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NEW OWNER AT THE HALL

Friends of Firbeck Hall have revealed that owner Jason Cooper has sold a significant proportion of the estate to property developer and businessman Ashley Wildsmith following what's been described as "a short period of straight forward negotiation."



The group, which has campaigned relentlessly to save the building from dereliction, say they understand that former Letwell resident Mr Wildsmith intends to retain the same architects and pursue the already well developed plans for the hall's renovation and development.

FoFH reports that Mr. Cooper continues to hold an interest in the estate retaining the recently renovated Lodge House together with land in the nearby paddock - which will be fondly remembered by older readers as the site of the village cricket field.

The group says: "We are encouraged that Mr. Wildsmith has already made contact with Friends of Firbeck Hall, and we look forward to continued positive dialogue with him and his team as the project develops.

"We are also pleased to note that a tenant has now moved into the Lodge House. It is very satisfying to see this property restored, occupied and back in regular residential use after it was abandoned and derelict for almost a quarter of a century."

TWO HOUSES BECOME ONE

Crash, bang wallop....a pair of concrete Airey houses which have stood in Letwell for 60 or 70 years have finally come tumbling to the ground. Owners Paul and Sarah Smith are now in the process of building a smart new detached house in place of the two semis on Gildingwells Road. Paul, a fireman with the South Yorkshire brigade, is hoping the builders complete the project before the end of autumn and the bad weather closes in.

FLAG can't wait to see the finished article.



Demolition begins

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW ARRIVAL?

A dramatic sighting of a surprise visitor.....David Wright tells readers more in the latest edition of his nature column.

No new avian species to report this time, other than at least two Cockerels resident in Kings Wood – one unfortunately no longer with us following a road accident. However, we have a reliable report of a sighting of an Otter in the FLAG area. This is terrific news.

Lingodell had a large quota of Canada Geese throughout the winter, supplemented by Grey Lag Geese. Numbers of Grey Lag Geese gradually built up during February, eventually reaching (for me) a record number of 35. I've seen the occasional Cormorant at Lingodell in the past, but was fortunate to see two present on 15 February.

Goosander occur at Langold Lake every winter, but on 18 February a large count of nine was present. Five Gadwall were also present that day, together with the usual water birds – Canada Goose, Coot, Great Crested Grebe, Mallard, Moorhen, Tufted Duck and Mute Swan.

Something of a mystery in Firbeck is the decline of the Mallard population. I've no idea what's happened to them. Females have declined dramatically but the male population is also down.

There have been good numbers of Goldcrest present in Firbeck during the winter. Numbers of our tiniest bird are supplemented by arrivals from Europe, but the bird is a resident breeder. Hopefully some will breed in the FLAG area.

I thought I'd say a few words about some other small British birds – the Tit family – quite a few of which occur locally in woods and gardens. The Blue Tit is the best known, with its blue, green, white and yellow plumage. Next comes the Great Tit, slightly bigger than the Blue tit – appearing mainly black, green and yellow. Slightly smaller than the Blue Tit is the Coal Tit – mainly grey with a black head and white neck patch.

The Marsh Tit is light brown with a shiny black cap – around the same size as Blue Tit. Willow Tit is almost identical to Marsh Tit, but is quite rare and unlikely to appear in gardens. If it wasn't for its long tail, the Long Tailed Tit would be the smallest British bird. It has distinctive black, pink and white plumage. Crested Tit – obviously named – only occurs in Scotland.



European Otter

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Have you seen the otter? Please email FLAG – our address is on the front page – if you have news of further sightings.

PLANTING BY THE MOON

A newly retired FLAG reader bares his soul about the latest craze afflicting the TOG - that's The Old Girl in case you're wondering.

Retirement does different things to different people.

Before her retirement the only interest The Old Girl (TOG) ever took in the greenhouse or veggie plot was “can I eat it” or “where can I plant it”.

“Did you read that book I bought you last year called Planting by the Moon?” asked TOG. “No” I replied. “I’ve just been reading this year’s book” TOG said with great excitement. “Great” I replied, I knew this meant that there was something lined up for me.

As TOG continued I tried to look interested. “Gardening and planting in harmony with the cycles of the moon lead to higher yields in vegetables and flowers, better flavours and stronger displays,”she said. I was in another place and wondered if TOG would let me have chips this month. She continued “The life rhythms in nature mysteriously connect the growth of plants with cosmic time cycles. Put simply you get the best results by planting certain things on each day root, leaf, flowers, fruit and no planting.”



Full moon

“Fine what is tomorrow?” “Leaf day” replied TOG. “Does that mean I can sow cabbage, sprouts, broccoli and spinach?” “No, broccoli is a flower”. “What!! This is far too complicated for me.” So it has been made simple and is now on the calendar in the kitchen.

Below is a rough guide for others to trial.

Fruit examples: tomato, courgette, beans, peas, aubergine, sweetcorn and cucumber.

Root examples: beetroot, onion, parsnip, potato and mushrooms.

Leaf examples: sprouts, herbs, rhubarb, cabbage, celery, lettuce and spinach.

Flower: broccoli, cauliflower, artichoke, borage and flowering plants

No planting days: avoid all planting on these days.

Editor's Note: TOG has kindly supplied the planting guide for May and June - which is detailed below. Please let us know if it works for you....

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FIRBECK VILLAGE HALL SPRING SEASON

Firbeck Village Hall Management Committee is pleased to report that two new clubs to the village have enjoyed great support in their early stages and look forward to continued success in the future.

Cinema Paradiso, a bi monthly cinema night, started at the end of 2014 by screening Charles Chaplin's the Kid. It has thus far showed only examples of vintage cinema. On Saturday 18 th April at 7pm staying on theme will show Calamity Jane starring Doris Day in what is hoped will turn out to be a great sing along event. Cinema Paradiso is always a free event with light refreshments on sale. The following screening will be on Saturday 13th June at 8pm with the first modern title The Grand Budapest Hotel starring Ralph Fiennes.

Firbeck Indoor Bowls club has also got off to a great start. Organised by Les and Jane Crownshaw the club meets every Monday at 7:30pm in the village hall and runs for about two hours. The entrance fee is £2 with refreshments on sale. Everyone is welcome. All you need to bring is indoor footwear.

April and May also brings two regular events from the Village Hall programme.

Sid and Una Ellis will host their quiz on Friday 24 th April. There will be a pie and pea supper afterwards from Mrs Wright. For tickets contact Una Ellis 01709 813330, Adults £8, children under 10 £5.

The Firbeck Drama Group are to present this year's Murder Mystery in association with members of the Rotherham Rep. This will be on Saturday 30 th May and will again be accompanied by a bring and share lunch.

Further details on these and all future events can be found at firbeckonline.co.uk

THIS AND THAT

A rogation service is due to take place at Firbeck at 11 am on Sunday May 17. Please meet at the church gate, and follow the tractor to Park Hill Farm. David Chettleburgh will lead the service. Villagers are being encouraged to take along a picnic.

Work has started on the planned demolition of the restaurant and adjoining buildings at the Black Lion. Landlord Phil Rogers tells FLAG that the contractors will do everything in their power to spare neighbouring properties from undue disturbance over the next few weeks.



Work starts at The Black Lion

BATTLE GOES ON

Villagers at Gildingwells and Letwell are continuing to challenge proposals to erect a 21 metre high industrial wind turbine in the midst of Green Belt land within close proximity of Burrs Lane.

Planners at Rotherham have been forced to delay a decision following an avalanche of objections from far and wide. Further site investigations over a perceived threat to local wildlife were pending as FLAG went to press. A bat survey is scheduled to take place in May - though campaigners have accused RMBC of cutting corners, and are pressing for a more detailed study to take place throughout the summer to gauge bat numbers and also measure the turbine's possible impact on migrating, breeding and wintering birds.

Meanwhile, a new map has been published revealing which properties will be able to see the turbine should it receive the go ahead. Those who are intertested can view the map on the village noticeboard at Letwell.

DAVE REIGNS

FLAG's nature writer and resident Firbeck rocker Dave Wright sends a personal thank you to those readers who bought a copy of his recent album titled Riff Reign.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a copy of the Riff Reign album. In all £140 was raised and paid over to the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) to support its research into House Martin decline. We have more copies if anyone else would like one. Copies can also be purchased online at all the digital platforms such as iTunes, etc. The album has proved popular, with Croydon Radio playing two tracks throughout February, plus two more through March/April. Hopefully more will be played eventually. And, we've recently been featured on TRAX FM, when our most popular song, Touchdown London, was played.

Our second album should be out in the autumn, when we plan to put on live performances. Once again, proceeds of copies sold to FLAG residents will be donated to a BTO research programme.

STREETPRIDE GIVES WAY

Our two parish councils at Firbeck and Letwell are rightly celebrating Streetpride's decision to lift the ban on gritting Kidd Lane - which effectively stopped school and public bus services running to both places for a week in the winter and caused chaos for countless motorists as well.

The council had refused to back down intially blaming budget cuts and claiming that crews could be endangered working on the steep hill. Under pressure from both parish councils highway engineer Stephen Finley finally agreed to meet South Yorkshire Passenger Transport, who subsidise operating costs for our local bus services.

Afterwards, Streetpride said that the route would be added to the precautionary gritting programme after all for the rest of the winter.

Kidd Lane should be added permanantly to the council's programme after a review during the summer.

Three cheers for local democracy!!

GET READY FOR THE FAYRE

Preparations for the 2015 Letwell summer fayre - due to be held on the afternoon of Saturday July 4th this year - are well advanced with a fantastic mix of attractions, some old, some new and some bizarre in the extreme.

A wonderful steel band featuring musicians from the University of the Third Age join the programme for the first time. Old favourites Thurcroft Brass Band will be playing throughout the afternoon, and the 17th Century dance group Heartsease, who sometimes practice at Firbeck Village Hall, will be dancing in costume on the village street with music from The Jolly Beggars on melodeon and violin.

Traditional games will take pride of place as usual with a coconut shy, pot smashing, splat the rat and the Rotary Club's Human Fruit Machine, which has to be seen to be believed.

Snail racing, a big wow last year, has been overtaken by Letwell's latest craze....Wood Louse Steeple-Chasing. Visitors will be able to have a flutter on the outcome although the odds will be Lousy!! Sorry...but it just had to be said.

Shire horses, vintage buses and farm machinery will also be on display, and home made teas will be served all afternoon in the village hall. South Yorkshire Police are hoping to bring along their wildlife caravan, and South Yorkshire Fire Brigade will be coming too.

The organisers are praying for warm dry weather. One said: "It makes all the difference...but we'll go ahead whatever happens. It's rained before, and we've still come through it with a profit."

Volunteers are desperately needed to help on the day. Please contact Robin on 730351. Villagers are being urged to produce cakes for the big day. One of the helpers said: "The cake stall was a real disappointment last year, and we ran out very quickly. We'll be happy to receive home made cakes, buns and pastries on the morning of the show - please give it go."

Note: If you're interested in joining Heartsease then you'll be welcome at rehearsals. They usually take place at the Ruddles centre at Braithwell between 2 and 4 pm every Monday. Occasionally the group meets at Firbeck. Phone Jean Hopkinson on 01709 812952 for more info.

YORKSHIRE PRIDE

Letwell's flying the flag for the first time.

The parish council installed an 8 m. high flagpole beside the old red telephone box a few weeks ago, and hoisted the White Rose flag of Yorkshire to mark the village's location right next to the county boundary with Nottinghamshire.

The flag, which measures 8ft. by 5ft. came free of charge via campaigners at the Yorkshire Ridings Society, who encourage "border villages" to fly the White Rose as a symbol of Yorkshire pride.

The parish council hopes to unveil a St. George's flag in time for the annual festival day on April 23rd.



Flying for the first time

SIGN UP FOR SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Fed up of our second-rate broadband service?? Gally Knight resident Dr Pete Jones has been fighting a personal battle for some years now. Here he tells FLAG that there could be hope on the horizon...

No doubt residents will have experienced with some frustration the snail like pace of our broadband service. Whilst friends and family from outside the area enjoy smart TV, steaming video and on demand TV, we are left with a service which at times is little better than dial up.

The difficulties encountered by residents and businesses actually wanting the 'superfast' broadband service we pay for (or even a tenth of it) have exercised me since 2011 when the BT web site suggested that we were on the list to get FTTC (fibre to the cabinet) in 2012.

This should have significantly improved broadband speed for customers served by the cabinet at Gildingwells crossroads. However, it seems that the money given to BT to improve rural broadband acquired a 'economically viable' criteria and we were taken off the list for FTTC. Subsequent funds allocated to councils also failed to help as the Gildingwells cabinet is in one county and most service users are in another.

The last remaining chink of light offered was through the Digital Region network, but this quango also got the sums wrong and folded before any progress was made. There are alternatives; satellite (too expensive), beamed service from a local high speed connection (too many trees) and 4G (not yet available locally and limited in download limits).

Enter stage left the Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) and the Sheffield City region matched funding bid. This promises 24mbs+ broadband to areas where conventional funding models are not viable. BDUK are now conducting an exercise for expressions of interest in provision of the 24mbs+ service in rural areas. This may be our last remaining hope, and if residents want to make sure we are on the list we need to register our interest on the BDUK web site: www.superfastsouthyorkshire.co.uk

If you want to speak to the South Yorkshire superfast broadband manager then call Natalie Ward on 01226 773107, and stake your claim. Her email address is natalieward@barnsley.gov.uk

KENNY WILL BE BACK

FLAG wishes Letwell farmworker Kenny Bowskill a happy and healthy retirement after 21 years behind the wheel of his shiny blue tractor at South Farm. The 65 year old veteran is looking forward to spending more time with his wife and family, but admits he'll miss the annual cycle of ploughing, planting and harvesting.

Letwell hasn't seen the last of Kenny though. "I'll be back helping out part time when things are busy at the farm," he says.



Kenny and his tractor

NEWS FROM FIRBECK-CUM-LETWELL WOMENS INSTITUTE

This is the Centennial Year of the Women's Institute and lots of events have been organised by both National and South Yorkshire Federations. And no doubt many of our members will be attending some of them. In fact we have already been to the Cutlers' Hall in Sheffield for the Spring Council Meeting. One lucky member from our Institute is attending a special WI Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in June. (Each WI in the country is allowed to send one member). There is also a Centennial Fair in Harrogate in September together with other various events organised by WIs.

At our meeting in March one member was treated to a make-over by a representative from Clarins Make-Up which made us all want to have a try! We are having a craft evening in April, with a mixture of crafts, so if anyone is interested in joining us, please do.

In May it is our Resolutions meeting which we will no doubt discuss with our usual vigour – especially as we will have WI Advisers to help us out! Also on 11 th May, we are having a Centenary Amble around Letwell - not too strenuous. This will start at 10.15am followed by a delicious lunch in the Village Hall – and all at a cost of £8. If anyone is interested please call the Secretary for more information. We are also off on a trip to Breezy Knees Gardens in York - with a little shopping at the McArthur Glen Shopping Outlet - with the Chantry Group in May. A very busy month!

Sheila Dyson will be giving a talk on “Flight of a Thousand Eyes” of her adventurous trip from England to Australia in June. And we are having a Flower Arranging evening with Maureen Banks in July. Also in July we are organising a trip to Burghley House!

We will be holding a Cheese and Wine Evening in August with our usual stalls. In September, Jody Brighton, our local Auctioneer, will be discussing Antiques.

If you are interested in any of the above events, please contact the Secretary on 01909 540751.

PRINCE PHILIP AND THE NEVERLAND PIRATES

Letwell Village Hall's prize photo of Her Majesty and Prince Philip is at the centre of a treason probe - after partygoers at a recent bash dressed up the Royal as a kids' cartoon pirate. Gaffe-prone pensioner Philip, 93, donned the bandana usually worn by brigand Jake, of Jake and the Neverland Pirates, at the birthday celebration of a two-year-old, who can't be named for legal reasons. Now Buckingham Palace sources have told FLAG Special Branch officers are hunting the culprit - who could face the noose. They said: "It's a little-known fact that each picture of the Queen is checked for potential defacement every three hours around the clock, no matter where in the world it is, so there was no way this was going unnoticed.

“Philip isn't taking this lying down - he's asked his protection officers to investigate, and whoever's made him look like a cartoon pirate is for the high jump.”



Royal pirate

Editor's Note: Royalists can relax. The bandana has now been removed from Prince Philip's head.

SUMMER STINGS AT ST PETER'S

Young people and past students from the Rotherham Youth Orchestras are making their first ever visit to historic Letwell Church to perform a concert entitled Summer Strings at St Peters.

The programme will feature light classical favourites. Music, in fact, suited to a warm summer afternoon.....so keep your fingers firmly crossed for the afternoon of Sunday June 14!

The summer fayre committee are hoping villagers will rally round and buy tickets for the event. Priced at just £5 with a free drink for everyone at the interval there's no reason to stay at home.

Organisers say the acoustics at the church are second to none. A member of the committee said: "The students are really looking forward to playing there. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon of great music in a beautiful setting."

The concert begins at 3 pm. Tickets are available from Robin on 01909 730351.

NEWS FROM FIRBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meetings were held on the 21st January and 18th March 2015

It was noted that there was a new rural broadband partnership, which looked to provide superfast broadband service from around the end of 2015, with an estimated coverage of 98% of the area by 2017. Anyone interested could view details at www.superfastsouthyorkshire.co.uk and register to be kept up to date or undertake a survey.

Bassetlaw District Council also offered a superfast broadband service to rural communities. At the Parish Council's request a representative has attended the village to consider the feasibility of being able to offer the service to local residents. The Parish Council has additionally approached St Martins Church to obtain approval to use the building to install the necessary equipment.

It is hoped that this can be progressed further in the next few months and superfast broadband will soon be available to residents who sign up for the scheme. It would also mean a free broadband service could be made available at the Village Hall. Residents interested in how the scheme works can view details at www.northnotts.net

Members considered having parts of the village designated as a conservation area. Unfortunately RMBC has not yet been able to dedicate time to progress this due to staff absences and work priorities in respect of the Local Plan. Members of the Parish Council have however agreed to take steps to consider what is required from conservation status designation when RMBC are in a position to address this further.

Members recently met with RMBC's highways department regarding road markings on New Road and improved signage near the bridge. It is hoped some of the improvements suggested can be incorporated into this financial year's budget by RMBC. In the meantime after representations by both Letwell and Firbeck Parish Councils Streetpride have at last agreed to include Kidd Lane in their winter gritting service. This should reduce risks to drivers and ensure an uninterrupted bus service during bad weather.

With elections for the Parish Council being on the 7th May the Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th May 2015.

PARISH COUNCIL POLL AT FIRBECK

Voters at Firbeck will go to the polls next month to elect a new parish council.

An election was called after RMBC received seven nominations for the five vacant seats.

RMBC confirmed that the poll would take place on the day of the General Election - Thursday May 7.

The seven candidates - who were nominated prior to the closing date on April 9 - were Caroline Jopling, Wendy Hamilton, Julie Dunker, James Charlesworth, Marcus Fasey, Richard Potts and Chris Stanton.

There will be no contest at Letwell. RMBC said that the five candidates - Jenny Straw, Steve Woodward, Duncan Biggins, Martyn Sharpe and Alan Nettleship - had been elected unopposed for a five year term of office.

TURN OFF THE TV - AND WATCH SOME LIVE MUSIC INSTEAD

More great live music is heading for Letwell Village Hall with two massively talented bands appearing in the next few months.

Acclaimed folk quartet 4 Square sprang to fame after enthralling an audience of 20,000 people at the Cropredy festival, and have since shared stages with the likes of Steve Winwood, Joe Brown, Fairport Convention and Seth Lakeman.

Fiddle, piano, accordian, banjo, mandolin and drums combine with Jim, Dan, James and Nicola playing with zest, fire and virtuosity. Infectious instrumentals, mellow vocal harmonies and spectacular clog dancing - yes they really do dance!! - are all guaranteed. All in all an evening to stir the senses and quicken the pulse.

A reviewer on Radio 2's Folk Show said it all recently. "4 Square are amazing...based on their music they tap into traditional folk, clog dancing, their own compositions, and influences ranging from jazz to Cuban rhythms to Radiohead."

The band play at Letwell on Friday May 22. Call Martyn and Andy for tickets on 01909 731626 or 540694.

Listen to the band at www.4squaremusic.co.uk

Wednesday and Thursday July 1 and 2 sees the eagerly awaited return of Sheffield band Boy on A Dolphin, who filled the City last Christmas, and boast a huge following locally.

Dazzling original music tinged with a Cuban sound, brilliant lyrics, great stage presence, John, Andy, Pete and Darren are a quality outfit with a history of playing huge venues here and abroad. If you've never been a Dolphin gig maybe now's the time!

Tickets from the same two numbers.

Tap Boy On A Dolphin into your laptop and have a listen...



4Square

LIFE IN THE 18TH CENTURY

FROM THE JOURNALS OF AMELIA STANIFORTH

On Friday 20th March, 86 people, Friends of Firbeck Hall and their guests crowded into Firbeck village hall for an illustrated lecture about life at Firbeck Hall in the late 18th century. The Chairman of the Friends group Simon Drohan introduced the evening's event, which was supported by a display of pictures and memorabilia about the two estates, Firbeck Hall and Park Hill. The PowerPoint presentation was delivered by Valerie Oxley and Julia Colver, the projectionist was Michael Oxley.

Enid Bailey exhibited five exquisite pen and wash drawings featuring some of the properties associated with Amelia Staniforth. She was assisted in staging the display by her husband Derek.

Una Ellis supported by her husband Sid, organised the refreshments which included a number of delicious home-made cakes prepared by members of the committee. Chris Stanton supervised the staging of the event, which was an opportunity to showcase the wonderful facilities at Firbeck village hall since its renovation with a lottery grant. The ground sourced heating system, the 'clouds' which absorb echo, and the sound and projection facilities are some of the best in the area, and many favourable comments were received from the visitors.



Julia Cover at Firbeck presentation

The presentation was based on a Journal (1782 - 1785) written by Amelia Staniforth. Amelia would have been in her sixties when she wrote the Journal. She lived at Firbeck Hall with her sister Henrietta, and a Mrs W and Miss W. plus a number of servants. These mysterious 'W' women turned out to be a widow, Mrs Dorothy Worsley, and her daughter 'little Miss Worsley', also called Dorothy. Mrs Worsley's husband was the Rev James Worsley, second son of Thomas Worsley (1686 -1750) of Hovingham Hall, Yorkshire. Before marriage, Dorothy Worsley was Dorothy Pennyman of Ormesby Hall, near Middlesbrough, now a National Trust property.



The audience at the event

Dorothy Worsley's eldest son James Worsley married Miss Lydia White of Wallingwells Hall, their first son James White Worsley (1792 – 1870) married Frances Stovin (1792 – 1869) of Rossington Hall. James changed his name to James White Worsley Pennyman and so inherited the Ormesby Estate from James Pennyman, his great uncle, who died without issue.

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LIFE IN THE 18TH CENTURY *CONTINUED*

The presentation shone an amazing spot light into life in the 18th century around Firbeck and Letwell. There is an intriguing reference to the Duchess of Rutland, spotted by the sisters, riding by Firbeck Hall from Park Hill.

At first this seemed an insignificant entry in the journal, but we know from reports at that time that John Hayes St Leger was conducting an affair with the Duchess of Rutland, which had started in Ireland. Indeed it was the first time anyone knew that he entertained the Duchess at his Park Hill home.

The Friends group are continuing their research into Park Hill and Firbeck Hall. The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, founded by John Ruskin, reminds us that the history of a building is as important as the building itself. Sadly too late for Park Hill, which was demolished in 1935, but hopefully not too late for Firbeck Hall.



The audience at the event

Valerie Oxley Friends of Firbeck Hall

OUCH...

Those nasty twisty bends at the junction of Lamb and Penny Lane have been claiming more victims than usual in recent times. FLAG's ace snapper captured this Skoda on its side and looking distinctly worse for wear in the ditch at the side of the road a couple of weeks ago.

Might not happen so often if travellers slowed down a touch....



Lamb Lane claims its latest victim