dog poo can contain 23 million coliform bacteria! Also, faeces can contain numerous worms, including roundworms which cause toxocariasis. So please, please clear up after your dog - there are plenty of bins in the park and you can put poo bags in all of them. Bags are free from Park Road Resource Centre and at the Council offices.

On a more positive note, the 2018 bowls season will begin on 23rd April - so look out for posters in the Park noticeboards. Bowls are played Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons and new members or those wishing to learn are made most welcome.

Please ring Linda if you would like more information about the bowling or if you would like to become a Friend of Yeoman Hill Park. We are a small but dedicated group of people and it’s not a huge commitment.

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Once again at Christmas the baubles glistened and spread the festive spirit through the Hornby plantation. The many compliments were greatly appreciated and we hope next time residents will join us in putting up the baubles for all to enjoy.

All are welcome to join us for the upcoming action morning and dig in together to keep our green space a place to be proud of. There’s plenty to get stuck into and give what time you can on Saturday 24th March, from 10am onwards.

Easter half term will see the return of the ever popular Xplorer event on Tuesday 3rd April 1pm - 3pm. The Xplorer is a super fun orienteering activity for all the family, and definitely not one to miss!

During the event children can also get involved with the Hornby Wildlife Village project by helping to construct a five star insect hotel.

The Hornby Wildlife Village project is funded by the Players of the Postcode Lottery, with an aim of encouraging more local children to get involved in the conservation of our local green spaces.

Whether you want to get stuck in with conservation work, gardening, help organise events or even run an activity in the plantation, The Friends welcome all new volunteers!

Don't forget to find us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with The Friends of Hornby Plantation.

Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group (MWCDG) would like to thank the Peaceful Uhuru Trust for their continued support.

In October, Peaceful Uhuru Trust donated £3,000 going towards administration for the Community Action Forum and the Village Social and Fundraising Group.

A further £1,000 was allocated to activities for the annual Summer Event, Christmas Lights and Christmas Event, organised by MWCDG for the benefit of the Mansfield Woodhouse community.
Pleasley Vale WI had a very lively three months from October last year including an evening of games, the highlight of which was indoor Curling. This has the distinct advantage of being nice and warm and no vigorous sweeping brushes required.

It was also our 84th anniversary in October. Our WI began in the little school in Pleasley Vale before moving into the Hollins Mill where the world famous Viyella was manufactured. This is why we are called Pleasley Vale WI and we realise that perhaps many potential members think this must be where our meetings are held.

The start of how we came to Mansfield Woodhouse has been related before and it is always well publicised that our meetings are held in Turner Community Hall in Mansfield Woodhouse, and an ongoing discussion about changing our name has not yet arrived at a satisfactory decision to please everyone.

At the party held in celebration of our anniversary we had a splendid buffet provided by our hard working committee, and entertainment by ‘Sergeant McGregor’ leading us in singing songs from WWII. However this soon livened up and Vera Lynn favourites were soon ringing out with other patriotic favourites.

Needless to say we had a Christmas Party and this was enjoyed by everyone with good old fashioned fun and the catering done by ourselves.

On the subject of food our cake stall at the Christmas Event was a great success and next time we have decided we should provide more savouries and also some gluten free recipes. We are open to all suggestions, as we are aware diabetes and weight gain are problems for many people.

This coming year we are going to have extra get togethers to learn new crafts and skills such as crochet, knitting, card making and anything that members suggest, so it is an ongoing project for us and anything is possible.

We must once again thank Denise Devney and her stoic team for taking on and maintaining the cleaning, planting and upkeep of the famous Woodhouse horse-trough on the corner of Warsop Road. Yes, it is our WI who adopted this well loved landmark from the council, and it always looks quite wonderful.

We provide our own fund for compost, feed and plants.

Our meetings are held as always on the second Monday of every month. We meet as stated before in Turner Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Access is at the back of the hall where there is the car park and although no disabled parking as such it is all level and the entrance to the hall has a ramp.

We are not all old ladies, far from it, and those of us who are retired and getting on a bit still have lively minds and enjoy plenty of fun.

However don’t take my word for it, you can come to any of our meetings for free and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat and see what speaker or entertainment our committee has arranged for us. You will be under no pressure or obligation to join us and come with a friend if you prefer.

We are aware many do not like to walk into a hall full of strangers, so if you ring our lovely secretary Helen (07804 477 635) she will give you any information and may be able to arrange someone to meet you outside the hall.

You have nothing to lose and may find someone you already know with us.
Dementia is set to be the UK’s biggest killer, yet many people face the disease alone or struggle with inadequate care.

Step inside dementia is a skills-based course suitable for anyone. Delegates will understand what is happening to a person with dementia and learn how to build positive relationships using increased knowledge, empathy and practical skills.

Made up of four different modules, participants will learn how to apply evidence-based practical tools to build positive relationships and confidently support people with dementia to live well.

Module One – What Happens?  
See how dementia damages the brain and affects the person.

Module Two – See Me!  
Discuss approaches that will help you care for a person with dementia as an individual rather than their condition.

Module Three – Strange New World  
Discuss approaches about how the ageing process affects the senses and the particular effects of dementia.

Module Four – Connect With Me  
Combine what you have learned in the previous modules to explore how to communicate well with a person with dementia.

The course enables anyone to understand how a person with dementia experiences the world as their condition progresses. It also makes you realise how strange the world would feel if the condition affected you personally.

Who is the course for?  
Anyone wishing to understand dementia and its effects on people

How much is the course?  
The course is completely FREE to anyone wishing to attend, however it is limited to 16 people per session.

Dates?  
We have two sessions planned:

Thursday 31st May 2018  
9am to 1pm

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There's room for more kids to join in the fun on Wednesday afternoons and plenty of parking!

From 1pm to 3:15pm babies and toddlers are enjoying a varied programme and lots of space to play in. First there's the chance to explore the large toy-boxes to see what's inside. Toddlers like to ride or push their way around the big space while babies have their own special, quiet corner. There are several optional 'bite-size' programmes with time to enjoy an easy craft in between. ‘Snack-time’ is a healthy choice of fruit and bread. ‘Singing-time’ is an equally popular activity with action songs to enjoy. Then there’s ‘story-time’ with Little Ted and finger puppets followed by musical instruments. It’s a great opportunity for children to socialise in a safe and friendly atmosphere!

From 3:30pm to 4:30pm hungry primary children can drop in to chill-out after school. Parents are welcome to stay with younger children but over eights might like to be independent!

The session starts with a healthy snack, then children can choose from a variety of activities. There's active games, craft and board games to enjoy. The session ends with a 15 minute showing of a video story from ‘Friends and Heroes’. An exciting series set in Roman occupied ancient Alexandria.

If you would like to join in either of these groups, just drop in or contact the leader for more information:

Rachel Coupe
07752 686 000
rachelc@graceproject.org.uk

Woodhouse Warbler
You may have noticed the arrival of little white boxes and men in high viz jackets and pickups in and around the fields and woods in all directions around our village? It's not another solar panel installation, but it is being sold to us as the solution to our future employment, economic and energy needs! But, is this the truth?

The abundant white boxes are ‘geophones’ (as seen below) used to pick up vibrations induced deep into the ground by ‘thumper trucks’ or small underground detonations as part of the 250 km\(^2\) Seismic Survey. Data from the boxes will be used to give a detailed 3D map of the earth underneath our feet to a depth of 2 to 3 Km. If these maps prove that there are sufficient shale gas deposits, then the company INEOS will drill exploration wells to investigate further.

There are three phases of development - exploration, testing and extraction. The initial phase of exploration, seismic testing finished at the end of January, INEOS will now be reviewing the data and may come back for more seismic testing or move onto ‘testing’ lodging planning applications with Nottinghamshire County Council to build test drilling rigs (image: New Preston road exploration drilling rig).

In the UK we have drilled nearly 2000 vertical ‘on-shore’ wells to acquire natural gas, some of which can be seen in and around Nottinghamshire. The proposal for shale gas fracking is to use ‘Unconventional Fracking’, this controversial method will involve drilling down between 1 to 2km and then horizontally between 3 to 5km. If gas is found wells will be placed every 2 to 3 miles over the next 30 to 40 years in a grid from Barlborough in the North West to Clipstone in the South East. Each well will require 7 or more tanker visits each day to feed water, remove toxic waste and product gas, significantly increasing traffic on our already busy roads.

The attraction for INEOS is the potential for ethane, a gas they are currently importing from the US to meet their needs to manufacture ethylene based plastics at their huge plant in Grangemouth, Scotland.

The UK government promise strict safety regulations, but with up to 170 new UK wells proposed before 2020 it will most likely be down to the individual companies to
self-regulate and monitor well safety, with national agencies taking responsibility for environmental monitoring of water, air pollution and earthquake risk.

What can we do about it?

At our inaugural public meeting held last month (see photo opposite), with a surprise visit from the Friends of the Earth Theatre Group – it was decided there are still lots of unknowns and therefore agreed to hold a public meeting where both sides of the argument could be presented.

Meetings have been planned to gather more information about the pros and cons of fracking and its impact on Mansfield Woodhouse.

Please feel free to come along to our regular meetings at Northfield Focus Point, to be held on the last Monday evening of every month. Look out for further information around the village.

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Article written by David Jacobs

Brambles Academy Christmas Party

Brambles Academy and The Peaceful Trust hosted a Christmas Party for all their pupils on the 20th December. The disco, provided by The Peaceful Trust, was a great success thanks to Steve Riley of Music Mix Disco who did a great job keeping the kids entertained. Olaf from the hit Disney movie Frozen also paid a surprise visit.

Santa was in attendance to provide all of the children with a present. Thank you to Bill from The Focus Point and Gillian and Michael Cowley for helping on the night.

Watch out for many more playground fundraising events and help us put a smile on the children’s faces. Any donations of raffle prizes or donations towards the Playground Fund would be gratefully appreciated. Pop in store for more details.

The Peaceful Trust Charity Shop needs your help to enable us to support projects in the local area. All donations of clothing, bric-a-brac, books, toys and other household items are very welcome. We also offer a free collection service for larger items and furniture, ask in store for details.

The Carousel celebrates its second anniversary on 18th April. We would like to say a big thank you to all our customers from regulars to our new clients who have visited our friendly salon over the 2 years!

We as a team work very hard to make customers happy and look forward to many more years at the Carousel.

Zoe, Joline and Megan
Officer contact details:

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PCSO 7402 Tom Ford
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PCSO 4347 David Cook
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All three officers are dedicated to Mansfield Woodhouse, and can be contacted on the above email addresses.

Both Tom and David will be conducting high visibility foot patrols in the area, and they will be getting to know residents to provide re-assurance, identify local issues and look for ways to tackle them.

I would encourage residents to talk freely to the officers, and feel safe that any information provided will be treated in confidence.

We have recently conducted three warrants at premises which relate to drug dealing, and we are keen to continue with this.

You can report crimes either by contacting the Control Room on 101, or if it is an emergency dial 999.

Where in the World .... In Brittany

Following on our ‘where in the world’ series, the accompanying photograph was submitted by local residents Alan and Val Devney taken during their recent holiday in Crozon, Finistere in Brittany, France.

If you’re planning a trip or holiday to a far off destination, please pack a copy of the Woodhouse Warbler in your suitcase and send us your snaps.... let’s see where the Warbler turns up next!
Woodhouse Warbler

Community Scheme Surpasses £150,000

The Mansfield Building Society’s Community Support Scheme has now donated over £150,000 to deserving causes throughout Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and surrounding areas since the Scheme was established in 2008.

The £150,000 milestone was reached when the Scheme’s trustees agreed to distribute another £20,000 to 40 groups in 2017 looking for funding to help bring their plans to life.

The Mansfield established its Community Support Scheme to provide financial assistance to a range of local community groups, clubs and charities that selflessly devote their time and energy to improve the quality of life for communities throughout our region.

Applications are invited from organisations that assist the disadvantaged; promote and encourage participation in sporting activities or the arts; support education; or benefit the environment.

A total of 387 donations have now been made to local community groups since May 2008 with beneficiaries including Over 60's Youthful Group, Age UK Notts, Chesterfield Amateur Boxing Club, Mansfield First Responders, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, Central Nottinghamshire MIND, Mansfield Senior Reds Walking Football team, Mansfield and North Nottinghamshire Society for Deaf People amongst many, many more.

The Society’s donations have helped groups in its heartland area fund a variety of things, including new kayaks and associated safety equipment, defibrillators, a fibre optic carpet for those living with autism, and even a lawnmower for a local crown bowling club to maintain its facilities.

Gev Lynott, Chief Executive Officer at The Mansfield, said “We’re delighted to have helped so many great causes across the region through our Community Support Scheme. I am always amazed by the selfless generosity of individuals who give their time week in, week out, to provide invaluable support to improve the lives of others.

We pride ourselves on being a regional society, working with and for the benefit of the local community, and so I’m thrilled to report that the scheme is going from strength to strength as we continue to add new names to the growing list of organisations that we have proudly been able to support.”

To find out more about Mansfield Building Society’s Community Support Scheme or to download an application form, go to mansfieldbs.co.uk/community-support-scheme.

Pictured below: The Mansfield’s Chief Executive, Gev Lynott with The Mansfield Senior Reds Walking Football Club gifting them a portable defibrillator.

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Mansfield Junior Badminton Club

Mansfield Junior Badminton Club (MJBC) has been established for almost 40 years and is based at the Manor Sport and Recreation Centre in Mansfield Woodhouse.

The club has Premier Clubmark status and is accredited with both Badminton England and Sport England. In December 2017 the Club was voted ‘Club of the Year 2017’ at the annual Mansfield Sports Recognition Awards ceremony held at the Civic Centre.

The Club is run by a small group of dedicated and passionate volunteers who provide a fun and safe environment for children between the ages of 6 and 17 to learn how to play and develop skills in the sport of badminton.

All coaches and volunteers are vetted with Badminton England, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked and are trained in child protection procedures, Emergency First Aid and Diversity and Equality, all of which are required to maintain the Premier Club status.

MJBC has a very high reputation in the County badminton structure. Membership is on the increase and, although still a small club compared with others, the last 12 months or so has been a superb period for achievement, the best in the Club’s history and far exceeding our own expectations.

The Club has been extremely successful in the local leagues and competitions with several members also travelling far and wide to Badminton England tournaments and returning as ‘medal’ winners. A number now regularly represent the County in the Shires League competitions and in the past a few have gone on to represent England. One of our ‘old boys’ is Chris Adcock who represented GB at the Rio Olympics in 2016 as well as winning gold and silver medals at the last Commonwealth Games and European Championships.

Nevertheless MJBC remains a club for the community, introducing youngsters to the sport of badminton at grass roots level in a fun and enjoyable way, encouraging all to achieve their best through skill development and structured competition and helping the club to grow.

The Club is forward thinking and is constantly looking for new and innovative ways to sustain, strengthen and grow its membership now and for the future.

It is with this in mind the Club is able to offer ‘taster’ sessions, where complete beginners (boys and girls) can be introduced to the sport and pathways developed for those...
with enthusiasm and a desire to progress.

Perhaps there is a star of the future out there somewhere and if we could play a part in finding, nurturing and developing that person, that would be great.

So ….. if you are interested in learning a new sport, either as a junior player or as an adult volunteer, or simply want to improve your existing skill levels, then come along and have a go.

All you need do is get in touch with Girish Ravat on 07960 466 053 or email - girish.ravat@yahoo.co.uk our secretary and head coach.

The club runs every Friday evening in school term time from 6:00pm to 10:00pm – under 13’s for the first 2 hours and over 13’s from 8:00pm to 10:00pm.

Let’s hope, for the New Year, we can build on the successes and achievements from 2017.
**School Holiday Dates**

**Spring Break** -
Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018
(schools open Monday 16th April)

**May Day Bank Holiday** -
Monday 7th May 2018

**Half Term** -
Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018
(schools open Monday 4th June)

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**Woodhouse Warbler**

**#TeamTripawd Fundraiser**

Animal enthusiast Teegan Hughes, who recently featured in the Woodhouse Warbler raising over £650 for Jerry Green Dog Rescue will be back to her fundraising best this year as she aims to raise money for Nottingham PDSA.

Teegan’s trusted best friend and close companion Foxy, an adopted Greyhound, sadly had to have her leg amputated following a catastrophic accident last year, but thanks to Nottingham PDSA, the beloved pet has regained her mobility and quality of life once again.

To accompany Foxy and Teegan, Fudge – a Bedlington Terrier cross Whippet who was rehomed from Jerry Green Dog Rescue has added to the Hughes household and to make this story even more remarkable, Fudge also only has three legs. Following this, the hashtag #TeamTripawd was created and is now known all over the world thanks to the 2500 followers they have on Instagram.

Teegan’s mum and very proud supporter of #TeamTripawd said “This is the everyday story of a remarkable young lady and her special companion dogs. A story which clearly defines the value of dogs and domestic pets for people with learning disabilities.

The lady concerned is my eldest daughter Teegan, who has Autism and complex learning difficulties. The dogs, Foxy and Fudge, are her unique, three-legged companions who give her a sense of responsibility, something to love and care for and most importantly, companionship. We developed the hashtag #TeamTripawd to help raise the value of this subject.”

Many fundraising events are planned over the coming months including – Treat Night on Friday 23rd March from 7pm and Let’s Go To The Foxy & Fudge Hop on Sunday 29th April from 5pm at the John Fretwell Centre, Mansfield.

To find out how you can get involved, make a donation to #TeamTripawd or for further information please visit Teegan’s blog:

https://hanbok1.wixsite.com/teamtripawd

Go to the Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/TeamTripawd

Or telephone: 01623 487568

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