



Autumn
Newsletter
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Mapperley Park Residents' Association

Dear Mapperley Park Residents,

From the Chair

Welcome to this Autumn's Newsletter. I hope that everyone is settling into the Autumn routine following the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the extraordinarily moving period of mourning and the funeral service that many of us will have followed.

We were so fortunate as a community to be able to celebrate Her Majesty's long reign at the Platinum Jubilee event on June 4th. Despite the challenges of the British summer weather the organisers made the right decision to go ahead and over 400 Mapperley Park residents enjoyed a special afternoon at Carrington and Cavaliers cricket ground. Huge thanks go to Siobhan Podesta and Kerry Wensley who worked tirelessly for six months to make sure the event was a success.

In the last Newsletter and at the event in June I referred to the MPRA Queen's Green Canopy project and this is now starting to take shape. As well as being a most suitable legacy to the Queen, the soaring temperatures over the summer led many of us to seek cover in the cooling shade of our trees. A reminder that trees are hugely important to our conservation area as well as being vital in the fight against climate change and crucial to our wellbeing.

Our paid-up membership has increased during 2022 thanks to the hard work of our Membership secretary Leena Kore Schroder. At the AGM on 17th May members present voted to increase our annual subscription to £10 per household from January 2023. This increase will help to fund our Green Canopy initiative which is seeking to replace around 50 unsightly tree stumps with new sustainable planting. To further help raise funds we are excited to announce that we will be holding an evening with one of the most talented local bands, Burlington Live on Thursday 8th December at 7.30 pm. After several recommendations on our Facebook page, we have secured a great venue, Homemade cafe at the historic Pavilion on the Forest Recreation Ground. There will be great music, a pay bar, and a raffle. Please support this event for our community and put the date in your diaries. Tickets are £10 per person on the door.

Thank you as always to our committee Howard Davies, Elizabeth Sanders, Leena Kore Schroder, Mike Reade, David Podesta, and June Greenway. Thanks also to Bee Sanghera and Kerry Wensley who have stepped down this year. I'd also like to welcome and thank Jennifer Guiver who has recently taken on the role of managing our social media. Our closed Facebook page goes from strength to strength with over 680 members and is a hugely important forum as an information exchange and communication for our residents.

Thanks also to FHP for their continued sponsorship of this Newsletter.

Please do get in touch if you'd like to get involved with MPRA, we are actively looking for a new social secretary and also someone to take over the running of our Newsletter. If you feel able to contribute to our community, please contact me via info@mapperleypark.org

Enjoy this Newsletter and I look forward to seeing you on December 8th.

Sue Clague, Chair



Upcoming MPRA Social Events

We are delighted to announce that this year we are going large on our traditional Christmas Social Event. In a break with tradition, we are hosting an evening of live music at a new venue.

Music will be brought to us by the wonderful Burlington Live, featuring a line-up of brilliant local players covering a wide range of repertoire. If you haven't heard them before, you must come along.

We are using the event to raise funds for our Stump Up campaign, so there will be a £10 per person charge, payable on the door. There will also be a pay bar and raffle on the night.

Date: Thursday 8th December 2021

Time: 19:30 - 22:00

Venue: Homemade Café, Park Pavilion, Forest Recreation Ground

It would be lovely to see you there and celebrate with your fellow members of the MPRA.



Don't miss this chance to see one of the most exciting bands to come from Nottingham in recent years. Since performing at the Linbury Theatre, Covent Garden, under the direction of Jon Wakefield, (Piano); Amy (Voice), Tony (Saxophone) and Miriam (Flute), have joined forces with Martyn (Bass) and Jonathan (Drums) to create a unique fusion of sound and talent.

"Splendid, vibrant entertainment....A great evening...beautiful music"

"Amazing...wonderful...great!...Fabulous...thank you so much"

"Super Jazz...great voice...great sounds...great evening...thank you"

Burlington Live has enthralled its followers in every venue in which they have appeared, including the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham. Audiences delight in the wide ranging repertoire in every performance. Gershwin...Jazz Funk...Jamie Cullum...Greg Porter...Dave Brubeck...Eva Cassidy are just few of the influences. Throw in some raunchy blues and perhaps the wildest "Baker Street" you will ever hear and you are on the right track....you will be guaranteed an amazing evening!



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Platinum Jubilee: a retrospective

What a typically British event.... cake, rain, brollies, picnics, dogged determination...we had a blast!

A huge thank you to our sponsors, FHP, Carrington and Cavaliers Cricket Club for letting us use the grounds, to our stallholders and activity organisers, and mostly to the 400 of you that turned out to support us.



Talent raffle

Do you have a talent or expertise that you would be willing to share with others in Mapperley Park? Alongside more traditional prizes, we hope individuals are willing to donate some of their skills in our Christmas Social Event raffle. Perhaps you are great at photography, or could offer a music lesson, or give advice in the garden? Look out for more details on our Facebook page.



Stump Up!

The MPRA appeal for donations to replace stumps and plant new street trees - Our contribution to The Queen's Green Canopy.



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to **"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee"**. Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girl Guides groups, villages, cities, counties, schools, and businesses will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees.

Mapperley Park is one of the greenest wards in Nottingham, in no small part helped by the abundance of street trees. However, unless we cherish and manage our environment it will not last. The trees help create a pleasant urban environment which supports a wide variety of wildlife. However, this environment does need management and on-going maintenance. MPRA is seeking to raise £40,000 to replace approximately 50 tree stumps with new street trees so that our green urban environment is preserved and enhanced for future generations of Mapperley Park residents to enjoy. It will also create a lasting memorial to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The fund raising has got off to a great start. With the help and support of our City Councillors we have secured £10,000 from the Levelling Up grant awarded to the city and this has been matched by a further £10,000 from the MPRA reserves. This gives an incredible £20,000 already! We need to raise a further £20,000 to allow all the current stumps to be removed and replaced, where possible, with new trees. We have advice from the Council's tree officer Alex Begg and intend to use small to medium tree species that are appropriate for the area.

One of our fundraising channels is to seek £300 from residents to sponsor a new street tree. As this article goes to press, we have secured firm commitment for 7 trees from residents already, thank you. £300 is not the total cost of replacing a tree but will be a significant contribution and it demonstrates our commitment to the scheme, with the council paying the balance. If you are interested and would like to help support this appeal, please do get in touch with me.

We are also asking local businesses if they can help us by donating and supporting the fundraising. All business contributors will be acknowledged in the MPRA Newsletter.

In addition, we will be using our special Christmas get together to raise money for the Stump-Up appeal.

All being well the first stumps will be removed across Mapperley Park in the autumn in preparation for new trees later in the year or early 2023.

David Podesta | David@podesta.co.uk | Mobile 07408 812 686



Support from the Council

The Council, including Mapperley ward Councillors, is inspired by MPRA's pro-active lead on The Queen's Green Canopy project to replace stumps and replant trees as a follow on to the Jubilee celebrations.

Future individual sponsorship offers from local residents and businesses, and a generous offer to contribute to the project by Mapperley Park Residents Association, alongside funding from Nottingham City Council's successful bid and subsequent award from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for the Streets for People project, will allow the successful replacement of stumps with new trees across Mapperley Park.

The Trees Service has used information from Mapperley Park residents, alongside data from the council's tree management database to create an initial plan for stump removal and replacement. The success of the whole plan will still require additional funding from the community, although the commitment from MPRA will see works begin shortly.

As well as a call out for community investment, offers to help maintain newly planted trees by watering can reduce maintenance costs considerably and allow the planting of further trees.

The average highway environment is unfortunately usually hostile for good root growth and therefore the most



important part of highway tree planting, is to create a tree pit with the ability to sustain a tree not only through its establishment but allow good vitality into its middle age. Tree planting in highway locations is often expensive with stump removal and tree pit renovation being the most considerable part when compared with tree purchase and planting. The council has been using the economy of scale of the overall city-wide project to keep planting costs as low as possible, whilst creating planting pits of sufficient quality to allow trees to become well established quickly. Root directional equipment will be incorporated in trees pits where tree species such as cherries, may cause future damage to adjacent footways.

For each tree replacement location, we will discuss the replacement and species selection with residents living adjacent. The species selection of new trees will be matched to individual locations, considering the necessary future tree maintenance and any potential nuisance a tree may cause. Whilst we do not intend to plant trees that will outgrow their settings, we will try to establish trees that will provide longevity with an appropriately sized mature crown. With climate change affecting both the growing conditions for many tree species and the increased risk to trees from new incoming pests and diseases, we often need to diversify the species selection often used by the Victorian city designers.



Species that will often be considered are:

- Some of the more erect forms of Norway maple
- Ornamental varieties of birch
- Ornamental species of cherry

The Trees Service will consult with residents living adjacent to planned tree pit renovations shortly although requests for the replanting of old tree pits on Mapperley Parks streets in addition to offers of maintenance can be made to Tree Services at treeservices@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

Alex Begg | Operational Tree Officer | Nottingham City Council M:07538 225011

Meet Me

Are you aged 50 or over, and looking to meet people, try something new or revisit past interests?

Just beyond the Forest Recreation Ground is our brand-new building in Radford and we're launching a new day called Meet Me at 25 Prospect Street. This is a space for you to engage in a range of exciting activities and help you enjoy life to the full.

Every Wednesday we will offer a special morning and afternoon programme of activities covering things from wellbeing and fitness to arts and culture. This is a place for you, so all ideas are welcome for what you'd like to see happen here.

There'll always be a friendly face ready to welcome you at the door and our staff, session facilitators and volunteers will be on hand to ensure you have a great day.

The Meet Me at Prospect Street Day consists of a morning session - 10:00 - 12:30 and afternoon session 13:30 - 16:00.

It's £12.50 per session and discounts are available for block booking.

Contact us at artspeak@radfordcaregroup.org.uk for more details and to express an interest or keep an eye out for programme updates on www.artspeak.org.uk

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If you know anyone who may benefit from our services please pass this on or get in touch about volunteering opportunities.



Planting and green spaces

Once again, our wonderful team – Francis, Lin, Lynne, and June - have been hard at work over the summer maintaining the wonderful display at the roundabout.

They have been dividing irises, clearing along the path ready for new lavender plants, and some new late season planting. Bulbs have been ordered and there is always weeding to be done!



Mapperley Park Open Gardens

On Sunday 6th November 2022, from 2-4pm, there will be a meeting for Mapperley Park Open Gardens (MPOG) 2023. This will be held at the Ukrainian Centre at 403 Mansfield Road. All are very welcome to join and find out more about MPOG 2023, which will be held on Sunday 2nd July 2023.

The event will raise much needed funds for 3 local charities, Emmanuel House, Imara, and Ukrainian Refugees via the Ukrainian Centre. We would particularly welcome open gardeners, (those who have already signed up and any extras) and anyone interested in helping out, offering a service, offering a prize, or from the arts world and willing to perform in one of the lovely gardens.

In the interim, if you want any further information, please contact Charlotte Caulton-Scott at ce.scott@sky.com

Membership Subscriptions

Starting from January 2023 the annual MPRA subscription will rise to £10, as discussed and approved without objection at the AGM in May 2022. It was observed there that the fee had remained unchanged for at least 15 years, and that members have had quite a long run for their money!

The subscription is the MPRA's only source of income, for which reason the increase is necessary to retain funds at a level required by the activities it undertakes, from social gatherings such as this past Summer's Jubilee Garden Party and the annual Christmas event, to periodic charitable donations. Most importantly, the increase will support the ongoing work to keep our local environment green and thriving, to which aim the MPRA remains steadfastly committed with initiatives such as the current Stump Up! campaign.

It would be very much appreciated, therefore, if future standing orders and other payment arrangements could please be changed to the new amount of £10 per year, and thank you very much for your continued support.

Leena Kore Schröder, Membership Secretary

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Newsletter - Vacancy

If you would like to get involved with the MPRA please do get in touch with the Chair, Sue Clague, as we are always looking for additional support, particularly if someone is interested in taking on the publication of the Newsletter or would like to take on organising Social Events. Contact via info@mapperleypark.org.



2023 Membership Form

Membership is open to all residents of the Mapperley Park and Alexandra Park Conservation Area. The annual membership fee is £10 per household and runs from 1 January each year.

I, the undersigned, would like to join / rejoin (delete as appropriate) the MPRA for 2023.

Name:

Address:

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Email:

I consent to the information provided above being stored electronically and used for the purposes of administering and contacting me about my membership, making me aware of relevant news and information about Mapperley Park, and to receive MPRA publications and invites to MPRA events.

Signed:

Date:



Application & Payment details

To join / renew:

Fill in this form and:

- drop off at 2 Alverstone Road, Mapperley Park NG3 5DQ; or
- scan / photograph and email to info@mapperleypark.org

Make payment by:

- Cash or cheque (payable to 'MPRA') payment, which can be dropped off with your membership form; or
- A BACS payment, which can be made to sort code 20-63-25, a/c 10609080. It is quite useful to set up a standing order on 1 Jan each year for £10. Please quote your surname and postcode in the reference field.

Many thanks...we are looking forward to having you as a member!

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