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Editors' Letter

Another successful issue of the MPN has resulted, along with your subscriptions, in improving the funding of your residents' association.

This benefits not just the members but every resident in Mapperley Park. Subscriptions are improving for the Mapperley Park Residents' Association but we still need more to join. The benefits are great, the privilege card offers many discounts and your £5 annual fee can be offset and more by using it just once.

Our summer party was a huge success with the Lace Market Theatre's "best bits" of A Midsummer Night's Dream and scenes from Happy Jack. Over 130 people attended on a beautiful summer afternoon. Thanks to Siobhan Hargreaves for organising this and to the Lace Market Theatre for a great fun and inspiring show.

Thanks to everybody who has supplied articles for this edition and thanks to our advertisers who make this publication possible.

Manor Skips are our latest addition who have donated a little extra to help with the drinks at our members' Christmas party. We hope to see you there at 7pm, Wednesday 6th December at Magdala Tennis Club, if you aren't a member you'll be able to join on the evening.

Lastly, we hope to see you at our AGM, Magdala Tennis Club, Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7pm.

Please look out for any elderly or vulnerable neighbours this winter, Merry Christmas and wishing you a prosperous and happy 2018.

Wed 25 April 2018 • 19.00+

Mapperley Park Residents' Association AGM

Magdala Tennis Club. Open to all residents, please come along to find out more about the community.



Cover Competition Winner

Congratulations to Ellie Kennedy who entered this great photo of the steps that lead to the water tower from Mapperley Road to win a £20 Amazon voucher.

If you have any stories or photographs you would like to share with us, or any ideas or contributions, please contact members of the MPRA directly or email info@mapperleypark.org. Our publication dates are May and December.



A letter from the Chair

An update by MPRA Chair, **Sue Goode**

We welcome a new committee member, June Greenway who joined us in the summer as our tree expert. June brings valuable expertise in this key area for Mapperley Park.

Thank you to all our paid-up residents whose financial contribution helps the Residents' Association committee to continue its work on behalf of our community.

Membership offers excellent value (£5 per household pa) and includes our twice annual newsletter, excellent value social events, access to experts on planning, traffic and community issues and a privilege card giving exclusive discounts at selected outlets.

We have lobbied our councillors on the issue of leaf collection challenges in the

Autumn and they agreed to do a one-off additional collection just for Mapperley Park.

The councillors are also working positively with our committee on an exciting project to bring some greenery to the traffic island at the junction of Lucknow Drive and Mapperley Hall Drive. We hope that work will be done in the Spring and with the ambition of significantly improving the environment and outlook in this area.

Please make sure that you have the Christmas social event date in your diaries. We will be hosting drinks and nibbles for paid up members (you can pay on the day) on Wednesday evening 6th December at Magdala tennis club.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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Fri, Dec 22 • 14:30 & 19:30

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Sat, Dec 23 • 10:30 & 14:00

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Mon, Jan 15 – Sat, Jan 20

The Haunting

The Lace Market Theatre. Adult £11, Concessions £10. lacemarkettheatre.co.uk

Wed, Apr 25 • 19:00+

Mapperley Park Resident's Association AGM

The meeting is open to all residents, please come along to find out more about the community. Magdala Tennis Club.

Wed, Dec 6 • 19.00+

Join us for MPRA Christmas Drinks!

Magdala Tennis Club, all are welcome. mapperleypark.org



Save The Date!

The Mapperley Park Residents' Association Christmas Drinks

As a thank you for your continued membership and to celebrate the festive season, all current Mapperley Park Residents' Association members are invited for drinks and nibbles at Magdala Tennis Club on Wednesday 6th December.

If you aren't a member you can join on the night. First come, first served!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

- **Where?** Magdala Tennis Club
- **When?** Wednesday 6th December 2016
- **Time?** 7:00PM +

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Mapperley Park Garden Group Talks & Visits

To encourage members to attend the January AGM the Garden Group Committee has an endearing habit of also offering its 60+ members an interesting speaker, this time it worked perfectly.



Mike Davey, a retired lecturer in plant biology, described the creation and development of his garden in Ruddington. We were shown plans and slides, before and after BUT we were also invited to visit the garden in July – ingenious.

February always means Snowdrops and they didn't fail us, gleaming out of their spectacular setting in a wooded ravine in Burton Joyce. Soup and warmth followed.

The March garden in Claremont Rd was another work in progress but as it had

had a long and complicated history the changes its owners of only 2 years had made were truly amazing.

We left gardens in April and spread our wings. We visited the FLOWER POD at Brakenhurst College. "Reach" Social Enterprise runs horticultural courses for adults with learning difficulties. The teaching and commercial centre is housed in the most utilitarian yet attractive ad hoc building you are likely to see in Nottinghamshire.

This brilliant scheme trains its students to grow beautiful flowers and then to use this raw material to make products which will enhance most important occasions. After all flowers can express feelings when words are insufficient. The visit was so enjoyable and so uplifting.

The Grand Trip to see the first RHS Flower Show at Chatsworth on June 9th did cause a deal of hand wringing. We had been threatened with storms, rain, traffic, mud, chaos etc !! yet 45 brave souls climbed aboard the Coach and set off 8.30 into Derbyshire.

I am not sure whether it was luck, hard won experience or divine intervention which guided the Committee to choose the Friday for our visit but the doom merchants were wrong! I hope you don't mind but I think at this point we need to hand over to someone who immortalised this area: The park was very large and contained great variety of ground. We gradually ascended for half a mile and then found ourselves at the top of a considerable eminence, where the woods ceased, and the eye was instantly caught by "the house" situated on the opposite side of the valley, into which the road with some abruptness wound.

It was a large, handsome, stone building, standing well on rising ground, and backed by a ridge of high woody hills; and in front, a stream of some natural importance was swelled into greater, but without any artificial appearance.

Its banks were neither formal, nor falsely adorned. There had never been a place for which nature had done more, or where natural beauty had been so little counteracted by an awkward taste." Don't you just love the "awkward taste" – may we all be spared that.

Readers we had a perfect day, the sun shone, we saw well dressing, 8 show gardens, plant villages and floral marquees. We crossed a Palladian floral bridge and heard the story of the Cavendish Banana. Local food was offered, music played as we mingled with the horticultural wonders of the first RHS flower show in Derbyshire.



By the end of June the Monsoons had arrived, however the intrepid Garden Group members were determined not to be rained off. It was a damp evening but Lorna's garden was so beautiful as it cascaded down the glimmering slope. A balcony encircled by vibrant pots hung over the descending garden where an archway of yellow roses led into the lower garden but turn round and look back to where burgeoning raised beds climb back up to the house!

Things slowed down in July when we visited Mike Davey's garden, we were able to wander round the garden we had seen meticulously chronicled in our January talk in all its mature calm.

Not only were we offered the before and now views of this garden but we were also given such a magnificent tea some of the group confessed to being

somewhat overwhelmed by the variety of cakes placed before them.

For August we stayed local. The garden in Carisbrook Drive impressed right from the entrance --- the wide front drive was edged with large unusually planted pots, these led into a tightly packed tiered garden. Usual and unusual plants cosied up to each other. Again we were refreshed with cake. I sometimes think the Garden Group should be renamed to highlight this hidden delight.

We round off this year with our usual plant swap in another totally new garden, a talk at St Jude's in November and a convivial December coffee morning at Brookfields.

Sheila Reece

Join us for Coffee Mornings at the Fat Cat

Every second Monday of the month there is a Coffee Morning at the Fat Cat from 11am - 12 noon.

Older inhabitants will remember The Fat Cat on the Mansfield Road as The Chestnut Tree pub; however, it has been upgraded and is happy to serve us with hot drinks and cake. Usually 12–20 coffee drinkers meet there to really put our world to rights and have a very enjoyable chat. Gentlemen are invited but rarely more than 2 appear but they would be delighted if others were to join them.



Open Gardens Bang the drum for 2018

The Mapperley Park Open Garden event could happen next year 2018 if enough residents volunteered to put their shoulder to the wheel.

A meeting has been arranged at the Magdala Tennis Club Pavilion on Monday 15th January at 8pm to gauge the enthusiasm for going ahead with the event.



The committee will be looking for offers of every possible size and type of garden: tiny, large, idiosyncratic, formal, mature, new, coming up, etc. Gardeners are a curious breed, they like variety.

To back up all the efforts of the garden openers, the event will also need back room bodies to plan, prepare and publicise plus foot soldiers to help in the gardens on the day.

How do I get involved?

Step 1 - Come to the meeting

Step 2 - VOLUNTEER
Volunteer a garden, volunteer to help the organising committee or volunteer to help on the day.



Sheku Kanneh-Mason

Sheku has had a rollercoaster year since the last Mapperley Park newsletter article.

A major highlight for Sheku was his BBC Prom at The Royal Albert Hall on 30th August. Sheku was the soloist with Chineke! Orchestra for the Prom, aired on BBC television and Radio 3. The BBC video clip (Facebook) with highlights from the concert now has a record 3.9 million views, and he was featured as the cover article for the Times 2 Arts section. It was an incredible night and wonderful to see neighbours from Mapperley Park who had travelled to London to see him!

The balance between A Levels and travelling as a cello soloist made for a challenging year, and Sheku spent many train and aeroplane journeys with Maths and Physics books propped open in front of him, trying to keep his eyes open! Trinity School was incredibly tolerant and supportive of Sheku's busy concert schedule in the last year of his A Levels, and he managed three good A Level passes, with an A* in Music.

His first term as an undergraduate ABRSM Scholar at The Royal Academy of Music began in the first week of September, so Sheku has been balancing student life with the career of a concert cellist since then. 2017 has seen him travelling to the Netherlands, Berlin, all over England, Wales, Scotland, Guernsey, Isle of Wight, Isle of Man. With all his siblings, Sheku undertook a concert tour of Antigua and Barbuda,

in the Caribbean, playing to the Prime Minister, the Governor-General, the majority of schools on the islands, culminating in a grand public concert in the capital, St Johns. This was an amazing 10 days for the family, very intense, humbling and inspiring.

Many of Sheku's concerts are already booked up to 2020, and he will be playing all round the world, playing concerti (solos) with orchestras such as the Japan Philharmonic, The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, the Philharmonia, the Barcelona Symphony, the Netherlands Chamber Orchestra, the Tonhalle, the Atlanta and Louisiana Symphony Orchestras. His solo recitals with his sister, Isata, as pianist, are also taking him to exciting venues such as The Kings Place in London, the Wigmore Hall, Milton Court, the Cheltenham Festival (with some of the audience from Mapperley Park!), Canada, the Cayman Islands and New York.

Sheku's favourite place to play is, of course, Nottingham, and he is making sure he has the chance to perform here, or close by, as much as he can! He played at Southwell Minster in August, at the Hockley Hustle Festival in Market Square in October, (improvising with Nina Smith offstage!) and he plays at The Royal Concert Hall with the City of Birmingham Symphony on 9th November this year, returning to Southwell Festival next summer, and the Royal Concert Hall with the BBC Symphony (and the Elgar concerto) in November 2018.

With Isata and Braimah, the piano trio plays at the Nottingham Trent University Music Series in May. Sheku and all his siblings will perform at Belper Music Festival in May, and at St Mary's Church, Nottingham on 14th September 2018.

Apart from the dizzying run of concerts and recitals, Sheku is enjoying being a student, living in a Hall of Residence in central London and forming chamber groups with friends. His sister, Isata, and brother, Braimah, are also full time at the Royal Academy and spend a lot of time together. Three of his younger sisters, Konya, Jeneba and Aminata, arrive there every Saturday for their Junior Royal Academy lessons, so it can be a weekly family reunion every Saturday (if Sheku is not travelling)! He is also enjoying meeting and performing in more private recitals to Prince Charles, Prince Harry, and at 10 Downing Street, as well as television appearances with his siblings, such as Classroom Heroes (BBC2, 29th October). Also, this November, Sheku travels to New York to join a star-studded line-up at Carnegie Hall to perform in a gala directed by Danny Boyle.

Keep your eyes peeled for Sheku's first album with Decca Classics, which will be released on 26th January 2018.

It's been a year and a half since Sheku won BBC Young Musician, and his two year title as the current Young Musician will culminate in his appearance at the next BBC Final on BBC4 in May 2018. His first album with Decca Classics will be released on 26th January 2018, featuring (among other things) the Shostakovich Cello Concerto with which he won the competition. What a two years it will have been!



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Resolve disputes quickly, cost effectively and with less stress

Paying your fair share is at the forefront of today’s news with the Paradise Papers revealing some pretty unpopular behaviour from some high-profile people. Even more interesting to me than the news articles are the reactions to them on social media. The comments show a sharp divide of those who feel no law was broken and those who feel tax should have been paid anyway. One thing people agree on is that the loopholes should be closed and that not enough has been done to do so.

The reason this is relevant to mediation is that with the proper approach many of the accused might be more willing to meet and discuss ways of satisfactorily resolving their newly found unpopularity and perhaps even bringing in the concept of a “fair share”. It’s similar with smaller and more local disputes, only the numbers change. Getting people back together is the first step towards a resolution and the wellbeing of everybody involved.

I have been trained in elder and vulnerable adult mediations. People’s views of “fair shares” are prevalent and cases often involve the Mental Capacity Act (MCA), wills and lasting powers of attorney. Incorrect handling of these matters leads often to enormous family rifts bringing up historical disagreements and resentments, the earlier these situations come to mediation, the better. The MCA code of practice shows that mediation offers a wider range of solutions than the court can and that it may be less stressful for all parties, more cost-effective and quicker. People which come to an agreement through mediation are more likely to keep it, because they have taken part in decision-making.

Dispute resolution can take many forms to suit the parties. If it’s uncomfortable in a formal setting, I can arrange either online or telephone mediations which don’t involve the direct contact of the parties; where these methods are appropriate, the mediation can be shorter and even more cost-effective.

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One minute with... Ewan Lamont



Who are you?
I’m Alexander Ewan Lamont, Father of 2, husband of 1, chief exec of a computer games company and I’m interested in lots of things; history, heritage and the local community. I have 2 masters degrees in archaeology and I’m a leading authority on the archaeology of Santa Claus. I played American football for Nottingham for 5 years.

What did you want to be when you grew up?
I wanted to be a soldier but realised this was a pipe dream and so decided on a career making computer games instead.

What was your first job?
Other than washing my dad’s car, I was in the reserve forces and then I was president of the University of Glasgow SRC

What is your favourite overseas destination?
Turkey because it’s brewing with amazing archaeological remains and its where the cradle of western civilisation is.

What’s your guilty pleasure?
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Celebrating 40 years of MPRA with the Lace Market Theatre

On the sunny afternoon of Sunday 18th June, a considerable number of local Mapperley residents enjoyed two outdoor theatre performances by the Lace Market Theatre at the Nottinghamshire Hospice.

This event was organised by residents Siobhan Hargreaves and Lesley Brown to celebrate 40 years of The Mapperley Park Residents' Association.

The first performance was an extract from John Godber's 'Happy Jack', and was the story of a coal miner and his wife. This provided a piece of reminiscence theatre for some of the audience who were reminded of the coal mining culture and community in our local area.

The second piece was an extract from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and involved a much larger cast and was performed under the large tree in the Hospice garden. This provided a special setting for this classic Shakespeare play. Both pieces were performed by members of the Lace Market Theatre who had previously performed them in their own theatre in Halifax Place, Nottingham.



'Happy Jack' had also been performed at other local venues and was taken to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2015 and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was also performed in Nottingham's twin city of Karlsruhe in 2016. The Lace Market Theatre is a thriving amateur theatre in the heart of Nottingham and produces a range of plays in two performance spaces.



We receive no funding and are completely reliant on the team of wonderful volunteers who give an enormous amount of time to run the fourteen productions that we put on every year.

We welcome people from all walks of life as there is a role for everyone, not just in acting in our two spaces. We offer training and support for technicians, administrators and customer service people, front of house, licensed bar, coffee bar and box office.

If you are interested in joining us at all, or would simply like a look around, join us for an Open Evening – just drop in and meet the team.

Our season runs from September to July and there are currently 4 shows in rehearsal. Through the season we perform a range of plays – at least 14 in total and our next productions include 'An Ideal Husband' by Oscar Wilde at Christmas and a Dickens based Ghost Story 'The Haunting' in January.



If you have never been or have not been recently and if you love theatre then please come along and see one of our productions. We are indeed a hidden gem in the middle of the Lace Market district of Nottingham.

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Introducing Immi Lea

Immi has been living in Mapperley Park her whole life, and this summer she made her directorial debut at The Lace Market Theatre with Alan Bennetts 'The History Boys', to excellent reviews.

She is currently undertaking a degree in Scriptwriting and Performance at the University of East Anglia. With a host of notable literary and arts alumni including Kazuo Ishiguro, and Doctor Who's Matt Smith, Immi says that it's hard not to be inspired.

"I feel very lucky that we, as a community, live so close to a thriving and creative city centre. Without Nottingham's creative quarter, I wouldn't have had the opportunities I have, and gained from performance



experiences that helped me to secure my place at UEA. I'm currently serving as president of Minotaur Theatre Company, a student led theatre company based at the university, and learning from it every day, with the hopes of bringing this knowledge back to Nottingham and to the creative industry here.

Working on The History Boys, as such a young director, has left me so excited for working more with performers in Nottingham. There's a bonkers amount of talent here, and if the city were to

win the European Capital of Culture Bid for 2023, the opportunities opened to us would be immense, particularly for young artists.

I know that, just around the corner from me in Mapperley Park, are so many young and talented emerging artists, musicians, writers, journalists and more. It's certainly exciting to be a part of, especially as everyone is so supportive of one another. And I'm looking forward to seeing what we all do with our creative lives."

Columba palumbus

Early birds alight on chimneys, strut and hold dawn conversations. Large birds have loud voices enlarged by old chimney stacks.

Wood pigeon conversation enlightens morning tea in bed, it has the same rich colour, amber and Indian, it is amusing.

At the right time of year, ring doves carry mulberries aloft, occasionally let them fall, they drop on the hearth or bounce on to the carpet. Mulberries stain.

In a girl’s blue room, above old newspapers packed high up the chimney, a pigeon died. The skeleton was white and dry, so large it had to be turned and tilted to be delivered on to a waiting lap.

This house tempts the large birds, they are left alone but observed, commented on, they can hardly be ignored, their intrusion and enrichment – anything unusual a diversion.

An Arts Council Anthology Edited by Ted Hughes

Winter Haiku

By the Front Door
Beak and berry matched,
a blackbird sat in the bush.
An autumn gold perch.

Another Window Poem
A stone garden sits,
needs day or rain or sunlight,
does not grow, ever.

Late
New planted pansies
have not yet shown their colour.
A winter surprise.

November
The snow has melted,
a short sharp shock of one day.
A white autumn tease.

December
The new moon is up,
one thin gold curve renews me.
A kiss through cold glass.



Introducing Pamela Lewis

Pamela Lewis, published Mapperley Park poet, is the former chair of the D.H. Lawrence Society and member of the Nottingham Poetry Society. She has been instrumental in ensuring the survival of the archives of local writers including Madge Hales, Aubrey Bush and Connie Ford.

Collected Words is a current Exhibition featuring Pamela at the Weston Gallery at Nottingham University running until Sunday 3rd December.

“By the time I stopped writing I had around 400 poems published so I decided to give them all to Nottingham University who digitised my complete works, both published and unpublished. When other local poets have passed away I decided to donate their works too.

I wrote for 40 years and never took it particularly seriously, but I was always published and accepted from the very beginning although of all the arts this was not the one to make a living from.

I used to write when the children were safely home from school and a great deal of my poems are about them. I always considered my poetry writing fun. I used a typewriter or computer

as it was essential for me to see what the words would look like in print. I remember my portable typewriter raising questions at customs when we went abroad as they had no idea what it was.

I met my late husband, Humphrey, when I was just 8 years old on the tennis courts at Derby Road. We went to a dance together some years later and he asked if I was engaged or married and I said no resulting in our 59 year marriage.

I found our home which many of you will remember as the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and we renovated it and raised our children there. When they left home I designed my current house on Arlington Drive in the grounds of the old house.”

Pamela is daughter in law of Hilda Lewis, bestselling Nottingham Author (The Gentle Falcon, The Ship That Flew) and of Morris Michael Lewis, Director of The Institute of Education at the University of Nottingham.

During his tenure he undertook research in to language and development of speech in children and with a focus on deaf children.

Pamela’s poem Columba palumbus reflects her home on Mansfield Road and the wood pigeons that lived there.

Kids Corner!



How will Xmas dinner be different after Brexit?

No Brussels

What happened to the man that stole the advent calendar?

He got 25 days

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

Claustrophobia

What do you get if you cross Donald Trump with a Christmas carol?

O comb over ye faithful

Pet Competition



Congratulations to Sir Rupert and his owner Donna Lester!

They say dogs have owners and cats have servants. I am clearly born to serve! Rupert came into my life as a kitten 6 years ago and I have never looked back. As is a trait of Maine Coons, he likes to be with company, often following me around the house and generally trying to engage me in his antics. He regularly sits on the corner of the street waiting for the familiar sound of my car. I know he’s there because I can hear his call for me on the next street. He scoops his food, he chews my emery boards and makes himself comfortable on my side of the sofa, but he’s my lovable rogue and I wouldn’t have him any other way.

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Grilled Rack of Lamb

Recipe courtesy of Amita Sawhney at MemSaab

300g New Zealand lamb rack
50g Mashed potato
1 Baby sweetcorn (blanched)
2 Baby carrots (blanched)
2 pces Broccoli (blanched)
1 Onion Bhaji
1 Zucchini
Mixed crust garnish
Butter masala sauce
Fresh herbs for garnish

Home BBQ Marinade

20g Salt
50g Deghi Mirch (Red chilli powder)
50ml Lemon juice
1 tsp Garlic and ginger paste
2 tsp Sunflower oil
2 tsp Yogurt

Mix the marinade ingredients and stir well.

Onion Bhaji

1 onion (sliced)
1 tsp Cornflour
1 tsp Chick pea flour
1 tsp Garam masala
Salt (to taste)
Water

Mix the onion bhaji ingredients together, leave to stand for 10 minutes and fry on a high heat for about 5 minutes, until half cooked,

Method

Season the rack of lamb and seal on a high heat. Marinate the rack with the home barbeque marinade and mix well. Leave for two hours. Cook on a charcoal grill for 8-10 minutes, turning over every minute, until cooked, pink inside. Cook longer for well done. Place the rack of lamb on the plate and finish with the butter masala sauce over. Garnish with fresh herbs.

Prepare the onion bhaji and set on the plate. Cook the mash potato and set onto the onion bhaji. Slice the zucchini lengthways and with a single raw middle slice, wrap it around the mash potato. Garnish the same with fresh herbs. Sauté the pre-blanched vegetables and place on the plate. **Enjoy!**

then drain the oil and press into a mould. Fry again for one minute.

Butter Masala Sauce

1 Small onion (Sliced)
10g Ginger paste
10g Garlic paste
2 pc Fresh tomatoes (Chopped)
4 pcs Cashew nuts
1 tsp Red chilli powder
½ tsp Garam masala
Pinch of Dry Fenugreek
1 tbsp butter
100ml Single cream
10ml Olive oil
Pinch of salt
280g Paneer (Indian cottage cheese)
200ml Tomato puree

Sauté the sliced onions with the ginger paste and garlic paste until a light golden colour. Add the tomatoes and cook for another 2 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients except for the cream and butter. Cover and cook on a slow heat for another 15 minutes, stirring every few minutes.

Remove the lid and cook for a further 1 minute on a high heat. Stir in the cream and butter. Take the pan off the heat and blend the sauce into a smooth paste. Season with salt to taste.



Bagthorpe Gardens Heritage Day

Mapperley Park is situated between two very old allotment gardens, The Hunger Hills allotment gardens St Ann's are just off the Woodboro Rd.

Bagthorpe Gardens, which were founded by the same man whose estate gave way to the building of the MP area, are between Hucknall Road and Devonshire Road. See Loscoe Hill on the map just north of Carrington.

Bagthorpe Gardens were again open to the public on Heritage Open Day in September, introducing many more local people to this hidden gem. It is one of only four allotments nationally, including those in St Ann's, to be Grade II listed by English Heritage. The gardens have been in continuous use since the 1840s.

Ichabod Wright, owner of Mapperley Hall Estate, was awarded plots in the 1792 enclosure of common land in Basford

Parish and made this land available for 60 gardens in 1842.

The law to allow this dated from 1830 but it was pressure from two directions that motivated Wright. At a time of trade depression and great poverty, the demand for allotments to provide food for framework knitters and their families had grown with a campaign by James Orange for his "Cottage Garden Plan".

Then in August 1842 strikes took place across the area by workers campaigning for The Charter, the demand for the vote. This shook the establishment and Ichabod Wright, among others, responded by allocating land.

Many plots still have the original brick-built hut, or 'bothy', which today constitute some of the oldest buildings in the area, as local historian Terry Fry pointed out in the Nottingham Civic Society's Newsletter. The 36 plots which

remain are either owned privately or by the allotment association, which also manages letting for some private owners who are committed to the allotment concept. The Bagthorpe Gardens Association was set up in 1997 and works to maintain and restore the gardens to their "cottage garden heyday".

The gardens are now hidden by buildings along the edges of the green space. If you have

not visited Bagthorpe Gardens already be sure to come to Heritage Open Day in 2018. They are kept locked, contact Roger Tanner on 845 8038 or via MASH see below.

MASH (Mapperley and Sherwood History) is the new name for the VLHG (Very Local History Group). We meet at intervals of about 6 weeks, usually on Monday evenings in Sherwood. To get on the email list, message Jeremy Jago at 962 1453 or 985 6777

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An update from Chris Leslie MP

According to a new report by
the World Health Organisation,
Nottingham is one of 44 cities
in Britain where the air does not
meet safe levels to breathe.

WHO tested for fine sooty particles
in the air, which have been linked to
heart disease and premature death, and
found exposure to the particles of 12
micrograms per cubic metre of air. The
safe limit is 10 micrograms.

These findings chime with recent
findings by Nottingham Friends of the
Earth, which carried out air pollution
tests at key junctions in Nottingham East.

They found high levels of nitrogen
dioxide, which is linked to respiratory
problems, at a number of junctions,
including the junction between Mansfield
Road A60 and Magdala Road.

Nottingham City Council continues to
implement measures to try and tackle
areas of poor air quality and traffic
congestion in the city.

Mapperley Councillors have recently
implemented a 20mph zone on Mapperley
Road to slow down traffic, and greener
public transport such as the tram and
NCT's new biogas buses are an important
step in making Nottingham's air cleaner.

However, it is clear that more
support is needed from the Government
to tackle air pollution in our cities, and I
will be pushing Ministers on this. This is
one of the main issues raised with me by
local residents.

As ever, if you have problems or
suggestions for policy changes I should
be pressing for in Westminster, do let me
know at chris.leslie@parliament.uk.

Notes from Our Councillors...

It's been a busy year for us this
year with the plans to build a new
Broadmarsh Centre complete
with cinema, bus station, shops
and eventually a new college.

Then we had to respond to the proposed
changes to our ward boundaries from
the Boundary Commission (there are
no proposed changes to our ward) and
dealing with the growing demands
of providing social care whilst facing
another year of severe cuts to our budget
from central Government.

In Mapperley Park the highlights are:

- We've put £1,000 of our Councillors
budget into another extra bin
collection for leaves which took place
on 20th November.
- We're about to start Phase 3
of our parking scheme along
Mapperley Road with a consultation
of those households, businesses and
schools affected.
- We've surveyed the Lucknow
Road island to look at the feasibility

of planting shrubs there and it's
looking favourable. Trees were
ruled out as there are services
beneath the island.

- We've completed the new Redcliffe
Road/Mapperley Road junction
costing £67,000

Crime

Lastly we've seen an increase
in crime not just in Mapperley Park
but across the City. Some of this is
down to new ways of recording crime
but as ever residents should take care
to ensure that doors and windows are
locked when they are out and no items
are left in parked cars.

Flood Prevention

In addition around £100,000 has been
sourced to undertake flood prevention
work in the area.

Prostitution

We've attended Neighbourhood watch
meetings and from there picked up
concerns about possible prostitution
and drug dealing around the Villa

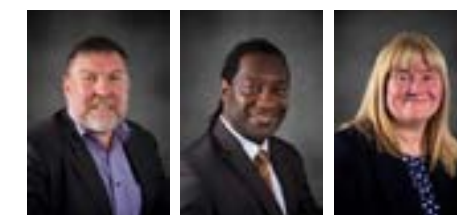
Road, Cranmer Street area and
reported that to the prostitution team.

If residents do see any of this
sort of activity please ring 101 or
contact police inspector Donna
Lawton on 07595074393.

**Meanwhile a very Happy
Christmas and New Year
from your Councillors.**

Please send any comments/
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Sports Desk



Introducing Mellish RFC

Of my two kids the girl one is very active and has taken to and “excelled” (enthusiastically stuck to) swimming, dancing and piano playing... the boy one not so much.

Last year I decided he had to do something so decided to inflict Rugby on him (or him on Rugby) and took him to the closest Rugby Club to Mapperley Park, Mellish RFC.

Mellish was formed in 1931 in memorial to the Mellish Grammar School Old Boys who died in WW1. It is a really friendly club with a strong community spirit and loads of events run throughout the year.

We would highly recommend it to anybody that would like to expose their boy or girl to a new experience and at £50 a year it is great value.

The minis (youth section) meet at 10am every Sunday with a few away matches at local clubs. The under 6s-8s train together playing tag rugby the facilities are very good for a small suburban club.

The ground was first sited at Podder Lane on Plains Road, Mapperley but moved to the present purpose built ground in 1984 Plains Rd, Nottingham NG3 5RX.

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Ewan Lamont

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