

Mapperley Park news

Mapperley Park Residents' Association Newsletter
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"What a swell party this was"



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Monthly coffee mornings

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A big thank you

By Lorna Weir

SUNDAY June 22nd dawned sunny and rather blustery but was a great improvement on the continuous rain of the day before. This was a huge relief to the 12 garden owners who were desperate to put the finishing touches to their plots before the Garden Trail opening at 1.30pm.

None of us were prepared for the influx of visitors who arrived very promptly, and we were amazed when Malcolm told us afterwards that 1003 people had paid to come round and that doesn't include all the children who enjoyed the afternoon.



Two young visitors from Sherwood



Residents who opened their gardens in June. (L - R seated) Sheila Reece, Heather Lawson, Lesley Brown. (Standing) Dorothy Williams, Jane Moore, Judith Naylor, Freda Mapson, Sally Ann Harvey, Malcom Bescoby, Lorna Weir, Michael Blood

The 60 homemade cakes soon disappeared as the "tea team", led by Jennifer and Sheila at Mapperley Hall, went into overdrive. All the strawberries and champagne were enjoyed in Laura's garden and Elizabeth and Bobby soon sold all their honey. Lesley's garden was a hive of activity with the tombola, craft stall and children's activities proving a real hit. The book stall in Freda and George's garden and the two plant stalls were also very successful.

Every garden owner was delighted at how pleasant and friendly all our visitors were and this made the afternoon worth all the effort.

On the Sunday afternoon we raised £4854.60 and coupled with the generous sponsorship from FHP Chartered Surveyors,

Lloyds TSB Bank, The Worm That Turned, Boots, Wilkinson's, Yorkshire Tea and Thompson's Greengrocers, this meant that we were able to donate a total of £5099.20 to the two charities; SHE, which provides support and creative therapy for survivors of childhood sexual abuse, and NORSACA, the Nottingham Regional Society for Autistic Children and Adults. This was presented to the two charities at the "Apres Garden Trail Party" on the 16th July at the Ukrainian Centre.

The Garden Trail Committee would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped and to all our sponsors for making the Garden Trail such a success.



Presentation of cheques at the Ukrainian Centre (L to R) Hannah from SHE, Malcolm Reece, Katie from NORSACA and Lorna Weir



Members of the hard working tea team - Brenda Jarrand, Joan Jones and Anne Garrett

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Conservation Plan begins to bite

By Carole Ayre

IN our last newsletter I was pleased to report that the Conservation Area Management Plan appeared to be having a positive effect upon the treatment of planning applications in this area. I mentioned that an application for the erection of a two storey, four bedroom house in the garden of a very fine plot had been turned down by the Council.

The applicants appealed against that refusal to the Secretary of State. The Council, and your Committee, realised that if this appeal was successful then we would see the end of our beautiful garden suburb as one garden after another would fall to development. We submitted strong and detailed objections to the appeal and I am delighted to report that the Planning Inspector has turned it down.

As well as finding that it would detract from the street scene and interrupt views from all around, he made the important finding that albeit from the point of view of loss of garden space the proposed house would, of itself, have limited effect upon the character of the Conservation Area, "the cumulative effect of such subdivision of gardens on the character of the area would be significant".

It is not the end of all development in Mapperley Park of course, and this would not be desirable, but our gardens are a jewel to be treasured, as the hugely successful Garden Trail demonstrated, and we will continue to defend them against inappropriate developments that go against the principles of the Management Plan.

Woodborough Road development

Some of you will have heard that the former children's home at 379 and 383-387 Woodborough Road is to be sold and that the site will be developed. The expectation is that a proposed developer will purchase subject to the granting of planning permission.

Representatives of our planning sub-committee have recently been on a site visit so that they could consider the likely areas of concern and submit comments in advance

of any application. Hopefully, their observations will help to shape the proposed planning application even before it is submitted. Obviously, the main concern is to avoid over density, retention of any buildings of architectural merit, large trees and Bulwell stone walling, and to encourage accommodation suitable for families, including gardens.

Residents voice concerns at AGM

The AGM in April was well attended. Jo Briggs, the chief Planning Officer for this area, gave an update on various decisions and refusals made following the adoption of the Management Plan, reporting that it was starting to "bite" at the pre-application stage.

P.C. Stasuik reported that car crime is up but house break-ins very low. Her demonstration of various personal alarm devices was particularly entertaining. We received a report about the

campaign to save the Post Office (not good news, as you know).

I have received a report on those items raised by residents which are of general interest, from Cllr Dewinton:

- There was concern about the need to provide **more support for the City Council's conservation team**. An attempt to recruit a further Conservation Officer has proved unsuccessful (quite a rare breed, it seems). Nevertheless, the Senior Officer, Peter Smith, is supported by two conservation consultants who work for the Council on a part time basis. I remember that 3 or 4 years ago there were no full time officers and so at least the situation has improved since then. There is a lot of work to do around the City - it has 30 conservation areas!

- Two traffic problems - "No waiting at any time" restrictions have been proposed by the Council for the top and bottom ends of Mapperley Hall Drive (the scheme



Cllr Emma Dewinton and the Chairman at the AGM

should be advertised by the time this goes to print), but there will be no restrictions placed near the junction of Mapperley Road/Mansfield Road/Forest Road because there have been no personal injuries, and parked cars actually slow the traffic down (but pavement parking is to be monitored).

- There was a failure to provide feedback to respondents following consultation upon a proposed gating order relating to Park House Gates. This has been noted (bit of mix up, I think) and in future there will be feedback to all gating order respondents.

- There were concerns about moss and leaves making the pavements difficult to walk on in some locations, but a response to enquiries about the sweeping programme is still awaited. Get your brooms out!

Committee changes

Last but not least, the AGM saw two of the Committee's longest serving members, Dr Tony Stock and Miss Lesley Baker, stand down, with grateful thanks for their contribution over the years. We have welcomed two new members, Ms Laura Archer (Private Road representative) and Mark Cox (specialist interest in planning) as co-opted members.

I cannot sign off without congratulating all those who opened their gardens to the public and the Gardening Group (including its catering subsidiary) for the "event of the season". It was a marvellous day - Mapperley Park at its best.



MPRA members at the AGM in April



Emma Dewinton and Ewan Lamont

An American family in Mapperley Park

By Ellen Frigo

I WAS recently asked to write about our experiences as an American family living in Mapperley Park. It seemed very appropriate to take this opportunity, as we will be leaving soon and returning to our home in northern Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. It's nice to be able to sit back, reflect on our time here, and collect my impressions about this stage in our lives.

We moved to Nottingham and Mapperley Park in early January 2007. We had found school places for our children, aged 7 and 9 at the time, at the Grosvenor School in Edwalton, but finding a house to rent was a bit trickier. We could tell right away that we would like Mapperley Park, as we had lived in some urban residential areas in the US as well and always liked being able to walk to nearby shops and public transport.

It paid off quickly, as I was rather apprehensive about driving on the "wrong" side of the road, and the bus allowed me to get into town easily and get the kids outfitted in their new school uniforms. Since we arrived in the middle of winter, it was months before we could see all the beautiful gardens in the neighborhood, but spring was really glorious, with all the rhododendrons, daffodils, and peonies blooming. (Of course, that was followed by the worst summer in British recorded weather history, but we won't dwell on that!)

When we said we were moving to England, people often assumed that it would be to London. I feel quite fortunate, however, that we came to Nottingham instead. When you move to a new place, it takes time to settle in, learn your way around, and make new friends. With Nottingham being a larger city, but not massive like London, it was much easier to become familiar with local shops and the geography, and it was only

a month or two before I felt like I knew the area quite well. We also decided that "British reserve," a common perception in the US, was way overstated. People here were exceptionally friendly and welcoming, and only a few weeks passed before we were invited to dinners and the children were included in their new friends' birthday parties.

Nottingham has also been a great spot to jump off from and see other parts of Britain and Europe. We've tried to see the local sights as well, and love to take visitors to Wollaton Hall and Park. The nearby castles and stately homes, such as Hardwick Hall, Bolsover Castle, Burghley House, and Belvoir Castle have all been fun and informative to visit. I have a fondness for old churches as well, and there are plenty to see, not only close to Nottingham, but farther afield as well. Salisbury, York, Southwell, Lincoln - all of them are architecturally interesting and filled with history. The children

were studying various aspects of British history in school too, so it made it a bit more palatable for them to see the actual places they were learning about.

The East Midlands and Birmingham airports have been our gateways to the Continent as well. We love to travel, so we've taken every opportunity to visit other parts of Europe. My husband, Ray, is of Italian descent, so our first trip was to Rome. We like it so well, we've been back to see other parts of Italy three more times. France and Germany have been great to see too, and had we been staying longer, we would have made it to eastern Europe.

In closing, it has been a really terrific experience to come and live in Nottingham for the past 18 months, and I would not hesitate to recommend it to others contemplating such a move. The experiences we've had during our stay have been fun and really good for our children, who I think will benefit greatly from the chance to see different cultures and places.

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As a naturalist Colin aims to keep us up-to-date on

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So if you have any questions just drop us a line.

Antique Tile Fair at St. Jude's

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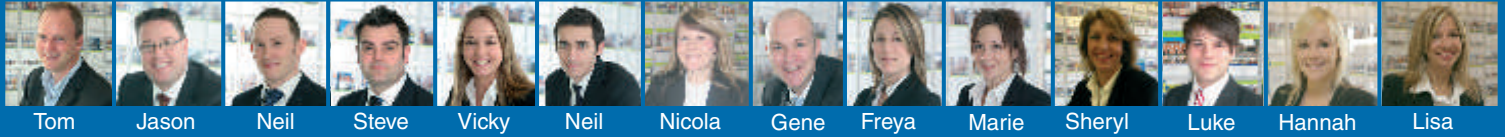
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Down Memory Lane

John Whitby recalls his childhood at 2 Elm Bank

IN 1937 my father, a Freeman of the City of Nottingham and Treasurer for the National Savings Movement during the War, also manager of Barclays Bank in Milton Street, bought Melville House, no.2 Elm Bank, Mapperley Park.

The building had been unoccupied for several years and was in poor condition with an extensive garden which was very much overgrown. There was a garage which could accommodate about 6 cars and cellars under the house.

Father appointed an architect and between them they designed a lovely new large family house using the old foundations and incorporating the extensive cellars. In 1940 it was ready for occupation, but by then as we were at war, one of the rooms in the cellar was strengthened with wooden beams, a wooden floor fitted and a store of tinned goods created - an emergency exit was also constructed.

Part of the roof was flat and this section was turned into a miniature lake - it was hoped this would extinguish any incendiary bombs that might land on it.

I had been born in a house in Woodthorpe. When we moved from there we brought a maid with us but it was not very long before she offered her services to the war effort. Whilst we had an old gardener father would come home in the evenings and with Mother's help would set about clearing the garden of several years' growth of weeds. My sister and I would offer a little help, but preferred to have fun playing in the garden.

The war was progressing and I remember a large map of Europe (which I still have) pinned on the kitchen wall so we could follow the daily happenings. At the time it did not mean much to my sister and I but I am sure they were very worrying times for our parents. There was a time when Father looked into the possibility of moving us to



No.2 Elm Bank around 70 years ago

the country to a customer's farm, until he discovered that an anti-aircraft battery had been set up in a neighbouring field.

My father became an Incident Officer - the Officer in Charge was Joseph Littlefair who also lived in Mapperley Park.

Like many people during the war we grew vegetables and had a few hens. These were fed by collecting kitchen waste which would then be boiled and mixed with some fowl meal purchased from a corn merchant in Carrington.

For a young boy there were some 'exciting' times during the war. I was in the garden when the German planes passed over quite low to bomb the Co-operative bakery. Our nearest bomb was one which dropped near the top of Redcliffe Road destroying a garage, with the blast causing many broken windows. In the morning I would go round collecting



John Whitby in the garden

pieces of shrapnel. Along the length of Mapperley Road, sited

at intervals of approximately 20 feet, were drums of oil, each with a chimney - the contents of which when ignited would form a smoke screen.

In the summer as the war progressed I would see our planes high up in the sky preparing for their raids over Germany, similarly in the winter we would hear the drone of their engines.

When the war came to an end chocolate and sweets were still rationed but one day, whilst cycling back home from school (The Waverley, situated on the corner of Hamilton Road and Hucknall Road) I saw in Morris's fruiterer's shop on Mansfield Road near the Mountford House School, a large box of dates sold loosely. I could not resist these and delving in my pocket I found enough to buy a bag full. By the time I returned home I had eaten them all - unfortunately I suffered the following day!!

After the war and finding the large house and garden difficult to maintain without help, Father sold the house and we moved temporarily to Magdala Road. Although our home on Elm Bank was built in 1940 it was demolished in the 1970's and a number of town houses built in its place. Eventually we moved to number 11 Carisbrooke Drive where we had Ray Neale the auctioneer one side and the Town Clerk on the other. Over the road lived Mr Davies the City Water Engineer.

The garden overlooked the police training ground and Father would spend many hours watching football and cricket matches. In cold weather he would sit watching from a small summerhouse which we had had at Elm Bank.

In 1960 I married Pamela Lomax who lived just round the corner at 29 Cyprus Road. We met and married at the Addison Street Congregational Church, which unfortunately is no longer there. We now live in Woodthorpe where we have been for the past 40 years.

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By Lucy Jamieson

THIS Easter I, along with five school friends, took the opportunity to have a week's work experience in France, in the lovely city of Rouen.

The idea emerged during a French lesson when we were complaining incessantly to our teacher that there was no Year 12 trip to France. Once our whining had subsided, our teacher suggested that we organise a work experience placement there ourselves through Acorn Educational Exchanges, a Nottingham based company which previous students had used successfully. Okay, so work experience wasn't exactly what we had in mind - not quite the same as living it up Paris style or sunning on a beach in Provence - but nevertheless, a great chance to practise the lingo. So six of us decided to give it a go and contacted Acorn. I was amazed at how easy it was to organise and how the placement could be tailored to your interests.

Acorn sent us all the necessary bumph. First there were several application forms to fill in and also a short piece of 200 words that I had to write (in French, of course) about myself and why I wanted to do the placement. I was also given the chance to indicate what kind of environment I would most like to spend my week in. Having ruled out places such as veterinary practices and hospitals (I'm really not the medical type, especially not while in a foreign country!), I opted for other areas including department stores and nurseries. We were all slightly anxious not knowing what sort of work we would be doing. When I heard that I would be working in a crèche I was really excited, although



somewhat jealous of my friends who were working in various crêperies and bakeries pain au raisin for lunch definitely wins hand down over baby food!

After a hideously early start around 1.00am, a coach journey with multiple stops followed by a very choppy ferry trip to Calais followed by yet another arduous coach journey, (I must admit, that day did seem never-ending), we at last arrived at our destination.

Since our placements didn't start until the Monday, we had the weekend to relax so I spent the Sunday with my friend Lucy in Paris. She was going to be working in a photography shop and her employers had offered to take us both to the Louvre for the day so we jumped at the chance to smugly leave behind our peers in Rouen!

We were given loads of free time so we decided to walk all the way from the Louvre to the Eiffel Tower (our first big mistake as that is a deceptively long distance, especially in the rain!). Having arrived (finally)

we thought we'd welcome the exercise of climbing up the Eiffel Tower - our second big mistake. Half way up, we realised we should not have been such cheapskates and should have just paid to go up in the lift - seriously, at times it felt worse than D of E as the rain splattered our faces and aching legs!

Monday arrived and we were all rearing to start our placements, but first we had to navigate ourselves there. I might have had a little trouble reading my map but eventually I did manage to get to the crèche on time - an achievement in itself!

I started at 9am and was to work straight through until 12 noon then two hours for lunch and work again until 5pm. Suddenly the thought of spending six hours a day with French toddlers seemed a little bit daunting! The staff were all really friendly and welcoming, showing me around and filling me in on what I was to do - play with the children and help feed them etc. I thought I'd best introduce myself to the

toddlers first, but after each of my enthusiastic attempts of "Bonjour! Je m'appelle Lucy! Comment t'appelles-tu?" were met with stony silence, I realised I was in for a long, long week. The more time I spent with them, the more willing they were to speak to me which made the time go much quicker! However, I found this really challenging, as it's hard enough trying to understand English toddlers' gobbledegook, let alone French ones! I really had to strain my ears to grasp even the smallest thing they were trying to say to me which I found could be quite frustrating, but I learnt that the best thing was to just stick at it. As the week progressed, it did become easier and the children grew more comfortable with me as almost a temporary member of staff.

I found it really sad having to say goodbye to them all and the workers at the end of Friday, knowing I'd never see them again, proving just how rewarding and worthwhile my placement had been.

I realised that not only was the crèche a great opportunity to practise the language, but also just wandering around the city, shopping and buying lunch was the perfect time to act like a genuine Rouen citizen!

I will always look back upon my time there with fond memories and am so glad I did it. It's so much more than just something to put on your CV - I made new friends from the other schools that went and increased my confidence in French. I really would recommend giving it a try - once you put aside the seemingly intimidating aspect of it all, it really is one of the best experiences you can have!

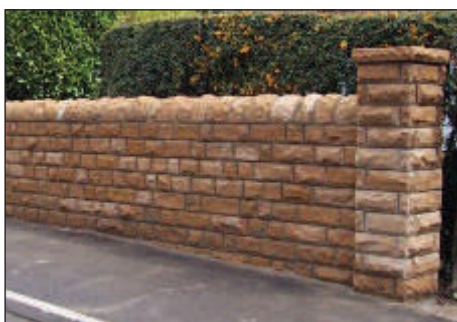
MAPPERLEY Park is blessed with a heritage of traditional Bulwell stone boundary walls which are part of the Arcadian setting protected by our Conservation Area Management Plan. These stone walls, often with rustic "loaf" cappings, enhance our street scene by knitting together a myriad of house styles.

Bulwell stone is quarried near Nottingham and is unique. It comes from the Permian magnesium limestone series. The colour varies from orange/gold to gold/buff due to the presence of small amounts of iron oxide.

Many of our Bulwell stone walls are threatened by developers or improvers in search of more "impressive" boundary treatments and by the desire for off-street parking. Wholesale removal is mercifully policed by the planners.

In praise of Bulwell stone

By Mark Cox



but unsympathetic breaches, prior to the Conservation Area Appraisal, were sadly commonplace.

The walls are also subject to fair wear and tear. Bulwell stone is very durable, but weeds and ivy can erode the mortar beds through root pressure and subsequent frost penetration. Expensive repairs can be avoided by using wildlife friendly weed killer and by re-pointing. Blackening, often caused by the run off from privet or ivy, is easily tackled with a good old fashioned bass broom and a healthy dose of elbow grease!

The Planning Department now places much more value on this particular element of our local vernacular and it is good to see examples of new Bulwell stone walls, restorations and reinstatements in the neighbourhood.

Are you affected by these local parking and traffic issues?

If you are affected or have any comments, please get in touch either with us, at the newsletter, or the Residents' Association committee. Your views can then be added to others and put forward to the council.

By Sue Ashan

Parking

ONE concern raised by residents at the recent AGM was regarding the increasing numbers of cars parking during the day close to the junctions with the main roads in the area.

It is suspected that this is due to commuters using Mapperley Park as a free car park and then either walking or catching a bus into town from Mansfield Road or Woodborough Road.

This not only causes congestion but also reduces visibility when trying to turn out onto the main roads, which can be dangerous.

The roads thought to be most affected were Mapperley Road, Magdala Road, Mapperley Hall Drive (Woodborough Road end), Tavistock Drive and Ebers Road.

Residents from some of these streets have asked the City Council to look into placing yellow lines for a short distance at these junctions to prevent people from

parking so close to the junctions. Perhaps the worst affected roads would benefit from 'residents permit' parking?

Also brought up at the meeting was the problem at the Mansfield Road end of Mapperley Road, where cars are parked with two wheels on the pavement all day. Cllr. Dewinton said she had received several complaints about this, however it has been decided that these parked cars are actually proving beneficial in slowing the speed of the traffic on the road and so no action will be taken!

Road surface and speed bumps

Several people have commented on the new road surface on Magdala Road. What a difference! Driving is smooth and pothole free! The only problem is it has made us realise just how bad the surfaces are on the rest of Mapperley Park's roads!

Surely it's time we all benefit from some new tarmac, not to mention some much needed

maintenance to the speed bumps. Many of these are badly worn, causing variations in their heights. Others have potholes around them, putting even more pressure on our all too weary suspensions.

Again, please let us have your views so that we can try and do something about it!

New bus lane cameras

A word of warning! Some of the bus lanes now have cameras fitted. We know this because two of the editorial team (no names mentioned!) have recently received £60 fines through the post! Both were caught when turning left into Mapperley Road from Mansfield Road, having moved into the left lane slightly before the 'end of bus lane' sign.

Pity there is no camera to catch all the people who block the boxed junction at this intersection in the mornings, causing such huge tailbacks on Mapperley Road.

Pavement cleaning

Some complaints were made at

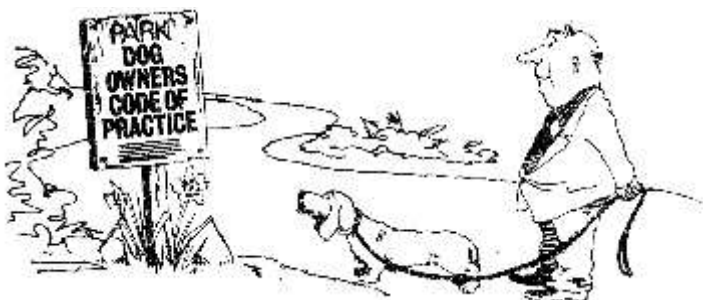
the AGM about the lack of street cleaning in Mapperley Park. There were particular concerns about the level of moss growth on the pavements and the slow response in clearing fallen leaves from the roads and pavements.

This seems to have been taken on board by the council as some street sweepers have since been spotted, along with the men on the little buggies who spray the weeds. We shall have to wait until Autumn to see if the leaf clearing improves.

Reporting direct to the City Council

If you wish to take direct action to report anything from a broken street lamp to a hole in the road, you can now do so on line at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk and go to 'on line reporting forms' or call 0115 915 2000. For any problems with street cleaning contact the Head of Street Scene (Sweeping) at chris.bailey@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Clean and not heard



RESIDENTS have been complaining about a spate of barking dogs on a few of our streets. The peace and tranquility associated with living in Mapperley Park is being spoiled by a few uncontrolled pets.

Could we ask all dog owners to take their animals indoors if they won't stop barking. This would show consideration for neighbours and would retain the lovely calm environment that we all enjoy.

We have also had complaints about dog fouling. Whilst it is appreciated that the majority of owners are very considerate (and

always prepared with the necessary cleaning equipment), there are still some thoughtless owners. It is unfortunate that dog fouling still happens on our pavements. It is not only undesirable, but unhygienic. It is particularly unpleasant for those with small children who may not see faeces on the pavement until it is too late! Pushchairs and other wheeled items also suffer from this blight.

Please therefore if you are one of the minority dog owners who let their dogs mess the pavements, be more considerate - thank you.

Mapperley Park News is now available by email

DELIVERING this newsletter door to door is no easy task. The volunteers from the Residents' Association who do this twice a year have to cope with steep hills and long drives, hidden letter boxes and snapping dogs.

Now they have another problem - the many new electric gates. If there's no one at home to open the gates, delivery is impossible.

If you live behind automatic gates and would still like to receive Mapperley Park News it can be obtained by email. Just send your house and email addresses to: mapperleypark@trent.plus.com

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NEWS FROM THE BLUES

Burglar Bill ... metal thieves ... personal alarms

IT'S been a variable summer but we hope you are still making the most of being outside, tidying up the garden perhaps, or having a last BBQ while of course, ensuring your doors are locked!

We are planning to launch the Burglar Bill scheme during the next few weeks, trying people's doors and seeing how many of you have forgotten to lock up. It can be quite a shocking experience for some but gives an insight into how quickly a burglary can take place. We will even be naming and shaming people through our neighbourhood watch co-ordinators so make sure your details are not included!

We have seen an increase in reports of lead being stolen, as well as items left for council collection being taken for scrap metal. If you book a collection, we recommend you do not leave your items unattended. If any metal or lead items are stolen, we ask you to look if there are any graffiti nearby, as this could be linked to the person responsible.

We are continuing to build up a picture of crime in this area and are conducting regular patrols, speaking to many of you within the community and keeping you up to date with what's happening.

Many people have been asking about personal attack alarms and ways to protect both yourselves and your home. There are many websites where security equipment can be bought, but two we have recently dealt with offer some quality goods for a decent price. The '3 in 1' personal alarm costs around £10 and contains a personal attack alarm, a torch and a PIR alarm which can also be used as a door sensor. These can be bought at www.sure24.co.uk. Charm Alarms, which look like a small keyring, can also be obtained from this site for around £5, and are also available at www.attackasecurity.co.uk. Window sensor alarms, costing around £3 are also a good idea to prevent criminals from breaking into your home.

Recently while on patrol, we have noticed that people are still leaving items on display in their cars, particularly satellite navigation systems. Even if you are only nipping back to the house for a minute, it takes only seconds for a thief to break your window and steal your goods.

We aim to give you information to allow you to take the appropriate action to keep safe from crime. By locking up your home, removing items from display in your car, and by being vigilant within your community, you can play a significant part in reducing crime in this area.

We want to hear about your concerns or priorities - they matter to us. If we know, we can act, so please contact us on any of these numbers.

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Camille O'Sullivan

28 September
Michael McIntyre

9 - 18 October
All Quiet on the Western Front

9 November
Jason Manford

28 November to
24 January 2009

12 - 27 September
Vertigo

4 October
Hofesh Schechter Company

22 Oct to 15 Nov.
Macbeth

19 November
Rhona Cameron

Pantomime:
Aladdin

THEATRE ROYAL

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1 - 6 September
Deathtrap
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with Samuel French
Limited

4, 6, 11, 13
September
Horrible Histories
Nottingham

15 - 20 September
An Ideal Husband

23 - 27 September
NBT: A Tale Of Two Cities

29 Sept - 4 Oct
Cabaret

6 - 18 October
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

21 - 25 October
Seven Brides For Seven Brothers

27 Oct - 1 Nov
The Woman in Black

30-31 Oct & 1 Nov
We're Going on a Bear Hunt

3 - 8 November
Can't Smile Without You

18 - 22 November
Opera North Autumn Season

24 - 29 November
Absurd Person Singular

5 Dec - 18 Jan 09
Pantomime Cinderella

Sparkling 60th anniversary season at Nottingham Playhouse



Kenneth Alan Taylor is back on stage as Widow Twankey in ALADDIN



GLAMOUR. Gangsters and girls in 1960s Nottingham. A new comedy by Stephen Lowe in February



ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT, the mayhem of WW1 on stage, with James Alexandrou (Eastenders)

NOTTINGHAM ARENA

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1 - 5 September
Disney on Ice

6 October
James Blunt

29 October
Katie Melua

22 November
Paul Weller

16 December
CBeebies at the Theatre

4 - 6 September
Lee Evans

10 October
Queen

7 - 8 November
The Mighty Boosh

24 November
Steve Coogan

19 December
Status Quo

1 - 5 October
Disney on Ice

25 October
Bryan Adams

16 November
Scouting for Girls

11 December
Magic of Motown

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5 September
The Drifters

6 September
Beanbag Proms

6 September
BBC Radio Nottingham and Cantamus

9 - 13 September
Spirit Of The Dance

15 September
Jaleo Flamenco

18 September
Best Of British Variety Tour

26 September
The Moody Blues

27 September
Oliver Samuels in Guava Jelly

3 October
Billy Ocean

4 October
O.M.D

5 October
Pop Divas 'Entertain You'

8 & 9 October
Steve Coogan - LIVE

10 October
In Dreams

11 October
Tracy Quaife Theatre Dance School

12 October
Singing For D.A.R.E. Carlton Centenary Concert

14 October
Tosca Ellen Kent and Amphitheatre Productions

15 Oct & 5 November
Roy Chubby Brown

6 November
Maximum Rhythm 'N' Blues

7 November
A Night At The Opera

9 November
Step by Step X - Marcia Jones School of Dance

10 November
Russell Howard

13 November
The Sensational 60's Experience

14 November
Paddy McGuinness Plus You Live!

16 November
Halfway To Paradise : The Billy Fury Story

19 November
The Royal Air Force In Concert

20 November
Mozart By Candlelight

21 November
Jimmy Carr

22 November
Diwali Gala 2008

23 November
Sing Live

24 November
Africa's Hope

25 November
Mercury

26 November
Christmas Music Hall

28 November
Will Young

30 November
Merry Xmas Everybody Tour '08

2 December
Jimmy Carr

3 December
The Steel City Tour

5 December
Jools Holland and His Rhythm and Blues Orchestra

9 - 13 December
St Petersburg Ballet Theatre

17 December
Katherine Jenkins

6 December
Beanbag proms

18 December
The Bootleg Beatles

19 December
Christmas at the Musicals The Best of the West End

24 December
My First Carol Concert

27 December
Ken Dodd

28 December
Christmas with The Rat Pack

29 December
That'll Be The Day - Brand New Christmas Show

30 December
The Glenn Miller Orchestra

31 December
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Favourite Recipes from local shopkeepers

WE have been asking local shopkeepers to share some of their favourite recipes with us.

The first comes from a pair well known in Mapperley Park - the Thompson twins from Haydn Road Greengrocers. They have been in business together since they were 20 years old.

Steak and Kidney Pudding

"The glory of this recipe is the gravy and the quality of the gravy depends on the kidney. By using pig's kidney rather than ox, the flavour is better and you can use more kidney without it becoming overpowering. Traditionally people put onions into the meat mixture but again I think the flavour is unnecessary.

1.5lbs Chuck steak cut into cubes
10oz pigs kidney cut into cubes
Salt and pepper to taste
Plain flour
1/4 pint of beef stock

For the suet pastry:
14oz self raising flour
7oz beef suet
Salt and pepper
1/2 pint cold water

1. Place steak and kidney into large bowl. Add salt and pepper.

2. Suet pastry: Sift flour and salt, add suet and pepper. Mix and add water a little at a time. Cut through dough using round bladed knife. Form soft dough. Roll out pastry into disc half inch thick. Cut out a quarter of the pastry for lid. Use remainder to line well buttered 3 pint pudding basin, leaving half an inch of pastry hanging over edge.

3. Add flour to steak and kidney mixture. Shake off excess flour. Spoon into pudding basin and add fresh beef stock nearly 2/3rds to top not covering the meat.

4. Seal pastry lid on top. Cover pudding with double piece of buttered foil, pleated in middle and tie in place with string.

5. Steam pudding on upturned plate in large saucepan filled with hot water for 5 hours, topping up water.

6. Enjoy!

Fennel Gratin

Allan McKie, who delivers the popular River Nene organic vegetable boxes in the Mapperley area, explains why this is the perfect time to try fennel.

"Fennel loves rain - it helps the bulb grow plump and succulent - so this year it is particularly good and September is the time to try it. It's wonderful eaten raw with olive oil and lemon juice but the aniseedy flavour isn't to everyone's taste, so try braising or roasting instead - it takes on a sweet, comforting flavour. This fennel gratin recipe makes a great light supper served with a green salad."

Serves 6

4 fennel bulbs, trimmed
150ml double cream
1 tsp rosemary, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tbsp freshly grated parmesan
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
Cut each fennel bulb into 6 wedges and cook in boiling salted



water for about 5 mins, until just tender. Drain thoroughly and place in a bowl.

Put the cream in a small pan with the rosemary and garlic and heat until it comes to the boil. Remove from the heat and add to the fennel, along with half the parmesan. Mix well and season to taste.

Place in a gratin dish, cover with foil and put in the oven preheated to 180C. Bake for 30 mins, remove the foil and sprinkle with the remaining parmesan. Turn the oven up to 200C, put the fennel back in the oven and bake for a further 10 mins, until browned.

Wines for the last weeks of summer



David Bennett, Optometrist with Brooks and Wardman and a wine writer, gives four recommendations

WHAT has switched my vinous button these past few months in the wine world? A recent stunning tasting in London at the Italian wine fair was one such switch. There is so much wine dross from Italy in the supermarkets and the high street wine retailers these days that it's really hard to find good value gems of wines, but, I've found one. Don't tell everyone, let's keep it a secret between us, (oh...and a few others!). The wine is from Piedmonte in North West Italy, near the French border. The winery is called Brovia, the grape Barbera, the wine "Brea" and it's a little stunner. Head for the '04 vintage if you can but the '05 is just as good. It's lovely, elegant dark fruits and judicious use of oak blends well to give a delicious palate length that lasts forever. It will be a hit with all red wine lovers and red meats too. On its own it's just as good and tastes huge and expansive without ever being boring, but it really does come alive with some food. You can find it from Ben Robson at the Bat and Bottle in Oakham (www.batwine.co.uk). Pop along on a Saturday morning to his warehouse on the Pillings Road - he will always have something interesting opened.

I never buy wine "on spec". I always taste first. Sounds like common sense I know, but with all those wine critics urging us to buy lovely sounding wine it's a difficult choice.

I do suggest that your palates or tastes are not, I repeat not, the same as mine so I would always urge you to taste wine before buying wherever possible. Sure, take the critics notes on board, but after all, I don't have Jancis Robinson's palate, (HRH Jancis to you David) or any other wine writers for that matter, so whatever you do, take all my notes here with a sense of time, place and context, then we can all speak the same language.

My second recommendation is a white wine (made from white grapes - did you know that Champagne can be made from all red grapes?) and a blend of three

grapes to boot. You may not have heard of them but they are a match made in heaven. The wine is called 'La Rosee de Montesquiou' and it's not a rose wine either! La Rosee means 'petal'. The wine is from the Jura region of France, down in the South West near the Spanish border. The grape blend is of Gros Manseng, Petit Manseng and Corbu, all of which are local to the area and not grown much outside the locality. This wine is a great starter to an evening. It smells like New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc but it has MUCH more interest. I'm bored of all NZ sauvignon blanc tasting the same - most of them are as dull as dish water (obvious exceptions of course!). This wine has so much floral interest on the nose that I'd quite like to smell it all night and not taste it, but life is a tough call and I had have a little gulp just to see. It is as good as it smells. Lemons, bright white fruit with lovely fresh acidity to match even a garlic aioli with artichoke leaves as a starter. Where can you get this vinous gem? Yes, in Nottingham! via Leon Stolarski who has had the foresight to import it via www.lsfnewwines.co.uk (around £9).

Supermarket

It's rare that I set foot down the wine aisles of a supermarket these days, preferring to do my buying at small independent wine merchants - they are so much better value. However, last week on the way back from the beach with the children, we all stopped in Newark. There lies the 'fons et origo' of the middle class urban shopper - Waitrose. Now, for a supermarket, they do have a particularly keen wine section and some really rather good looking wines.

Searching for 'off the beaten track' stuff, I spotted a wine I have been desperate to taste. Domaine Begaude Chardonnay from Limoux. Excellent stuff this. Trying to find a decent Chardonnay, other than classically from Burgundy, can prove taxing. Chardonnay - much maligned by the "ABC" (Anything

But Chardonnay) brigade - is one of the world's most widely planted grapes and when on song it can be sublime. This Limoux version, slightly oaked, and needing a wee while to come in to balance yet, will be a Burgundy look-a-like in a few years. Stash some away now before I get my mitts on the rest of the Waitrose allocation and you won't be disappointed. It's Burgundy minerality meeting slightly warmer climate ripe fruit without being too overblown.

Burgundy

Finally, one more red. A house, everyday drinking wine available from most supermarkets. Well actually a selection of reds, all from Burgundy and from a group of wine exporters called 'Blason de Bourgogne'. This is a group of quality conscious producers using the Blason label to promote their local wines. Under £8 reds are hard to recommend on a quality level but these guys manage to deliver it with their basic 'Bourgogne Rouge' and 'Mercrey' labels. All from that most difficult and fickle of grapes

Pinot Noir, these wines give a taste of Burgundy at a really decent price.

For the 'Bourgogne rouge' wine the grapes can come from anywhere in Burgundy but the grapes for the Mercrey must come from the area around Mercrey village itself. I like wines with a sense of place. Head for the 05 vintage for the lush fruit and then open it with some rare roast beef or beef medallions - try a wild mushroom tart if you are veggie. I can assure you of a delicious match.

One last hint - do try their Montagny white too (although wait for it to be on offer at £6.99 or less - it's a Chablis look-a-like and at a third of the price). Have fun trying these wines - remember, if you order off the web then, like Majestic, it's minimum order of a dozen MIXED bottles. Don't be put off - ask the merchant to recommend stuff and always put in three of each wine so that you can assess them in different situations with different people - Cheers!

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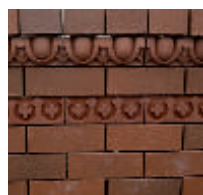
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ABOVE (L to R) Francis Reeson, Judith Naylor, Angus Macrae

LEFT Susie Mills, James Trahearn, Isobel Rostance

RIGHT Carole Reeson, Mark Jenkinson, Mary Macrae



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