

Mapperley Park news

Mapperley Park Residents' Association Newsletter
No. 12 September 2007

CONTENTS

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 The Chairman's message | 5 Good news from Chellie |
| 6 Autumn Fairs & Festivals | 11 What was Patchitt's Park? |
| 12 St Augustine's architect | 14 Letters from residents |
| 16 Memories of Mapperley Park | 16 Plant some free bulbs |

JOIN THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, SEE PAGE 16



PHOTOGRAPHS

above: The Garden Group visiting Wollerton Old Hall

top: Flower boxes planted by residents have much improved the roundabout on Mapperley Hall Drive

far right: Adam Hopewell(R) and Alan Ball, MD and Associate Director of Hopewell's the furnishers, cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats for charity

right: Kathryn Rodgers bungee jumping during her gap year travels in New Zealand

below: Dirty Hands' debut single Get on yer bike Charlie had an enthusiastic reception from the music press



Directory of Useful Contacts

MAPPERLEY PARK NEWS

Editorial Team Suma Harding e-mail: mapperleypark@trent.plus.com
Sharon Jamieson email: jamfamfive@aol.com
Sue Ahsan email: sue@davidbowie.com

Correspondence to The Editors
c/o 31 Lucknow Drive, Mapperley Park, Nottingham NG3 5EU

Advertising/Production Christine Walker 947 2485
18a Cavendish Crescent North, Nottingham NG7 1BA

THE MAPPERLEY PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chairman	Carole Ayre	962 2004
Secretary	Elizabeth Sanders	
Treasurer	David Towers	962 1513
Membership	Marcus Wakely	960 9038
Traffic	David Cummins	969 1106
Trees	David Podesta	960 3029
Crime and nuisance	Tony Stock	960 4349
Social Events	Suma Harding email: srh@trent.plus.com	
Other members	David Pemberton	844 9894
	Paul Watts	960 9964
Neighbourhood Watch and representing Private Road	Lesley Baker	960 9572
Representing Elm Close	Peter Henson	960 7561

SOCIAL GROUPS

Mapperley Park Tennis Club, Carisbrooke Drive	969 1278
Membership Secretary Cynthia Lyndo	
Magdala Tennis Club, Magdala Road	966 3047
Club Secretary Jenny Wheelhouse	
The Nottingham Bridge Club, Mansfield Road	960 7992
Mapperley Park Book Club Stasia French	910 7644
(Lively discussions about books of your choice; meets monthly at residents homes)	
Book Club 2 Sheila Reece	962 1320
Meets on 3rd Wednesday of month 1pm to 3pm	

DOCTORS

Dr Andrew Flewitt and Dr Mona Vindla	985 8552
Sherrington Park Medical Practice, 402 Mansfield Road	
Dr Mark Stevens	841 2022
Mapperley Park Medical Centre, 41 Mapperley Road	
Dr D G Black & Partners	985 8822
Sherwood Health Centre, Elmswood Gardens, Sherwood	

DENTISTS

Anil Chand, Mapperley Park Dental Care	962 4607
18 Mapperley Road (NHS & Private)	
Dr Andrew Cluskey & Dr Chris Stead (Private)	960 2717
Tavistock Drive Dental Care, 1 Tavistock Drive	
Brian Snape, Mapperley Dental Care	960 5282
431 Woodborough Road (NHS & Private)	
Dr Mistry, The Grange Dental Centre	962 3432
480A Mansfield Road, Sherwood (bottom of Private Road)	

Mrs A W Rae, Holly Tree House Dental Practice 962 2882
334 Mansfield Road

CHURCHES

St. Andrews C of E, Chestnut Grove 960 4961 & 912 0098
Main services Sunday at 10.15am and 7pm

St Augustine's Catholic Church, Woodborough Road 953 9839
Principal Mass times: Vigil Mass Saturday at 6pm
Sung Mass Sunday at 11am

St John's C of E, Mansfield Road, Carrington 962 1291
Main service Sunday at 10am

St Jude's C of E, Woodborough Road 985 6131
Sunday: Traditional service 9.15am
Contemporary service with children's groups 11am
Informal service 6.30pm

Sherwood Methodist Church, Devon Dr/Mansfield Rd 962 2616
Main services Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30pm

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Emma Dewinton (Lab) 960 8198
Michael Edwards 915 5050 or 07876 203352
email michael.edwards@geo2.poptel.org.uk
Mo Munir 969 3126
Surgery: Outside Co-op, Mansfield Rd. Third Saturday of every month 10.30-11.30am (except August & Bank Holidays).
Telephone for advice or appointments outside usual surgery times.

COUNCIL NUMBERS

Anti-social Behaviour	915 1135	City Information	915 5330
Cleansing Services	915 2000	Council Tax	915 4851
Abandoned cars	"	Trees:	
Dumped rubbish	"	Street	915 2264
Street cleansing	"	Protected	915 5414
Dog Warden	915 6223	Education	915 0706
Pest Control	915 6170	Drains	915 6650
Highways & pavements		Library	915 2828
(cracks & potholes)	915 6156	Planning Permission	915 5426
Building Regulations	915 5358	Pollution Control	915 6410
Public Health	915 6798	(smoke emission & noise)	
Social Services	915 5500	Street Lights	915 2211
Trading Standards	950 7910	Drugs	915 1956

If you cannot find the service you require listed above then try the City Council switchboard on 915 5555

POLICE

Station 967 0999
Beat Officer, Mapperley Park, PC Jeanette Stasuik 07792 437306
Police Community Support Officer
Prostitution Task Force 967 0555 ext 4249
Paul O'Dwyer and Gary Morphus

Whilst every reasonable care is taken, neither The Mapperley Park Residents' Association nor its agents can accept any liability for any inaccuracy or any loss or damage arising from any articles, advertisements or other items in this publication. The views expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

FREE COLLECTION AND DELIVERY

EXPRESS SERVICE



Winchester St, Sherwood
Tel 960 6944

Our specialist services include:

- | | |
|--|--|
| ◆ Day & Evening Wear
Designer wear
Bridal wear | ◆ Curtain Valeting
Taking down - Complete cleaning
& valeting service - Re-hanging |
| ◆ Shirt Services | ◆ Soft Furnishings & Duvets |

Quality Dry Cleaning
with a personal touch

ALSO AT: Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent Tel 933 4506 www.national-drycleaners.co.uk Email: ajr@national-drycleaners.co.uk

Letter from the Chairman



TREES are one of the most distinctive and loved features of Mapperley Park. I am not part of the tree hugging fraternity but I do marvel at their age and grandeur, and the journey some species have made from far away places.

Take the humble Sycamore, which lines Carisbrooke Drive. How did it get to Britain from its home territory on the grounds

of southern and central Europe?

Some think it arrived with the Romans and yet, a prolific self-seeder, it was still thin on the ground in the 16th Century and has only really become firmly established over the last 200 years. It is one of the Maples (*Acer*, Latin for 'sharp', Maplewood being good

for making spears). I think (with affection) of the tree outside my house as a "dirty tree", because it rains down on my car and garden a black sticky honeydew, excreted by the legions of aphids that infest it, but the wood of the Sycamore is, in fact, clean and imparts no unpleasant smells or taste, making it ideal for uses connected with food. It serves well for furniture and flooring and those trees fortunate enough to produce a wavy grain have the honour of being made into the best violins and other musical instruments ("fiddle-back" wood) and veneers.

So, perhaps the results of my research on the subject of the Sycamore will add interest to your walk down Carisbrooke Drive, or your favourite violin piece - I am already looking into the story behind another of Mapperley Park's woody treasures!

CAROLE AYRE

Open gardens in Mapperley Park next year?

AFTER visiting the open gardens in The Park this summer I thought how much fun it would be to organise a Sunday afternoon in June next year when we opened some of our gardens.

Some members of the gardening group have already expressed an interest, but we would love help, advice and participation from as many residents in Mapperley Park as possible.

If you would like to help in any way please contact Lorna Weir. Telephone 960 3897 or e-mail lornaweir2002@yahoo.co.uk and we will begin with a meeting in October.

Please let me know which evening of the week is the most convenient for you and I will organise a date accordingly.

LORNA WEIR

Built in 1908?

Would anyone in Mapperley Park who has a house which will be 100 years old next year please email the editor.

Plan to keep residents informed by e-mail

We are looking into the possibility of compiling a list of Mapperley Park Residents' e-mail addresses. This would enable us to send out reminders regarding forthcoming events or notify residents of any important news.

E-mail addresses would be used for this purpose only and would not be passed on to any other parties.

If you would like us to contact you in this way, please send your details to:

mapperleypark@trent.plus.com

'New CCTV is community benefit, not Big Brother' Chief Constable

CHIEF Constable, Steve Green, addressed a packed room when he attended the Sherwood and Mapperley Park Neighbourhood Watch Association public meeting in March. He was generous with his praise of Sherwood Neighbourhood Watch and the principles of Neighbourhood Watch itself. Referring to the new CCTV system that the Sherwood

group have installed in the area, he commented that "Criminals commit crime because they know they can get away with it and CCTV works to close their opportunities."

Mr Green also made the point that the ownership of the CCTV system was by the community, not the police, something he felt was a healthy innovation. This was not a Big Brother system spying on the residents, it was a system owned and managed by the residents for the general benefit of the community.

Carrington Sports Ground available for hire

HYSON Green Carrington Sports Club would like to extend the use of the Carrington Sports Ground. There is a high usage for cricket during evenings and weekends but it is largely unused during the day. This high quality, local green space can be hired for daytime events such as workplace cricket matches and school sports.

Anyone interested, please contact Rachel Gray, Acting Secretary, by email at rgray@ndbs.org.uk or telephone 0115 960 5588.

Log on to your Neighbourhood Watch

DID you know that Sherwood and Mapperley Park Neighbourhood Watch Association have a web site?

Here you can find details of local NW meetings and news of new security measures in the area. By registering, you can also access the forms for reporting incidents or anti social behaviour. Visit www.samnw.co.uk

Mapperley Park Coffee Mornings

Working from home? Child free for a few hours? Retired? New to the area?

If you would like to meet some new people and share ideas and interests come to our coffee mornings held on the second Monday in the month, 10.30am - 12 noon. Regularly attended by 25.

Next meetings: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10.

Next year: January 14, February 11

Sketch by ligne roset at...

...Hopewells



The furnishers since 1885
HOPEWELLS

9am - 5.30pm Monday - Saturday. FREE CUSTOMER PARKING
151 Huntingdon Street, Nottingham. Telephone (0115) 953 6000

www.hopewells.co.uk

Chellie's Curiosities



Will Chell
Local Area
Commander
City North

GOOD news! All crime in Mapperley is down by 4.71 per cent compared to the same time last year, and Carrington has had a 5.16 per cent decrease too.

We have also increased the number of crimes that have been detected, with 22 per cent so far in 2007 for Mapperley, and 26 per cent for Carrington.

The new Sherwood police station should open in August, which will provide bigger and better facilities, which will suit the increasing number of staff dedicated to your local neighbourhoods. I am still working to get the other services to use this new building as their base in the near future and you

can be sure that I will be there for two days a week, so I will gradually get to meet more of you.

Our Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are now all trained to use the Neighbourhood Watch website, so we can access community intelligence and update information even quicker. We are still keen to get more people registered and ask them to visit www.samnw.co.uk for more details. Inspector Andy Rooke, the deputy head of service for the Community and Neighbourhood Protection Service, has now taken over line management of the Kerb Crawling task force.

We are continuing to engage with the people we serve and as part of this process, we want to hear from any groups who feel they would benefit from having a police officer or PCSO visit them. As part of the Safer Neighbourhoods initiative, we want you to help us help you!

While the city managed to avoid floods this summer, the

rain did not stop burglars from targeting homes in our area. In Mapperley alone, there has been an increase of 33 per cent in burglary reports. Homes are being broken into overnight, with many doors left unlocked or windows left open.

Thieves are also forcing back doors, as this reduces their chances of being noticed. Small items are generally being stolen, such as mobile phones, loose change and even car keys. Please remember to lock up, even small windows left open allow access for burglars.

We also need you to be our eyes and ears, reporting unusual behaviour, or giving us any information about people you suspect are committing crime. We will act on what you tell us and take steps to continue to reduce crime. If you have information we request you to contact Nottinghamshire Police on 0115 9670 999, call Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111, visit www.samnw.co.uk, or call your local beat manager directly.



The Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit in front of the Carrington Sports Ground pavilion

Resident's Rolls-Royce in Autocar magazine

DAVID Tower's Rolls-Royce was featured in the *Autocar* of 11th July 2007, as a 'High-mileage Hero'.

His 'high-mileage' 1996 Silver Spirit has covered a total of 98,000 miles but most of this was with its previous owner. David bought the car in December 2006 and, using it only on special occasions, has since covered about 2,500 miles.

The article in *Autocar* was written by James Ruppert, following an extended telephone conversation with the owner, but *Autocar* photographer, Stuart Price, came to Nottingham specially to photograph the car and several of his photographs, appeared in the article. But strangely, the main photograph in the feature was not of David's car at all, but of a 1989 Silver

Spirit II, owned by Rolls-Royce (with the familiar registration '2000TU'). This older car looks significantly different from the 1996 model so the substitution is something of a mystery.

As Stuart Price wanted a location without kerbs, they took the car to Carrington Sports Ground and the staff readily gave permission for the photoshoot.

For the technically minded, the photographer had two digital SLR cameras with about 7 million pixels. However, the depth of the colour is the important factor, and the pictures were about 25Mb each. At the end of the session, the photographer extracted a 4Gb memory stick from the camera!

If you're interested, David says his 1996 Silver Spirit is 'wonderful' to drive and 'a joy' to ride in.



NOTTINGHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

Junior School Ages 4-11 Senior School Ages 11-18

Open Day
Saturday 10th November
9.30am - 12noon



Ordinary
boys
achieving
extraordinary
things

Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 2nd October - 7.30pm

T: 0115 978 6056
E: info@nottinghamhigh.co.uk
W: www.nottinghamhigh.co.uk

Nottingham High School
Waverley Mount,
Nottingham NG7 4ED

Travels with a van in New Zealand

By KATHRYN RODGERS

AT 10,000 feet from the fast approaching ground below, all I could hear was my slightly panicked (and seemingly still drunk) skydiving instructor saying, "Errmm ... uhh ... well ... no one's ever been that inflexible before. Errm ... you might actually break your legs ...".

I say instructor, but this was the only piece of instruction I had been given since he had convinced me to throw myself out of a plane for no apparent reason; a decision which I was fast regretting.

He was referring to the position I was supposed to be in as we landed, which I was discovering was completely impossible for someone who can't even touch their toes. I spent the rest of the descent with two thoughts. Firstly, praying that I would manage to land with both legs still intact, and secondly wondering how I'd managed to be tricked into believing that 'skydiving is the world's safest sport'. Perhaps I should have stayed in England and taken up croquet instead?!

Unlike most, my gap year travels were the grand total of 10 days in planning, and the location chosen was due to my friend's love of *The Lord Of The Rings* films (although I took

some convincing that it was the impressive scenery and not Orlando Bloom that played a main part in this).

My first few months in New Zealand were spent working, until I could afford a quarter share in a camper van that was older than me and which represented my not-so-generous salary of \$2.50 an hour.

And so we set off... with non-existent map reading skills, two more people than our already small van was designed to carry, a children's 'Action Man' tent, and the hope that our ancient van would survive the journey.

Setting off from Auckland, we decided to drive around the coasts of both islands, stopping for whatever adventures we could find along the way. Our evenings were frequently spent searching for somewhere we could park our van and set up our tent (which soon proved to be the least waterproof tent ever made). On one occasion we ended up pitching it on a small traffic island in a city centre, as this was the only piece of grass we could find, much to the amusement of the locals who stopped to take photos of us.

Some of our most memorable experiences included shearing a sheep, which ended up

looking a bit more like a (very) badly cut poodle than a sheep; the quintessential New Zealand activity?, caving, which involves climbing, crawling and swimming through a series of glow-worm filled caves, bungee jumping from the world's first commercial bungee site, and zorbing, which is the unusual activity of being rolled down a hill in a giant inflatable ball; perhaps in the future this is the way everyone will be getting around the hills of Mapperley Park!

After eight months in New Zealand, the time to end our travels had come. With its doors falling off, cracks in windows, one breakdown, one smashed headlight and an unidentifiable smell of cheese, we somehow managed to pass on our now antique van, made over with lots of air spray and lots of masking tape, to some unsuspecting Russian travellers who seemed very happy with their new purchase.

Wherever a gap year is spent, there are lots of lessons to be learnt and adventures to be had. And if there is one piece of advice I will give to anyone embarking on a gap year, it is this: stay away from the red Mitsubishi with the cracked headlight!

RESIDENTS' ADS

Private ads are free. For next MPN send by 1.2.08 to the Editors or 18a Cavendish Crescent North, NG7 1BA

BULWELL ROCKERY stones.

Want a fantastic rockery this Autumn? Great selection of stones now available from Park resident. Call 0771 700 3903

CLEANING LADY is looking for work in Mapperley Park. References. Please call Kate on 07749 877407

YOGA Classes, Sherwood, Tuesday evng. British Wheel of Yoga trainee teacher, Grainne Lamb 985 7002 or 07759 489898

Alexander Technique

Anne Rowlands m.STAT
0115 847 8801

Filshie Osteopathic Clinic
Sherwood. NG5

www.thefilshieclinic.co.uk



a unique first impression

Beautiful handcrafted jewellery that captures your child's fingerprint in pure polished silver.

Choose from a wide selection of pendants, cufflinks, bracelet charms and keyrings all beautifully packaged for the perfect gift.

For more information please
Contact Caroline Neal on 07837 830207
or visit www.smalls.co.uk

WHAT'S ON SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER Festivals - Fairs - Food - Fireworks

THANKS TO SHELLEY FOR THE LIST OF EVENTS.

September 13-16

Leicester International Music Festival

World-class musicians presenting concerts and master classes.

September 21-Oct 5

Leicestershire Food Fortnight

At Melton Mowbray. A celebration of local food in the home of Stilton cheese and pork pies. Involving producers, retailers and restaurants. Demonstrations such as The Art of Chocolate.

September 30

East Midlands Baby and Toddler Show

Advice, demonstrations, products, services and ideas for parents of young children. Fashion, toys, food. Free creche. Conference Centre, University Park, Beeston. Entrance £4.50.

October 3-7

Goose Fair Forest Recreation Ground

October 6-7

East Midlands Food & Drink Festival

With more than 200 exhibitors displaying the best the East Midlands has to offer with celebrity chefs and demonstrations.

October 20-21

Robin Hood Pageant Nottingham Castle

October 28

Diwali Lights Switch-On

Takes place in the Belgrave district of Leicester. It marks the Hindu Festival of Light and the start of the Hindu New Year with thousands of revellers ensuring it's the largest Diwali celebration in the UK. Traditional dancing, music and fireworks add to the attraction.

November 5:

Bonfire Night Forest Recreation Ground

November 7-10:

Loughborough Fair

Annual family fun event covering the entire town centre with funfair rides, arts and crafts.

November 18:

Leicester's Christmas Lights Switch-On

December 2:

Melton Mowbray Victorian Christmas Fayre

A Santa parade, farmers' market, cooking exhibitions, stilton cheese tasting, pork pie workshops, dance, choirs, musicians, street entertainers, owls and Clydesdale horse displays and steam engines.

December 6-9:

Newstead By Night Newstead Abbey



Born again skin (Hallelujah!)

Mapperley Park, Registered in 1993, was the first medically led laser clinic to open in the East Midlands. All treatments are carried out by highly trained medical professionals and the clinic was among the first to be inspected by the Healthcare Commission with inspection scores consistently amongst the highest in the country.

The clinic boasts a long history of firsts over the last fourteen years and is delighted to add the Pixel laser treatment to the list.

Treatments available at Mapperley Park Clinic

Skin rejuvenation and removal of fine lines, Laser hair removal, Nlite and Pixel lasers for acne and acne scarring, full range of injectables including Restylane, Perlane, Laresse, Sub Q, Sculptra and BOTOX®, Glycolic, TCA and Obagi peels, removal of facial and leg thread veins by laser and sclerotherapy, Endovenous laser treatment of varicose veins, removal of skin tags, moles, cysts, warts and verrucas, BOTOX for excessive

sweating, hair restoration and micro-follicle transplantation, laser treatment for birthmarks and tattoos, laser and non-laser treatment for sun damaged and pigmented skin, radio frequency for skin tightening and fat/cellulite reduction, Plastic Surgery consultations and procedures, full range of prescription and medically proven skin treatment products, skin analysis and face mapping.

We only use clients, not models in our advertising.

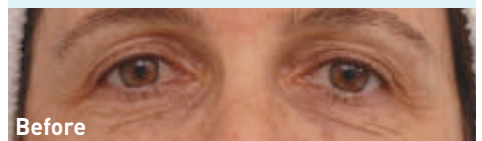
Pixel Laser Skin Resurfacing

Another First for
Mapperley Park Clinic

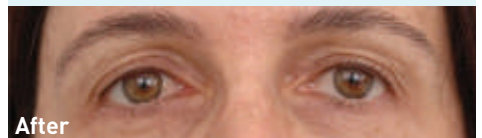
The "Lunch Time Laser" is the holy grail of the aesthetic world and we would all love a maximum impact, minimum down time, long lasting treatment. The reality is now closer than ever.

A revolution in laser technology has now enabled skin resurfacing to be done with only a couple of days of down time.

While traditional resurfacing lasers and deep peels require two weeks off work, the new Pixel laser is carried out as a series of three sessions with only 48 hours of redness after each session.



Before



After

Suitable for face, neck, chest and hands this laser is the first skin resurfacing option for non-facial areas. It is ideal for treatment of lines, wrinkles, pigmented skin and acne scarring and also firms skin, improves texture and reduces pore size.

If you would like your skin to
be born again, simply call:

0800 980 2681

Mainly for Ladies Fundraising
In aid of the British Red Cross

Sunday 14th October 2007
Albany Suite Britannia Hotel
11am- 5pm

October Bonanza

Seasonal and early
Christmas shopping

Tickets
£10 entry & three course
Britannia carvery lunch.
£7 entry & afternoon tea £5 entry only

Buy tickets from
Britannia Hotel Reception
Pure Aesthetics on Wheeler Gate
or you can tel 9623168 or 9265694
and Tickets will be posted to you.

Decleor presentation
by Pure Aesthetics

30 stalls -
Jewellery
Accessories
Deli tastes
Chocolate Fountain
Local Arts and crafts
and lots more

Charity number
220949

Neighbours BBQ to be a regular event

ON Sunday May 20th the 'Meet your Neighbours Barbecue' took place at the Ukranian Centre on Mansfield Road, as advertised in the last edition of Mapperley Park News.

We were fortunate to have a beautiful warm, sunny day and so were able to sit outside in the garden where we enjoyed the wonderful food which was cooked by the centre's staff.

Although the turnout was a little disappointing, it was good to be able to meet and put names to some familiar faces in such a relaxed and informal setting.

Our thanks to everyone at the Ukranian Centre, who made us very welcome and fed us very well indeed! It was a lovely afternoon.

We hope to make this a regular event in the future, so please consider joining us next time. Look out for details in the next newsletter!

t|o|n|i|c
Restaurant • Bar • Deli

Modern British cuisine...
comfortable, cool surroundings.



Tonic
6 Chapel Quarter
Chapel Bar
Nottingham NG1 6JS
Tel: 0115 941 4770
Fax: 0115 985 9613
E-mail: nottingham@tonic-online.co.uk
Website: www.tonic-online.co.uk

... winning awards. Tonic:
Nottingham Restaurant Awards 'Best Newcomer 2007'
Theme Awards 'Best New Bar 2007'
Seasonal menus
now being served.



theme
BAR • RESTAURANT
AWARDS
TWO THROAT • TONIC

turning heads...

Gardening Group goes visiting

by LORNA WEIR

Since my last article the group have had some very interesting and enjoyable meetings. In January our first AGM was a "sell out" and the room at the Ukrainian Centre was packed. I would like to thank everyone who has supported us, both by giving their time to help organise events and by giving their hospitality to the group. Mrs Teeton hosted a very well attended talk on "Flower Power" by John Gregory in January.

We were lucky to have a sunny day to see the snowdrops at Hopton Hall in February followed by lunch at Carsington Water. Vic Sawle gave us a fascinating insight into the meticulous art of botanical

painting in March and the group was able to admire his beautiful paintings. April brought a sunny visit to the gardens of Mapperley Hall. Malcolm and Sheila Reece showed us the communal gardens where the tulips were in full flower. A delicious tea was served on the lawn and everyone enjoyed sitting chatting in the sunshine. The weather was more inclement when a hardy group went on a tree walk around the grounds of Trent College led by David Pinney, a retired biology master, who was a mine of information which he made very accessible and memorable. Next time you have a root canal filling, think about the gutta percha tree which provides an ingredient of the filling, as well as the centres of golf balls!

Our coach trip in June was fortunately also on a sunny day. We left a grey Nottingham and drove into lovely warm sunshine at Trentham Gardens. There was such a lot to see that I will be revisiting the park as soon as it stops raining! We then had lunch and a wonderful afternoon at Wollerton Old Hall. The garden is often voted in the top ten favourite English gardens and it was easy to see why. Every time you turned a corner there was a gasp of delight at the colours, intensive planting and the beautiful design of the different "garden rooms". Unfortunately our evening event in June was cancelled because Michael Fish's garden was under 14 inches of water. Since the damage done was extensive, we will be

revisiting next year instead.

Our programme for the rest of the year includes visits to the allotments at St Anne's and Derby House. We will be having a plant swap in October and a talk by Paul Read on the development of his garden in Woodborough. The year will end with an opportunity to make your own Christmas Wreath with Helen Archer.

If this has whetted your interest, please come and join the group and get to know your neighbours whilst enjoying some garden themed activities. You certainly don't need to be an expert gardener! You can contact me on 9603897 or by email at lornaweir2002@yahoo.co.uk.



ABOVE: (L to R) Pam McKenzie, Suma Harding, Jane Barton and Judith Naylor The organisers of the Winter Ball presenting the cheque to Jane Barton for Rutland House School.

Winter Ball At Prestwold Hall

The Winter Ball raised over £2000 which was given to Rutland House School in Mapperley Park and Macmillan Cancer Care. Many thanks to everybody who came to Prestwold Hall. It was a wonderful evening and started in the spirit of Robbie Burns with a piper welcoming the guests. Many thanks to the staff at Prestwold Hall especially Henry Weldon and his team. Also thanks to Stuart Thexton Jewellery, The Queens Head and Jane Barton for their wonderful raffle prizes.

A great day out

Sunday 14th October

MAPPERLEY Park ladies will be pleased to hear of the return of Mainly for Ladies fund-raising for British Red Cross with an Autumn fair.

'October Bonanza' will feature over 30 stalls and displays - fashion from elegant to funky, tasty treats, accessories, jewellery to die for, home and life style ideas and a Declor beauty presentation by Pure Aesthetics. Plants for sale will include hardy perennials, unusual alpines, and bulbs for winter planting. Also available will be your local honey - from beehives in Mapperley Park.

For the first time in the city centre, Mainly for Ladies 'October

Bonanza' on Sunday 14th October will occupy the whole of the Albany Suite at the Britannia Hotel on Maid Marian Way. Open from 11am to 5pm with tickets on sale from the beginning of September.

Sunday Lunch

Special offer from the Britannia Hotel - their three course carvery lunch with entrance to 'October Bonanza' is only £10.

Entrance including delicious afternoon tea is just £7, or you can buy an entrance only ticket for £4. Tickets from the Britannia Hotel and Pure Aesthetics in Wheeler Gate, or telephone 0115 926 5694 or 0115 962 3168 and your tickets will be sent to you.

"A Chance to Be ..."
... Restored back to a Human Being™

Doerte Tetley HFST PACT
British Health Manager, Fitness Manager & Sports Manager Certificate
Lymphatic Drainage, Tuina & Reflexology

36 A, Florida Osteopaths, 488 Mansfield Road,
Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 2FB.
Tel : 0115 9625 888 or 07835 945 001
www.thisisholistic.co.uk

A Chance to be:
Relaxed
Pain Free
Circled
Rejuvenated
Stimulated
Energised
Free from Stress
Well in Body, Mind & Soul

Hollygirt SCHOOL
Independent day school for girls aged 3-16

Open Days
Thu 11th Oct 2007 9.30am and 2.15pm
Fri 25th Jan 2008 9.30am and 2.15pm

call us on 0115 958 0596 or
email info@hollygirt.co.uk
Elm Avenue, Nottingham NG3 4GF
www.hollygirt.co.uk



fhp.city.living ...in Mapperley Park



...Inspiring a lifestyle transformation



Neil Sutcliffe

Steve Parker

"FHP city living currently have over 35 properties available within the Mapperley Park area of Nottingham. These range from a one bedroom apartment at £105,000 to a detached family home selling at offers over £1.5million.

With summer here, it is expected that the market should be slowing down but it seems that people are still looking for that perfect pad with over 10 of our properties in the area currently sold subject to contract it seems the summer slow down is like the summer weather, yet to arrive!

So if your looking for that ideal home or wish to sell a property in the Mapperley park area call either Steve Parker or myself on 0115 8411155 to discuss your requirements.

Neil Sutcliffe Assistant Branch Manager



Loueva House, 38 Mapperley Hall Drive, Mapperley Park, Nottingham An opportunity to acquire a substantial detached residence within the Mapperley Park conservation area. Currently under construction 38 Mapperley Hall Drive is being built to the highest standards in line with previous developments built by Alchemy within the area.

Price £595,000

For Sale



1 The Oaks, 20 Arlington Drive, Nottingham A substantial period residence dating back to 1914, comprising of 4 bedrooms, en-suite to master beds, 2 further bathrooms, breakfast kitchen, dining room, living room, library/office and conservatory to the garden. The property also benefits from a gated driveway leading to the garage with electric door, gardens

Price £475,000

For Sale



101 Cyprus Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham An opportunity to acquire a 3 bedroom detached property within the Mapperley Park conservation area. The property briefly comprises of 3 bedrooms, bathroom, down stairs WC, living room, dining room and breakfast kitchen. Also benefits from a garage and gardens to the front and rear.

Price £450,000

For Sale



28 Mapperley Hall Drive, Mapperley Park, Nottingham An opportunity to acquire a substantial detached residence within the Mapperley Park conservation area. Currently under construction 38 Mapperley Hall Drive is being built to the highest standards in line with previous developments built by Alchemy within the area.

Price £399,995

For Sale



50a Redcliffe Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham A newly built town house, consists of; 3 bedrooms (2 with en suites), separate shower room, semi open plan living room/dining kitchen, storage room to the ground floor ideal for office /further conversion. Car port & decked terrace to the rear. Finished to high standard-viewing recommended.

Price £395,000

For Sale



Lanora Villas, 7 Shirley Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham An opportunity to acquire a 5 bedroom, 3 storey, Victorian residence within the Mapperley Park conservation area. The property benefits from off street parking & a substantial rear garden. Needless to say, an early inspection is essential.

Price £375,000

For Sale



104 Tavistock Drive, Mapperley Park, Nottingham An opportunity to acquire a four bedroom detached house within the Mapperley Park conservation area. The property benefits from various period features and would suit a professional couple or family. There is also a garage attached to the property. Viewing highly recommended.

Price £349,995

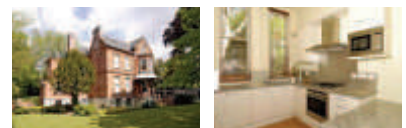
For sale



1 Winfield Heights, Lucknow Avenue, Mapperley Park, Nottingham A two bedroom apartment within this secure development. The property briefly comprises of 2 double bedrooms with an en-suite to the master bedroom, bathroom and an open plan living/dining/kitchen. Garage and car port as well as a private rear garden.

Price £249,995

For Sale



1, 44 Magdala Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham A 2 bedroom duplex apartment within this period conversion. Briefly consists of 2 double bedrooms, en suite facility to the master bedroom, separate bathroom, open plan living area and kitchen. Access is via a private entrance at the front, also benefiting from a garage and a private terrace.

Price £219,995

For Sale



5 Vicame Court, Lucknow Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham A 2 bedroom apartment on the top floor of this period conversion. Briefly consists of 2 bedrooms with an en suite off the master bedroom, separate bathroom, living room with balcony and breakfast kitchen. Garage and communal gardens, needless to say viewing is a must.

Price £159,950

For Sale



Apartment 38E, Magdala Road, Nottingham An opportunity to acquire a two bedroom apartment within the Mapperley Park conservation area. The property benefits from secure parking and is available with no upward chain.

Offers in excess of £139,995 For sale



3k Magdala Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham An opportunity to acquire a 1 bedroom apartment on the top floor of this period conversion. The property briefly comprises of one bedroom, living room open plan onto kitchen and a bathroom. The apartment also benefits from one gated parking space and is available immediately.

Price £105,000

For Sale

CALL **0115 841 1155** CLICK **www.fhpcityliving.co.uk**

Number One, Weekday Cross, The Lace Market, Nottingham

Mansfield Road, Redcliffe Road, Mapperley Road and Elms Bank once bounded ...

PATCHITT'S PARK

By Christine Drew, Paul Watts and Megan Zadik of the Very Local History Group

MOST of us are fascinated by the history of our area. We already know a lot about the northern side of the Conservation Area (Redcliffe Road to Private Road) from Ken Brand's booklet "An Introduction To Mapperley Park" and from his articles in this newsletter. A group of local residents are now researching the southern part of the area, roughly bounded by Redcliffe, Mansfield and Mapperley Roads and Elm Bank. Do you know why this area was once called Patchitt's Park?

Prior to the extension of Nottingham Borough in 1877, Redcliffe Road was the northern boundary of the borough, with the fields of Basford parish beyond. Until the mid nineteenth century, the route up Mapperley Hills Road (now Woodborough Road) was little more than a track beyond the end of Cranmer Street and so steep

that traffic between the town and brickworks on Mapperley Hills had to go via Mansfield Road (then called the Road to the North) and up Red Lane (now Redcliffe Road) cut through the red clay. The medieval village of Whiston (white stones), located between Nottingham and Mapperley, is thought to have died out in on of the regular occurrences of plague.

Prior to the 1845 Nottingham Enclosure Act, little building was allowed on the open fields around the old overcrowded town. The difficult task of implementing the Enclosure Act involved setting out new roads (including Mapperley and Woodborough Roads) as well as awarding plots of land to individuals, including compensating those who lost their previous grazing rights on the common fields. This complex, controversial work was driven by the four, government-appointed, Enclosure Commissioners, led by their Secretary, Edwin Patchitt.

Shortly after enclosure, Patchitt

bought up all the plots of land in the area bounded by Mapperley, Mansfield and Redcliffe Roads and Elm Bank. He built Forest House as his family home and the area became known locally as "Patchitt's Park". In 1890, when Patchitt died without heir, the estate was sold to (later Sir) Thomas Birkin (lace manufacturer) who donated Forest House in 1899 to be used by Nottingham Children's Hospital. When our group visited last year we were pleased to observe that Thomas Birkin's wish that the original splendid house should not be altered has been largely respected. In the 1920s the ward blocks were added with generous funding from John Dane Player, who, until his death in 1950, lived nearby at Fernleigh on Woodborough Road (now the Nottinghamshire Hospice). After the Children's Hospital moved out in 1974, Forest House was used as the headquarters of the former Nottingham Health Authority and it is now the Jamia Al-Hudaa boarding school for Muslim girls.

The Very Local History Group

We are a very mixed, informal group of enthusiastic amateur historians.

Our current interests range from the geology and the medieval history of the area, Edwin Patchitt and the subsequent development of his estate, former residents in the area (including famous local people such as Professor Frank Granger and Watson Fothergill) to the history of individual houses and families.

We meet informally in the evening in members' homes, usually alternate months, to share our discoveries or ideas for further investigations.

If you would like to join us, contact Megan on email: megan.zadik@ntlworld.com tel. 847 8691.



Ockbrook School is amongst the region's leading performers. We offer a learning environment that engenders lifelong achievement – from nursery to senior and beyond.

If you and your child are interested in learning more about the qualities of Ockbrook School and cannot attend the Open Day please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions Secretary to arrange your personal tour of the School:



Ockbrook School, The Settlement, Ockbrook, Derby DE72 3RJ
T: 01332 673532
E: enquiries@ockbrook.derby.sch.uk
www.ockbrook.derby.sch.uk

BACK PAIN? SPORTS INJURIES? STRESS?

**THE FILSHIE CLINIC
IS HERE TO HELP**



The Filshie Clinic has been helping local people in Mapperley Park overcome back and joint pain for many years. The Clinic has now expanded substantially to become a multi-disciplinary centre and our team of highly qualified, registered practitioners are dedicated to supporting you to feel and look better than ever.

❖
Osteopathy and acupuncture
for back, neck, joint pain, slipped discs
and sports injuries.

Swedish, sports & lymphatic drainage
massage, aromatherapy, Indian head & neck,
hot stone therapy.

Botox, lip enhancement, skin restoration,
thread vein therapy.

Alexander Technique,
counselling, life coaching & NLP therapy.

Please call for an appointment:

0115 9625888

www.thefilshieclinic.co.uk

488 Mansfield Rd, Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 2FB

St Augustine's Woodborough Road and its architect

By Ian Wells

ONE of the few old buildings on Woodborough Road as you go down the hill from Woodborough is the fortress-like Catholic church of St Augustine of England. "Looks incomplete", we are told in *The Buildings of England* and so it is.

Dating essentially from 1923, it is the work of a south London architect, John Sidney Brocklesby (1879-1955). At the age of five Brocklesby moved with his family to Merton, south of Wimbledon; here he lived on the fringes of Merton Park, a garden suburb created by John Innes, and the daily work of building that he saw there stimulated in him the desire to become an architect. A further stimulus was the local church, an ancient foundation then undergoing restoration.

When Brocklesby qualified he worked first for London County Council, then set up in practice with two colleagues and became architect to the Merton Park Estate Company. John Innes died in 1904, and Brocklesby's first commission was in fact to design his tomb, an



impressive table-tomb in Merton churchyard. He proceeded to design many houses for the estate and surrounding areas in a variety of Arts and Crafts styles but at the same time made many contacts up and down the country. He married the daughter of a Nottingham turf accountant in 1905, spending his honeymoon in Sheringham where he cashed in on the demand for holiday cottages; indeed some of his Merton Park houses were sold with a Sheringham chalet as part of the package.

His interest in churches continued. Locally he carried out restorations including Darley Dale and Rolleston (Notts), while in 1911 he designed his only Anglican church, St Andrew's at Langley Mill, a rugged piece of Arts and Crafts Gothic which would clearly like to be Romanesque, a style he would use so well in later years. Such indeed was the extent of his practice that he was able to move into an imposing residence, Long Lodge, just along the road from the semi where he had been brought up.

After the first world war he received a number of commissions for Catholic churches, initially for the diocese of Nottingham. He produced simple churches for Belper and Long Eaton and a priest's house and temporary church at Swadlincote; then came the more ambitious St George's, Derby. In 1920 he laid plans for the first of his domed Romanesque churches, St Augustine's Nottingham; the facade and roof were never completed since Brocklesby managed to double the estimated price of his building and was dismissed; at this time he also designed a chapel for the convent on Mapperley Road (later Marlborough Hall of Nottingham Trent University). There followed two similar churches in Stoke-on-Trent, one of stone and the other of brick. Out of the same stable is St Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith at Ashton-in-Makerfield. This so much impressed the Archbishop of Liverpool that Brocklesby nearly got the commission for a cathedral in that diocese. He was also

continued page 13

PRACTICAL ANTIQUES

Dining tables - sets of chairs - wardrobes - bookcases
chests of drawers - upholstered furniture etc.



Thousands of
'small' antiques.
Collectable, decorative
and practical.
Perfect presents

**WIDE RANGE OF USABLE
ANTIQUE FURNITURE**
New stock arriving
weekly from all over the UK

*Tell us what you need and we will email
photographs of suitable pieces to you*

**VALUATIONS FOR INSURANCE
PURPOSES**

*Managing Director, Nick Mellors, RICS,
specialises in Insurance Valuations.
He is a Mapperley Park resident.*

NEWARK ANTIQUES WAREHOUSE

Kelham Road, Newark, Notts NG24 1BX
Tel: 01636 674869 or mobile: 07974 429185
www.newarkantiques.co.uk
email: enquiries@newarkantiques.co.uk
Find us at: www.maps.google.co.uk

OPEN: Monday-Friday 9am-5.30pm Saturday 10am-4pm
Sundays prior to Swinderby and Newark antiques fairs

St Augustine's (continued)

evidently a serious contender for the new cathedral at Guildford.

However all was not well on the domestic front. Brocklesby fell in love and left his family, settling for some time in Cyprus and then spending summers at Weybourne Mill, Norfolk, which he had restored. His estranged wife and family stayed in Long Lodge till 1938; eventually it was occupied by Merton Park Film Studios whose series *Scotland Yard*, *The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* and *Scales of Justice* used to make regular appearances on Channel 4.

During the war Brocklesby worked for the Government on reinforced concrete buildings. Afterwards he moved with his new family to Cattistock, Dorset, where he planned the layout of a holiday camp and restored the parish church tower which had been destroyed by fire during the war; friendly fire, one must add, from a fire-watcher who fell asleep and dropped his cigarette, with predictable consequences. Brocklesby died at Cattistock in June 1955 and lies buried near the church tower.

A well travelled man, Brocklesby well knew the Catholic fashion for

Romanesque or Byzantine, following the influence of Westminster cathedral; he also knew the cathedral of St-Front at Perigueux, which with its massing of domes was to prove a profound influence (at St Augustine's these domes are of concrete). As we have seen, the two towers at St Augustine's, one square and one circular, were never completed. The whole effect of the facade would have received a strong vertical emphasis with these two towers, possibly a pointed gable and certainly a great retaining arch, the beginnings of which can be seen flanking the west door; these features can be seen in Brocklesby's

subsequent work at Tunstall and Ashton in Makerfield. It is the Ashton church which has recently received very favourable coverage in two books, the new *Buildings of England* volume for Lancashire: Liverpool and the South-West, and the well-received account of Catholic church building *A Glimpse Of Heaven*.

Do go and see Tunstall and Ashton for what might have been, but go into St Augustine's and enjoy its simple but spacious interior with its eighteenth-century organ and its expert stone-carving by Brocklesby's clerk of works Percy Howe.

Protecting the environment on your doorstep

www.rhs.org.uk/learning/research/gardeningmatters/documents/FrontGardens.pdf

by Mark Cox

OUR recent Conservation Area Appraisal stressed, quite rightly, the value of our 'Arcadian setting', that is, the leafy and picturesque idyll which we have inherited from the creators of Mapperley Park and Alexandra Park.

The loss of flora from front gardens, often in favour of low maintenance frontages or hard standing for cars, is therefore of great concern to many residents. And, in these days of climate change, threatened fauna and increased water run-off, it's not just the aesthetes, keen gardeners and Bulwell stone wall fans who are worried.

If you are struggling for inspiration in your front garden, I highly recommend the Royal Horticultural Society's publication from its 'Gardening Matters' series entitled *Front Gardens*. Although now out of print, it is still viewable at the website above.

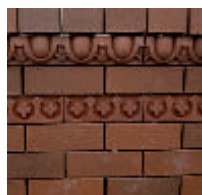
In this pamphlet, the RHS explains how laying hard surfaces contributes to flooding and increases local temperatures. They suggest how to create 'greener' off-street parking and low maintenance front gardens, using plants that will thrive in the most inhospitable of places. It's all very informative and easily-digested, with plenty of illustrations.

If you don't have access to the internet, write to me c/o the editorial team and I'll organise a photocopy for you.

R.N.W. RESTORATION Ltd

Specialists in all aspects of building restoration work

- Stone repairs & repointing
- Brick repairs & repointing
- Stone & brick cleaning
- In situ moulding
- Brick copying services
- Capitals & finials reconstituted
- Concrete repairs



**ALL ITEMS
SHOWN HERE
ARE HANDMADE
IN OUR
WORKSHOP**



For free quotation contact Rob - 07894 552690 or Andy - 07872 030028 or email us at rnw.restortion@hotmail.co.uk

**RNW RESTORATION LTD
LODGE CLOSE, REDHILL, NOTTINGHAM NG5 8NZ**

Are your Trees or Hedges outgrowing your garden? Urban Tree Care

Matthew Adams

Tel: 0115 841 8614

Mobile: 07966 691867

www.urbantreecare.co.uk

Tree Pruning, Removal of Dangerous Trees, Tree Stump Removal, Site Clearance, Tree Planting, Council Applications Arranged, Hedge Cutting, All waste recycled, Free quotes and advice given
11 Regent Street | New Basford | Nottingham NG7 7BJ

PAINTING and DECORATING

We are local painting and decorating contractors
established in 1960

References from other Mapperley Park residents

J MULLEN

6 The Point, off Magdala Road

Tel 0115 962 5210 Mob 07974 718159/07974 718159

Letters to the Editor

Planning and development in Mapperley Park

In response to the article 'Concern for the future of Mapperley Park' in the last issue.

I am a property developer in the Midlands. I too live in Mapperley Park - my mother bought a house on Arlington Drive when I was a small boy, and ever since I have loved the area. Effectively, Mapperley Park is a countryside retreat only five minutes from the city - picturesque, comfortable and a most pleasing place to live. I have lived here for several years in more than one home.

Unfortunately, the article from the last newsletter was unnamed so I cannot write a response personally. However, I think I speak for many developers working in Mapperley Park and Nottinghamshire. Residents' concern for the area in which they live is typical nationwide, not just locally.

Today's climate is different from that of many years ago. The housing market has changed, so too the economy and the way in which we live. The 21st century offers new challenges and as the population

increases, naturally demand rises. Demand for housing is at an all time high from starter homes to luxury homes.

I have a number of projects in the area, as well as projects elsewhere, and I would like to offer the opportunity to the concerned to get in contact and I will walk them round any of my sites and discuss my intentions. I think my homes are amongst the best available, both visually and internally. I have been advised by more than one organisation to submit a number of my homes for both the local and national house building awards. Of course, it will not be everybody's cup of tea but remember the saying, 'He who tries to please everyone...' (pleases nobody - ed)

The paragraph that prompted me to write was the mention of the Nottinghamshire planners' lack of power, or reluctance to take action against developers. I have a constant battle with the planners over design and am regularly refused. If they don't like it, it won't be built, discussions will take place and

hopefully a happy medium can be reached. Let there be no confusion, the planners are in control.

The allegations of dwellings being built much larger than granted are complete nonsense - most certainly from my company's point of view regarding construction. If this were to occur, the council would send in enforcement officers and insist on immediate rectification. These rumours have no substance whatsoever. Believe me, the council is no pushover, I think that suggestions that the planners, developers and architects do not know what they are doing are unwarranted. These people are professionals and although they may not grant exactly what the resident would like to see, each individual project is discussed and dissected thoroughly - I know, I have sat in dozens of meetings

Fortunately, we do not live in a monolithic society and are not governed by an individual - variety and diversity are the keys. A stunning piece of art to one individual may be as displeasing to the next. Planners, architects and designers are all different in their approach and it is widely understood that there will always be objections to change or development. My intention is not to provoke resistance, but to provide housing at the top end of the market that is suited to today's climate and demand for just that little bit extra. I know a number of couples, older than myself within Mapperley Park, most of whom have been very supportive and interested in what I am doing. I am sure this will continue with the vast majority.

Guy Phoenix.

Who Lived in Nineteenth Century Mapperley?

WAS your family here a hundred years ago? Do you know the history of your family or your house? Do you have any photographs of your house or family before the First World War?

I am studying local history at Nottingham University and just starting on my dissertation, investigating the first wave of people who moved into the Mapperley area in the nineteenth century. My area of study stretches from Mapperley Road in the south, includes Alexandra Park to the east and Private Road to the west, and extends up Woodborough Road to Woodthorpe Drive and the early houses in the Porchester Gardens area to the north.

I will be using documentary sources to establish when houses were built and who is recorded as living here but I would also welcome the help of other Mapperley residents

in building up a fuller picture of the community. Who were the people who moved here? Where did they come from and why? What determined the type of housing and the lifestyle in different parts of Mapperley? Where did people work, worship, go to school and spend their leisure time? What did they look like? What was home, family and community life really like?

I would be very interested to hear from anyone who has information about, or photographs of, houses, people and community life in nineteenth century Mapperley that they would be willing to share with me. Now is the time to spring-clean the attic and find that old photograph of great grandma!

Christine Drew.
12 Woodland Drive, NG3 5EX.
Tel: 0115 - 9245582.
Email: christened@supanet.com

PAINTING & DECORATING to the highest standards

Contemporary & Traditional



Gordon Bates & Son

Tel. 0115 952 5438

Mobile. 07941 285509

34 Gedling Rd, Carlton, Nottingham

**Has your computer crashed?
Are you worried about the security on
your computer?
Have you downloaded any viruses?**

IF YOU NEED HELP, CALL AN EXPERT IN THIS FIELD

David Williams BSC AICB (Comp)

Tel 07092 028519 E-mail: consultant@dplw.com

I am an experienced and versatile IT consultant and a professionally qualified book-keeper - providing a comprehensive range of consultancy, support and tuition services at competitive rates to families and Small Office/Home Offices (SoHo) businesses. A 'support by remote access to your computer system(s)' option is available on request.

PD HICKLING

ELECTRICAL & IT CONTRACTORS

All electrical work certified & guaranteed.

Electrical Safety Checks

Landlords Certificates

Security Systems

Gate Automation

Sockets, Lights, Showers

Full / Part Rewires

Estimates & Advice with 20 yrs experience.



Electrician

CONTACT PAUL: enquiries@pdhickling.co.uk

Tel: 0115 953 1107 or 07967 771670

IN July J Sainsbury opened a new mini-market on Woodborough Road, at the corner with Ransom Road, opposite St Jude's Church. Readers may be interested in the history of the site and of the company.

The history behind our new Sainsburys

By Christine Drew

THE SITE

The area to the east of Mapperley Hills Road (now Woodborough Road) was originally forested and belonged to the Crown. In 1610 James I granted the land, known as the Far and Near Coppices, to the Borough of Nottingham. During the C17th and C18th parts of the area continued to be leased "for herbage and pasture", including a lease in 1742 of "a piece of waste" of 6.5 acres to Thomas Gadsby, the overseer of the poor, to provide milk for the workhouse for St Nicholas and St Peter's parishes in Nottingham.

Coppice Road (later Ransom Road) was cut through the area in 1837 as a work-creation scheme, funded by public subscription, for unemployed Nottingham men supporting families. (The name was changed to Ransom Road in the 1930s after a dispute with Arnold Borough who insisted they had prior claim on the Coppice Road name). Originally the road was gated with a lodge at the top, on the corner where Sainsbury's now sits.

In the early C20th Coppice Lodge was incorporated into Coppice Garage but the lodge was demolished around 1960 when the garage was extended to include car sales. In the late C20th the garage was demolished and replaced by a Proton car salesroom; the site was then boarded-up for a long period before the present development.

THE COMPANY

In 1869 John James and Mary Ann Sainsbury opened their first shop, a small dairy, at 173 Drury Lane, London. The second shop opened



ABOVE

Photograph of the site taken in the 1950's when Coppice Lodge was incorporated into Coppice Garage

LEFT

Entrance to the new minimarket

in Kentish Town in 1873 and by 1900 they had 48 stores selling 130 products, with their headquarters, depot and factory established in Blackfriars in 1890. In 1920 grocery departments were introduced. Older readers will remember the long, narrow, counter-service shops with decorative mosaic floors, wall tiles and mahogany fittings, the last of which in Peckham closed in 1982.

In 1936 J Sainsbury Ltd acquired the Thoroughgood chain and established a foothold in the Midlands. By 1950 they had 224 stores selling 550 products and that year the 1882 Croydon branch was the first to be converted to self-service.

Sainsbury's was family-owned until its public flotation in 1973. By 1970, 50% of households owned a car; in 1974 the first edge-of-town store and petrol station opened in

Cambridge and the first Sainsbury's Homebase Centre followed in Croydon, in 1981. In 1987 the firm acquired the Shaw's Supermarkets chain in the US and in 1994 their first French store opened in Calais.

By 1990, 73% of households owned a car and 95% owned a refrigerator; local, daily, shopping had become a thing of the past and nearly all the 299 Sainsbury's stores (and their competitors) were out-of-town with petrol stations and huge car parks. However, continuing social changes (including the growth in single person households, popularity of inner-city living, round the clock opening, fast-living and the demand for instant food to eat on the hoof) have stimulated a C21st surge of local convenience stores, of which our new Sainsbury's mini-market is one.

THE NEW SHOP

The new store is open from 7am to 11pm daily. It only stocks a small range of the products available in larger Sainsbury's stores (about 14,000). The cash-point is a useful addition to local facilities. Access to the small split-level car park is not very clear from the main road and may prove an additional hazard at an already dangerous intersection. It is too early to judge whether this new development will help to regenerate or be the final death knell for the remaining retailers along the Woodborough Road service area, which has struggled since the brickworks closed in 1960.

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE! St Andrew's Church Community Hall



St Andrew's Church Community Hall is available to hire for one off events/birthday parties or on a regular basis for a club or class.

Facilities include: a large hall, a smaller lounge and a kitchen. Facilities can be hired individually or the whole of the Community Hall.

Prices vary from £6.50 - £12.50 per hour

If you would like to have a look round or would like more details please contact Nik on 0115 9120098 or e-mail: standrews.office@ntlworld.com

DJC

Trees & hedges
Thinning
Felling
Topping
Tree surgery

PROFESSIONAL TREE SERVICES LTD

•Local Authority •Conservation areas
preservation orders •24 Hour call out
•All work to BS 3998 •Fully insured
Call for a free no obligation quote



Tel. 0115 963 0266 Mobile. 0781 240 5788
www.djctreeservices.co.uk/website

A great place to be young

Gwyneth Verdon-Roe (née Rogers) on her childhood in Mapperley Park

I LIVED in Mapperley Park from 1925 until I was married in 1949 - apart from the years that I was in the WRNS, and after the war working in London and Paris.

Ebers Road

My earliest memories are of Ebers Road. The road was lit by gas which, as a child, I thought was very pretty. The lamp lighter would come up the road with his long rod in the evenings, stopping at every lamp post to light the lamps, as if by magic. The milkman came in his cart drawn by his horse, the rag and bone man came by occasionally, calling out 'Rags and Bones' in a loud voice. Sometimes there was a muffin man with his bell. On Sunday morning the Salvation Army with its band would sing hymns outside, much to the annoyance of my father who wanted to sleep.

I first went to school in a house at the top of Magdala Road. Run by Miss Puddle, a stern lady dressed in black with a ribbon around her throat. We learnt reading, writing and arithmetic, and sang songs in French about Charlemagne.

My grandparents lived at the bottom of Magdala Road, so I would walk down to them from school, running very fast past the house called 'Oakhurst' which my brothers said was haunted.

Mapperley Hall Drive

Later we moved to Mapperley Hall Drive where my parents lived until my father retired. The Curzon cinema was at the

bottom of the road and in summer there was the Open Air Lido for swimming. Both gone now, I believe. Or we would puff up the hill on our bikes to Mapperley Plains, with very little traffic and you were quickly in the country. We would play tennis at the club on the corner of Carisbrooke Drive. Nottingham was a great place to be young.

The War

During the war there was an ARP post, a cabin, with an old man on duty waiting for a bomb to drop. My brother and I were alone in the house when there was a big bang outside. We thought it was a bomb. A military lorry, soldiers standing in the back, came too fast down the hill and crashed into a tree on the bend. There were bodies lying all over the road. The ARP man said he couldn't help because it wasn't a bomb! My brother couldn't take the sight of blood so was sent to phone for help, and I did what I could. No one else was around. Six soldiers were killed and many injured. Not a word of the accident appeared in the newspaper, but I received a nice letter of thanks from the police and the army sent me their regimental brooch. I was fifteen years old and I was thrilled.

One night a bomb did drop at the top of Mapperley Hall Drive, which made my mother, who was knitting, drop her stitches. Fortunately no one was killed but there was a big crater. We often found shrapnel in the Park but I don't remember any other bombs.

Mapperley Park was a cosy, friendly place to live because you knew so very many of the families. It is a nostalgic pleasure to read your magazine.

Nottingham town has changed enormously from what I read in the newspapers, but apart from many of the big houses being converted into flats, Mapperley Park sounds much the same and as green and tree lined thanks to the efforts of today's residents.

Playgoers invite new members

Nottingham Playgoers is a group for anyone who enjoys live theatre. We study play texts before attending local productions, then discuss the performances and share our views. We're a very friendly group - so if you have an interest in theatre, come and join us for the Autumn. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7pm - 9pm, beginning on 25th September, at the New Mechanics, North Sherwood Street.

For more information contact Sue Cullen, 0115 8478423 email: suecullen@ntlworld.com or Susan Close, 01332 873090 email: susanclose1@btinternet.com or visit our website www.freewebs.com/playgoing



Photo by Lesley Brown

Free Spring bulbs

EARLIER this year daffodils bloomed around the base of many of our street trees. Our thanks for this welcome sign of Spring go to all those residents who gave up their free time to plant thousands of bulbs last year. The bulbs came from Nottingham City Council who give away a staggering one million bulbs every year. Please look out for the Council's advertisements in the local press and in their Arrow magazine. It would be very helpful if individual residents could also get some of the bulbs to plant round their nearest tree or anywhere else suitable. Let's see if we can make Mapperley Park even more green.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

If you haven't paid your subscription to MPRA for 2007, please complete and return the form:

To: David Towers, Honorary Treasurer, MPRA, 31 Lucknow Drive, Mapperley Park, Nottingham, NG3 5EU

I APPLY FOR / WISH TO RENEW membership of the Mapperley Park Residents' Association. I enclose my subscription of £3 for the year 2007. (Please make your cheque payable to MPRA).

(Capital letters please)

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code..... Telephone..... Email

If you are able to help the Association in any way, e.g. by offering expertise, joining the Committee, or delivering leaflets, please send a note with this subscription or contact a member of the Committee.