

# 50+ CLUB

## SUNLIGHT enlightenment

Members of the 50+ Club enjoyed a trip to Port Sunlight courtesy of The Bournville Society.

Port Sunlight has much in common with the Bournville Estate. Founded by enlightened philanthropist, William Hesketh Lever, it, too, is a model village with housing built for the workers at the Lever Brothers Soap Factory in the 19th Century.

With a vision similar to that of George Cadbury, Lever was interested in providing not just housing, but giving workers access to education, health and culture.

The Lady Lever Art Gallery houses many well-known works of art including, like Birmingham Art Gallery, several Pre-Raphaelite paintings, works painted at the time the Cadbury and Lever brothers were establishing their factories. Sponsored by Bournville Village Trust, 50+members had lunch there as well as being given a guided tour of the village and a leisurely look around the centre before starting for home.



Kate Hetherington, from The Bournville Society, said, 'It has been a wonderful opportunity to compare the two model villages. We have invited Port Sunlight residents back to Bournville later in the year and we are greatly looking forward to returning their hospitality.'

## Forestry job leads to a life in Bournville



When Lewis Garrad applied for a job as a forester for BVT little did he realise that his wife Dee would still be living in Bournville over 50 years later.

In 1951 the couple moved into a house in Green Meadow Road that came with the job.

Perhaps some readers will remember Lewis Garrad, who sadly died in 1961, as he helped to build the 'Tin Hut' which was on the site of the community hall which now stands on the corner of Clover and Hawkestone Road and spent a lot of his Sunday mornings as Gardening Secretary showing people how to prune apple trees.

Dee Garrad has stayed on in the house and we are very happy to welcome her to the 50+ Club.



## Ooh La La!

As part of their Language College Status, five young women from Kings Norton Girls Language College organised a day's shopping trip to France for 50+ Club members and BVT staff.

Natalie Pinnock, Dionne Cameron, Pamela Loxley, Heather Davenport and Gemma Gallimore sent out invitations offering to act as interpreters and guides for a day trip to Calais.

The girls, under the tuition of Mlle Sam Banner, designed a quiz to test the trippers' existing knowledge of French and provided an efficient translating service. It was a long day – 12 midnight until 9.00pm the following evening – but everyone was glad that they went.

Local resident [copy to come], said: 'The young ladies were marvellous, they worked very hard. They demonstrated patience and understanding with us oldies; just the job to improve relations across generations. Merci beaucoup!'

## Eileen at Eighty



Many congratulations to Eileen Thirza Brassington of Old Park who celebrated her 80th birthday in March. Eileen has lived in Bournville all her life, chiefly in Mulberry Road.

# GOING POTTY

## in Lilliput Lane



Thousands of collectors of Lilliput Lane pottery miniature houses are set to descend on Bournville when the collectors' club holds its 21st Birthday.

Hosted by Cadbury World this weekend event on 20 and 21 September will be open to Bournville Residents.

Lilliput Lane will set up a retail village of 5 marquees on the recreation ground. Residents will have the chance to see how the pottery is made and to paint a cottage as well as purchasing models.

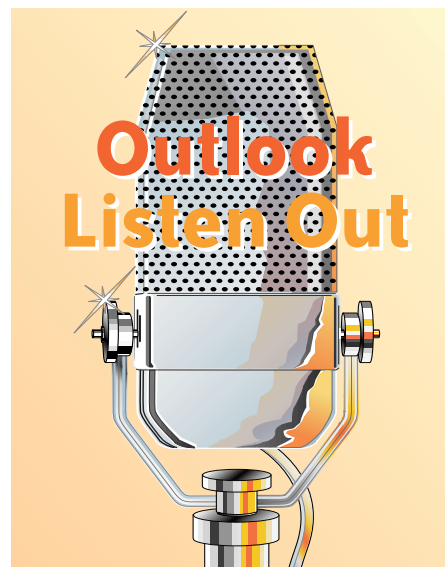
Staff from Bournville Village Trust will be conducting walking tours of the village for

visitors. In return, Lilliput Lane and Cadbury World will be making a donation to the Shenley Green Centre Redevelopment Fund.

Friends of the Carillon are joining in the weekend and Trevor Workman will be giving a recital on Bournville's famous and rare instrument. (See our article 'Ringing Rare Recitals' on page 3).

Lilliput Lane has an estimated 40,000 enthusiastic members so Bournville will be very busy that weekend.

It should be a fabulous event and one where we can show the rest of the country the charms of our heritage.



One of our residents was more than pleased to receive her copy of the Summer Outlook. Why? Well, because up till now she has been unable to read it because she is blind. On request, however, the Trust recorded an audio tape of all the stories, read in different voices and delivered it to her so that she doesn't miss out on Bournville news.

If you would like an audio copy of Outlook for yourself or someone you know, please contact Diane Thornton at the Bournville Estate Office on:

**0121 415 6404**

# Where did you get that HAT?

At the Mad Hatters Coffee Party at the Weoley Hill Village Hall!

Thank you to Liz Edwards for sending in these photos to Outlook of the Mad Hatter's Coffee Party, which took place on Tuesday 8th April at the Village Hall. Traditional refreshments were served including Welsh Cakes, teacakes and scones.

This special occasion organised by Molly Archer and Liz Edwards raised £50 and they'd like to thank everyone for their support.

