

Mapperley Park news

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Mapperley Park garden trail. See page 9

Post Office campaigners petition Cable

Campaigners fighting to re-open Carrington Post Office have been lobbying Coalition Minister Vince Cable. One year on, the battle to bring back local postal services shows no sign of running out of steam, with questions in Parliament and publicity in local and national newspapers. Full story on Page 5.

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Contemporary service with children's groups 11am	
Informal service 6.30pm	

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Q. What is Mapperley Park News?

A. It's the Newsletter of the Mapperley Park Residents' Association, published twice a year and circulated free to every home and business within Mapperley Park. Copies also available for £1 from MJ News, 347 Mansfield Road, Carrington or from the editors (see p2). If you live in Mapperley Park and did not receive a copy in September please contact the editors or a member of the MPRA committee.



Message from the MPRA Chairman

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone responsible for the most successful Gardens Open Day on Sunday 4th July. Fourteen gardens were open and Mark Cox had a stall where residents completed subscriptions to the Association. Numbers were slightly down on two years ago, probably because it clashed with Wimbledon Finals day. With such a packed programme of Summer events both locally and nationally, it's difficult to avoid such clashes.

The AGM

Our AGM, held in April was at St Johns Church, Carrington, which had had a major re-ordering. I thought the room was more suitable for the AGM, as it was smaller than the large hall at St Judes. Numbers were slightly down, probably because of the pre-Election TV Debate with the leaders of the three main Political Parties. Significant problems raised were commuter parking on roads adjacent to Mansfield and Woodborough Roads, particularly on Mapperley Road.

Funding new trees

I was surprised there weren't more comments at the AGM on trees. Our committee is concerned about the stumps of felled street trees and apparent non-replacement. We are looking into funding replacment of some of these trees. However, it is expensive and we would value suggestions from Residents.

Editors take over the production of *MPN*

This is the 18th edition of Mapperley Park News (*MPN*), which is published twice a year. It was established by Christine Brooke, who in 2002 was a new resident in Mapperley Park. She had been living in The Park which had an established community newsletter, Park News, produced by Christine Walker. Christine agreed to help and for the last nine years has taken care of the advertising, production and printing of *MPN*. She is now retiring and these tasks will be taken over by the Editorial Committee. I should like to thank Christine for all her work over these

years which has been much appreciated and she has become a valued friend.

MPN is the voice of the Residents' Association and we hope it is valued and enjoyed by all residents. I am sure it will continue its success with the Editorial Committee taking on full responsibility as publisher.

WANTED: Residents with some experience of planning

On the Residents' Association committee, we would like to have a member to help on Planning matters. If you would like to join the committee to help in this area, please contact me.

We also need , urgently, more members to help with the delivery of *MPN*

DAVID TOWERS

Meet people in Mapperley Park

If you're 'home alone' when you make your morning coffee on the second Monday of each month but feel like company, head for The Chestnut Tree pub on Mansfield Road instead. A friendly group of Mapperley Park/Private Road residents and friends meet from 11am in the recessed area beyond the bar – just follow the chatter! It's an opportunity to get to know your neighbours, especially if you are new to the area, newly retired or just want to get out of the house for a brief time. Do come and join us, meet new people and share their ideas and interests. If you want to know a bit more about us before coming along give Anne a ring on 841 2708.



The coffee group at the Chestnut Tree

Please be a considerate neighbour

Two issues regularly crop up as possible causes of neighbourly disharmony. The first is car parking and the second, bonfires.

To avoid any such conflicts it would be helpful if we could all adhere to the following:

- If you have off street parking, please use it!
- If you do have to park on the road please try not to get too close to the end of someone else's driveway or directly across from it. This may cause problems for them getting in and out.
- The pavement is for pedestrians not cars, so please do not park your car on it!
- If you need to have a bonfire please only burn dry garden waste which will not produce too much smoke.
- Before starting a fire, please make sure your neighbours are not sitting out in their garden, have their windows open or have washing hanging out to dry.
- Try to have bonfires either very early in the morning or at dusk when fewer people are likely to be adversely affected. Better still, do not have a bonfire at all. Use your brown wheelie bin or call the City Council for a free collection of excess garden waste. Call the Customer Service Contact Centre on 0115 915 2000.

Thank you!



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Warwick Road
5 bedroom semi detached house with gardens and garage

£540,000



Lucknow Avenue
4 bedroom semi detached house with driveway and gardens

£340,000



Shirley Road
4 bedroom split level detached house and double garage

£325,000



Berkeley Avenue
4 bedroom house with garage & gardens

£250,000



The Garden apartments
2 bedroom apartment, very high spec with private terrace

£230,000



Lucknow Avenue
Split level 2 bedroom apartment with balcony

£220,000



Cyprus Road
Stunning 2 bedroom apartment with private garden and garage

£220,000



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3 bed terraced house with courtyard garden & parking space

£190,000



Elliss House
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£175,000



The Lodge
2 Bedroom penthouse apartment with parking

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The Corner House
4 bed detached house, tennis court & swimming pool

£1,350,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
Cedar Heights
5 Bedroom contemporary detached house with leisure suite

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More than a just beautiful place to live

The market in Mapperley Park has remained strong throughout the spring and early summer with an increasing number of serious purchasers and motivated vendors in the market place. This increased confidence has remained, however realistic valuations coupled with market knowledge are more important now than ever before.

Mapperley Park continues to be an increasingly sought after location, and we are still the agent of choice, with more sold and for sale properties than any other agent. To discuss your buying or selling needs please don't hesitate to contact us.



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MAPPERLEY PARK
Tavistock Drive
3 bed detached, high specification, garage & garden

£345,000



ALEXANDRA PARK
Denmark Grove
4 bed detached, high specification, garage, front & rear garden

£325,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
Berkeley Avenue
5 Bedroom semi detached house, high quality kitchen and bathrooms

£315,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
Redcliffe Road
5 bedroom victorian semi detached house with garage & garden

£310,000



ALEXANDRA PARK
Albert Road
5 bed semi detached, many period features, garden & great views

£300,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
Berkeley Avenue
3 bedroom detached house, high spec kitchen & attractive garden

£295,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
The Garden Apartments
Stunning 3 bedroom first floor apartment with private terrace

£285,000



ALEXANDRA PARK
Woodborough Road
3 bedroom detached with private garden & garages

£280,000



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Redcliffe Road
Investment opportunity currently 2 apartments

£250,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
The Limes
2 bedroom duplex apartments with garage and parking

offers over £200,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
Cyprus Road
3 bedroom duplex apartment with private garden

£210,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
Atholl House
2 bedroom duplex apartment, communal garden & parking

£190,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
Lucknow Road
1 bedroom apartment plus study, private patio & parking

£150,000



NOTTINGHAM
Mansfield Road
2 bedroom apartment, period features & garage

£125,000



MAPPERLEY PARK
Durham House
3 bedroom apartment with parking

£95,000

More support for Post Office campaign

Colin Barratt, Chair, Carrington Post Office Group

It has been a busy few months for the Carrington Post Office Campaign as we strive to secure the re-opening of our much valued, well used and profitable local Post Office.

In May we took our case to Downing Street and presented a

dossier of evidence illustrating the commercial and social damage the closure has had on our community and gained much valuable coverage locally and nationally. The General Election gave us an opportunity to exploit this profile and we successfully canvassed the winning Labour Candidate, Chris Leslie, who signed our 'Post Office Pledge' to

work with us for the re-instatement of postal services in Carrington.

June saw us at the Sherwood festival for the 3rd consecutive year where our stall attracted hundreds of visitors eager for information. Over a 100 people took on our 'Dear Vince' challenge and wrote a short letter to Vince Cable about the importance of returning our Post Office, they are winging their way to him as I write!

General Election all our campaign material was removed from the old Post Office site by Nottingham City Council even though it was there legally. I have written to Chief Executive Jane Todd but I am still waiting for a reply.

If you visit the Post Office site today you will see a whole new display of our latest news, updates and contact details. We have a blog at carringtonpostoffice.blogspot.com or you can e-mail me at colin.barratt@lineone.net for news.

POLICE NEWS

The burglars simply walked in...



Rob Wilson, Neighbourhood Policing Inspector for Bestwood and Sherwood

Tackling burglaries of people's homes is a priority for the whole force and that certainly includes the Mapperley area. I am concerned when I hear someone's home has been burgled on my patch but it is frustrating as well when the burglars simply walked, or climbed, in through insecure doors or windows. There have been recent burglaries of this sort in the area so my message is to keep doors locked even when you are at home and to close ground and first floor windows when you go out.

It is horrible to find someone has been through your home and taken your possessions. Now, compare that to the small effort it takes to close and lock your doors and windows. If you would like an officer to come and advise you on securing your home, or if you have any information about burglaries, or any other crimes, please call us on 0300 300 9999. Or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Which brings me on to my next point. From now on, 0300 300 9999 is the only number you need for Nottinghamshire Police. Clearly, if life is at risk or crime is in progress you call 999, but for all other matters it's the new number. Your call goes to the main control room – as did all the old numbers with local codes, but these will soon be turned off. So remember 0300 300 9999. Save it in your phone, write it down, use it!

My team continues to work on making your community safer and we have been working closely with officers from St Ann's to tackle drug-related issues on both sides of Woodborough Road. Recent successes have included the discovery of 40 cannabis plants in a house, and arresting and remanding in custody a local man to face charges of dealing heroin.

Rev Dr David Monkton

And finally, a brief line on the Rev Dr David Monkton, of Mapperley Methodist Church who recently celebrated 50 years as a minister as well as 10 years as Police Chaplain. I would like to congratulate him on this remarkable achievement and thank him on behalf of all officers and staff.

**New number for
Notts police
0300 300 9999**

In Parliament and Press

We have had a number of questions tabled in Parliament about the procedure for re-opening Post Offices and are hoping to secure a meeting not only with Mr Cable himself but also with decision makers at Post Office Ltd. Our ability to attract good publicity for our cause is undiminished and we were the subject of a double page spread in the 4th July edition of the Mail on Sunday.

In the midst of all this activity there was a mystery. Just before the

Wednesday meetings

We also meet on Wednesdays at 7.30 at the Ukrainian Centre. We keep going because of the tremendous support from the residents of Mapperley Park, Carrington and Sherwood and I would like to thank everyone who has helped us in whatever capacity this year.



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Going Greek

Four years ago Yianni Fragkantonis had a dream ... to turn his bustling deli business on Haydn Road into a café. He spotted his chance - and suitable premises just a few metres from his shop - and YIANNI'S was born.

Today it's a restaurant serving breakfasts, lunch and evening meals. Yianni puts its popularity down to classic Greek dishes made with fresh locally sourced ingredients. His real secrets though are his recipes.

"I lived on the island of Rhodes and came to Nottingham in 1997 because this is where my wife Zoe is from," says Yianni. "I always loved cooking but I'm not a trained chef, I had to put together a menu based on food I used to get at home."

So whenever Yianni needed to know how make something he knew just who to call, his mum back in Greece.

"My mum and my aunts had lots of family recipes and they

were happy to share them and give advice. What I cook really is good homemade food. It's traditional with my own twist!"

And Yianni still has a dream. "I would love to open another restaurant, maybe one day even a chain of Yianni's when the economy gets a bit better." His mother would be proud!

Yianni's Greek meal for four

Mussels

40 Green Lip Mussels
Small tub Fresh Cream
200g Feta Cheese
Chilli Sauce
Fresh Dill

Fry mussels in butter in a large pan. Add a splash of white wine and a dash of Ouzo. Reduce and leave to stand for three to four minutes. Add the fresh cream, crumbled feta



cheese and some chilli sauce to taste. Mix in fresh chopped dill and serve.

Tzatsiki

500ml tub of Greek Yoghurt
1 Cucumber
5 Garlic cloves
Fresh Dill
Olive Oil
White wine vinegar

Thickly grate the cucumber in a cheese grater then leave to stand for 30 minutes. Squeeze the cucumberto ring out excess water then add to the yoghurt. Add some salt to taste. Crush 3 to 5 garlic cloves. Add fresh chopped dill and a dash of virgin olive oil and vinegar. Mix and serve.

Kalamari

Fresh squid (chopped into rings). Dip into plain flour mixed with salt and pepper. Deep fry in very hot sunflower oil. Shake off excess oil and serve.

Greek Salad

Mix a whole chopped Cos lettuce; a bunch of finely chopped spring onions; chopped fresh dill; black olives and 200g feta cheese. Add a drizzle of virgin olive oil and red wine vinegar.

Yianni strongly recommends accompanying the supper the traditional way - with a glass of chilled Ouzo!

Garden grabbing to be outlawed

Plans have been announced which will give councils new powers to prevent houses and flats being built in back gardens.

Gardens had previously been classified as 'brownfield' sites. This made them attractive to developers because it was much cheaper for them to build on a garden than on a former industrial brownfield site. According to a spokesman for the Department of Communities and Local Government this 'created a loophole for developers to build in city centres without meeting the needs of the people who live there'.

The re classification will be welcomed by many residents who have been blighted by such development and, along with the conservation area appraisal, will

give the Residents Association extra weight when objecting to any future planning applications for such projects.

However, the news may not be welcome for one company.

A number of Mapperley Park residents recently received letters from them, offering to buy their gardens for development. The company promised a 'one stop' service, arranging architects, gaining planning permission and covering all costs involved. It is somewhat ironic that the letters arrived on the day the new legislation was announced!

Hopefully their plans will now be thwarted and we can all continue to enjoy our gardens as gardens.

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English Wine?

An Oxymoron no more, the two words “English” and “wine” are now married together in wedded bliss. As at Agincourt the plucky Albion beat the Continent at their own game, so English wine can hold its head up high and compete with the best that France can offer in sparkling wine.

Champagne may only be called Champagne if it comes from a specific region. English sparkling wine may come from anywhere on this green and pleasant land and we produce some cracking stuff. As a wine producing nation, on average producing around three million bottles every year, this is no mean feat. Compared with Bordeaux alone which produces around 450 million bottles, we are, if you mind the pun, but small beer.

So to a Nytimber Cuvee Classic 2005. If you were served this blind, I absolutely defy you not to be in Epernay, Ay or Reims in the heart of Champagne country. Made from the 3 classic grapes - two pinots (Noir and Meunier) and Chardonnay - this Cuvee Classic beats most of

the “Grand Marque” Champagnes hands down for quality and style (stockists Vintage Wines on Derby Road or Steep Hill wines in Lincoln). Alternatively try a Ridgeview Cavendish 2007 for some freshness and vitality with hints of a future complexity to come. Made from the three traditional grapes again and If you think I’m wrong in my recommendations, I’ll put my money where my mouth is and, I’ll swap my Moets for your Nytimbers or Cavendish anytime.

So the sparklers are our forte in the competition stakes, but do we produce anything else half decent? A resounding Yes is the answer from all corners of the country. From Cornwall to Yorkshire we produce wine. If the raison d’être of wine is to be the product of grapes that taste and smell of the place that they are produced then I will re-echo that “Yes” and encourage you to visit some of them.

We even have a world renowned producer on our own doorstep. Tony Skuriat of Eglantine Vinyards in Ash Lane, Costock

produces probably my favourite of sweet English wines “North Star”. Easily confused with a wine from a top German producer this luscious cuvee is made in a rather unusual style by freezing the grapes so that water crystals remain in the press and the free run juice from the very ripe grapes trickles down and is collected. A labour of love indeed, but with a wine as heavenly scented with orange blossom, vanilla and a hint of honey one cannot fail to fall for its charms. The grape is that of the most famous English grape “Madeline Angevine” which also makes some of the quintessential of English summer wines with herbaceous, grassy, elderflower aromas - Think of the smell of our own Belvoir Vale Elderflower cordial for a idea of the powerful aromas.

Tony also bottles a wine from grapes grown at Renishaw Hall in Derbyshire some of which have not even been identified as yet but the label on this wine is taken from a Rex Whistler painting - How quintessentially English can you get?

Nottingham aiming to be the greenest city

Nottingham is hoping to become the country’s greenest city. The city council has increased its recycling rate from 4% to 30% in the last few years.

By 2018 they hope to be able to recycle 50% of all household waste produced in Nottingham.

Most residents in Mapperley Park have three bins, green for general waste, brown for garden waste and a brown bin with a grey lid for paper, card, cans, plastic and glass.

At present about 50% of household waste in the brown bins can be recycled for compost. Garden waste is taken to farms in Nottinghamshire and turned into compost. The contents of the brown and grey bins are separated by hand and the materials are bailed up and taken away to be processed into new items.

Around 80% of unrecyclable waste in green bins is burnt to generate heating for around 4,500 homes in Nottingham. The remaining 20% goes to landfill.

The city council is proud of its recycling work and asks all residents to continue to recycle as much as they can.

To find out more about recycling services in the city, call 0115 915 2000, or www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/recycling.

To find out more about recycling generally contact www.wrap.org.uk, www.recycle-more.co.uk, www.recyclenow.com/composting.

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St Ann's Heritage Gardens – Nottingham's secret gardens

I had often wondered what lay behind the hedges and fences that border Woodborough Road near the turnoff to Alexandra Park which, until recently, remained something of a mystery...

Last Autumn I ventured forth to explore the allotments having seen an invitation to join an Open Day at St Ann's Heritage Gardens. I entered a wonderland and would like to share it with you...

Nottingham has a long history of allotment gardening. The St Ann's Allotments are the oldest and largest detached town gardens in Britain. Their unique history has been recognised and it is a Grade 2 listed site. The area has been used by

people for more than 600 years. By the 1840's the site was established as "pleasure gardens" to provide space and an opportunity for those who lived in the city to grow their own food and to escape the confines of urban life. Although the size has changed over time, the gardens are still in their original 1830's layout. There are 670 individual gardens on three connected sites covering over 70 acres of hilly land between St Ann's and Mapperley. They are a rare survival of hedged gardens, found just outside the centre of industrial towns which were common in the 19th century. As well as the unique layout, some plots still contain Victorian buildings, such as summerhouses and glasshouses.



Hungerhill Gardens, St. Ann's circa 1860

The allotments are now run by the STAA. For more information www.staa-allotments.org, with the aim of letting the gardens, working to improve and protect the heritage of the site and to provide opportunities for all members of the community to benefit from the site.

Interested?

Why not take the opportunity to visit this special place? The next

Heritage Open Day is on Sunday 12th September from 11am to 4pm. There are also activity days with heritage walks in the Community Orchard on 17th October (Apple Day), 21st November, and 19th December (Winter Extravaganza).

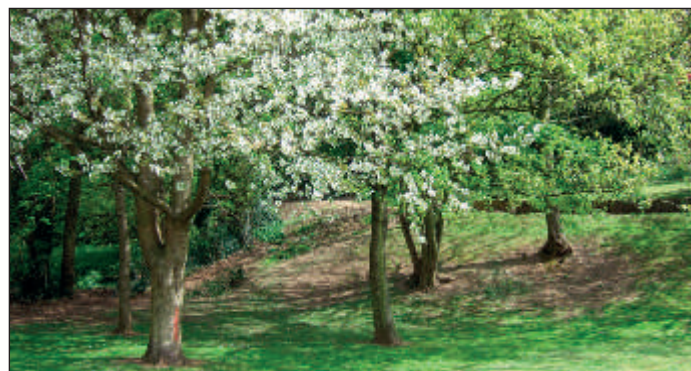
If you would like any further information please visit the website or telephone Mo Cooper on **0115 911 0207**.

Woodthorpe Park gets a makeover

The City Council had provided funding for a new café, toilets and pitch & putt building for Woodthorpe Park. The building should be open by the autumn and will be environmentally friendly with a green roof and special roof windows to maximise light.



Woodthorpe Park



Sycamore Park

Sycamore Park gets a facelift

Looking to take your dog for a different walk? Children bored of the same old play areas? Fancy some fresh air?

Then the new and improved Sycamore Park could be for you!

Sycamore Park is located on Hungerhill Road, off Woodborough Road. Facilities will include a new play area and football pitch, providing access for league games and free kick about sessions. Also, the woodland areas around the site will benefit from a woodland management plan that will develop it into an area local people can stroll through.

The Parks Department are keen to get local residents involved in as many ways as possible. For example, Park Rangers alongside City Services have been working with volunteers to clear the park of overgrown trees and hedgerows. As well as this, a programme of activities is planned, creating natural habitat for wildlife and safe walking routes for dog walkers. The Parks Department hopes to organise a number of events in the near future.

So, if you'd like to get involved, or have any ideas that you'd like to put forward please contact:

Simon Hunter,
Parks Development Officer
on **0115 915 2789**

Or Greg Foister,
Neighbourhood Action Officer
on **0115 915 1389**

Garden Trail raises £4000

Yvonne Key

Following the huge success of this event in 2008, residents of Mapperley Park once again opened gardens on Sunday July 4th 2010.

Of the fourteen gardens open there were 4 additional gardens and some significant new landscaping in others which added interest to the Trail.

The fine sunny weather we enjoyed in June continued for us and the gardens were looking at their best for the 800 + visitors. During the afternoon a steady stream of people visited the gardens, notwithstanding the competition from the Wimbledon Men's final.

Kindly sponsored by FHP Living and Atlanticorp, the local builders, and supported by TSB bank, we made just over £4000 to be split between 3 charities, one local, one national and one international.

SHE is a local charity supporting victims of childhood abuse and the children's activities will be run by them. The Motor Neurone Association locally provides equipment not available within the NHS, respite care, 1-1 support and contributes to vital research into a cure for the disease. Sister Freda is Elizabeth and Bobby Robinson's (of Mapperley Hall Drive) sister in law. She runs a mobile clinic and hospital catering for people without funds for medical care, in Kitale, Kenya.

Refreshments were plentiful at 7 official venues on the route including Mapperley Park Tennis Club. Donations of goods came from Yorkshire Tea, Boots the Chemist, Waitrose and Thompson Greengrocers on Haydn Road.

We would particularly like to thank the individuals and groups who worked so hard to provide cakes, drinks, and other foods and those who served and washed up afterwards. A special thank you goes to the enterprise of the youngest contributors, Joseph, George and Francesca Atkinson of Carisbrooke Drive who sold 35 cookies and made £14.24 for the Trail. A successful plant stall sold donated plants and cuttings from Mapperley Park residents. Children's activities provided by SHE and a garden quiz were popular additions to the afternoon.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the Trail; Committee members who took responsibility for meetings, the finance, printing and publicity and organising helpers and volunteers, the garden owners who worked so hard preparing their gardens, family members who supported, leaflet droppers, and all those who contributed in some way to the success of the event.

The current Committee members and garden owners would like to see this successful event as a community bi-annual fixture in the calendar and its future will be dependent on more interested individuals taking on new roles within the Committee.



Mapperley Hall gardens



Michael Smith, Geoff Corn and Nicola (from FHP) selling tickets at Mapperley Hall

The garden was full all afternoon

Elizabeth Robinson

One of the greatest pleasures in opening our garden was the enthusiasm of the visitors. I never moved from our back lawn, continually naming plants, talking about different aspects of gardening, and the joy of encouraging wildlife.

One visitor even came back again during the afternoon. The garden was full all afternoon.

We had a lot of people going down into the air raid shelter. I had put in some Second World War newspapers, including the one declaring war in 1939 and the one declaring peace in 1945. I have a child's gas mask. It brought back memories for a lot of older people and for children

and younger people, it was quite an eye opener.

On the last garden trail in 2008, we sold honey and I had been interested to see the change in use since we first started selling honey 35 years ago.

Then we would have a discussion as to how the honey was to be used and whether to buy liquid or solid honey.

In 2008, almost everyone buying honey was buying it to prevent hay fever, either in himself or herself or a family member. In 2008 we had people queuing to buy honey for medical reasons.

This year we did have some enquiries and sold 6 jars.



Mapperley Hall Drive

SHERWOOD ART WEEK 2010



Family day at the Ukrainian Centre

Art of success

Sherwood Art Week was another resounding success this summer, attracting thousands of people to the area. Over 100 artists took part in the arts festival, which was held from June 19-26.

There were over 60 art displays in venues throughout Sherwood, as well as a live music festival, fun family activities, concerts, films, dance, readings, workshops, and food drink stalls.

Exhibition venues included the Ukrainian Centre, St. John's Church, The Hubb, The Gladstone, The United Reformed Church, Gallery 568, The Place and Sherwood Library.

It is the second year Sherwood Art Week (SAW) has been held and local residents are hoping it will become a regular event.



Corrinna Rothwell Butter



Switland Woods by Sally Whitrow

Julian Phillips, one of the organisers, said SAW was a great community event and they had managed to turn the whole of Sherwood into an art gallery for a week.

Official supporters and sponsors included Choice Curtains, Stone Carved Memorials, A.C. Allan Opticians, Ministry of Design, Osbornes, Blower Brothers, Le Mistral, Firth and Scott, Hububub.com, The Place Activity Centre, Sherwood Lodge, Designs of Hope, Nottingham City Council.



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While you may find this disquieting, the good news is that, as a provider of health-care services, The Mapperley Park Clinic will remain registered with the Care Quality Commission, and will of course continue to deliver treatments to our exacting standards of care.

Although mandatory registration is being removed, registration with the Care Quality Commission remains a good bench mark of quality and service.

It still pays to talk to the experts.



Dining Club Charity Ball

On 27th February 2010, the Dining Club (Judith Naylor and Suma Harding) from Mapperley Park hosted a ball at Prestwold Hall near Loughborough.

The event was attended by over 80 people who enjoyed the palatial surroundings of Prestwold Hall.

An auction took place with Mike Blair as compere. The prizes included an International Dance Pass for Nottingham Playhouse, a trip round Central TV Studios, a trip round Coronation Street in Manchester and the chance to be an apprentice in World Service Restaurant in Nottingham and a meal at the gourmet restaurant Queen's Head at Belton, Leics.

Henry Weldon and his team at Prestwold Hall were so helpful – the meal was exceptional and the staff helped to make the evening special. The event raised £3685.65 which was split between the Nottingham Playhouse Dance Programme and the Rutland House School for Parents, based on Elm Bank in Mapperley Park.



John and Pat Lemberger



Paul Thomas, Joan Johnson



Sue Ashan, Suma Harding, Mike Blair and Annette Blair



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Kids off to Uni?... Here's our checklist

So, the time has come. Your baby is about to leave! You want to make sure they have everything they need to be happy and comfortable, but where to start? It's a daunting prospect. Fear not, help is at hand! Here are two web sites which between them give a long and very comprehensive list of all the things which are required:

www.thestudentroom.co.uk/wiki/What_ToTakeToUniversity
www.studential.com/checklist

Our advice:

- Start getting things together early. It takes quite some time and you may be surprised just how much stuff there is. You may need to work out how you are going to transport it all there!
- Ikea is great for lots of the bits and pieces they need but, beware! -you'll find it full of mothers and teenagers at this time of year so shop out of peak hours!

- Invest in some 'under bed' storage boxes and (if they have room) one of those plastic drawer towers.
- Over door hooks are good too. There is never enough storage space in the rooms!
- Take a shower caddy. Handy for transporting your toiletries to and from the bathroom, if you are sharing.
- Buy a Brita water filter jug and a refillable water bottle. It will save a fortune on bottled water!

- The most important items are a door stop and some wine or beer. Sounds weird? Most rooms in halls have fire doors which swing shut. Prop open your door and you can see who's walking past and say hello. Invite them in for a drink and you've just made your first friend!
- And finally, for the mothers: take lots of tissues. You will cry all the way home!



New MP for Broxtowe

Local barrister, Anna Soubry, seen here with her two teenage daughters, became an MP in May this year having won Broxtowe for the Conservatives. See her deliver her maiden speech on TheyWorkForYou.com

Free guided tours to places of special interest 9th-12th September

Church towers, office buildings, art galleries, historic buildings, caves, fire stations and archives are just some of the fascinating places in and around Nottingham which will be open free to the public at various times on 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th September. Most will include a free guided tour.

This is part of the national Heritage Open Days held every year in September - aiming to let us see properties of special interest many of which are not accessible during the rest of the year.

In Nottingham there are around 40 visits to choose from. Beeston alone has 20 and there are hundreds in the county.

A booklet listing the openings is available from tourist offices and all details are on line at

www.heritageopendays.org.uk/directory/ or www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/whatson
 Visits close to Mapperley Park include:
Bagthorpe Gardens, Hucknall Road,

Sherwood (historic cottage gardens, dating from 1840s. Tour the gardens, bring a picnic) Open SUNDAY Noon - 4pm
 Tours 12.30, 2.30 pm.

Afro-Caribbean National Artistic, Hungerhill Road, (fresh produce from allotments, traditional Caribbean meals)
 Open THURSDAY 9th, 11am - 1pm.

Rock Cemetery Walk, Mansfield Road. (History, architecture, wildlife & geology of this fascinating site)
 Tour SATURDAY 11th, 12 Noon.

St Ann's Allotments, Ransom Road. (See page 8)
 Open SUNDAY, 11am - 4pm

Arboretum guided tour. (Parts are Grade 11 listed. Site history, personalities commemorated, many interesting plants)
 SUNDAY, 10am. Main gate.

Fundraising for the Neonatal Service



The Nottingham Neonatal Service Trust is a voluntary organisation, which is supported by the hospital's medical team. Its purpose is to purchase essential equipment and family facilities that will enable these special babies and their parents/family to feel more comfortable during their stay on the unit.

Local resident Matthew Tavener, and Kelly Smedley, are organising a charity ball on 30 October 2010, to help raise vital funds for the Neonatal Service. Tickets cost just £25 each, which includes a reception drink, a set 3-course meal and a bottle of wine per couple.

Please visit www.charityball2010.webs.com for further details or call 07875 694 266. If you would like to make a donation, please visit our 'Just Giving' site <http://www.justgiving.com/CharityBall2010>

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Free computer courses

For those of you who do not have a computer or feel uncomfortable using the internet, perhaps the lure of a discount may inspire you to 'get surfing'.

There are many free courses available to help people get to grips with computers so why not give it a try!

Age Concern can advise on courses in Nottingham. Give them a call on 0115 841 4476 / 0115 841 4479 or visit one of Nottingham's libraries, where 6 hours per week of computer use is FREE to all City/County library members. If you need help to get started, you can book a One2One computer help session. Library staff offer short sessions, free of charge, to help you learn the basics such as using a mouse, word processing and using email.

Get fit and save money at Djanogly Centre!

Did you know that the brand new Djanogly Community Leisure Centre on Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green is now open and you can enjoy more of its great facilities, which include a sauna and steam room, pool and gym,

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To get your free Citycard, visit any City Council leisure centre or the NCT Travel Centre in the Old Market Square. Alternatively, call 0115 950 6070 or visit: www.mynottingham.gov.uk/citycard

Free parking for late shoppers

At the Victoria Centre, the white zone car park (accessed from Woodborough Road) is now offering free parking between 5pm and 8pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

A great opportunity to take full advantage of the extended shopping hours now available in many stores!

Small Ads

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