

Mapperley Park news

Mapperley Park Residents' Association Newsletter
No. 15 March 2009

STRICTLY DANCING



Budding ballerinas from the New English Contemporary Ballet.

*Join the Residents' Association
now and come to the Annual
General Meeting on Monday
20th April at 7.30 pm. Details
on page 20.*



WHAT IS TV STAR
CRAIG REVEL
HORWOOD'S
CONNECTION WITH
NOTTINGHAM'S
NEW ENGLISH
CONTEMPORARY
BALLET (NECB)?

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story.

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For the 1st September
issue of Mapperley Park
News the deadlines are:
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COFFEE MORNINGS

For Mapperley Park residents and friends

in the Ukrainian Centre Mansfield Road
(opposite the end of Mapperley Hall Drive)

On the 2nd Monday in the month
(except April which is a week
early to avoid Easter)

**EVERYONE WELCOME
WELL ATTENDED**

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Strictly dancing

DANCE has a new home in Nottingham. The New English Contemporary Ballet has officially opened a new dance school, just a stones throw away from Mapperley Park. And already scores of budding ballerinas from our area have auditioned and joined this prestigious company's new dance school. As well as attracting many youngsters from Mapperley Park, the school has signed up aspiring dancers from all over the country. TV star Craig Revel Horwood, of *Strictly Come Dancing* fame, has become official patron of the New English Contemporary Ballet (NECB), something of a coup for the company, which is based at The Haywood Studios, Edwards Lane, Sherwood. 'He might play a bit of a villain on *Strictly Come Dancing*,' says NECB Artistic Director Niall McMahon, 'but he's one of the good guys really. Craig has a fantastic pedigree as a choreographer, director and a dancer and we



Stretched out: NECB dancers limbering up before a training session

The NECB was set up in Nottingham in 2006. As well as being a national touring dance company, it runs the Nottingham Youth Dance, which has performed at the Edinburgh Festival, and has an Associates Programme which trains young dancers from across the region. The new school will run a 3 year full-time vocational course (for students from 16 to 22) that will ultimately lead to a foundation degree in dance.

Says Niall, 'It absolutely delights me to know we can offer students a place where they are able to train in excellence and fulfil their ambition to become the very best they can'.

Mapperley Park resident Mike Blair, who is on the ballet company's Board of Trustees, says, 'There aren't many professional dance companies in the UK, and even fewer dance schools, which offer this level of training. So for Nottingham to have both is fantastic news for the city and something we need to cherish'.



'One of the top ten cinemas in the world'

NOTTINGHAM'S Broadway is not your average cinema. Over the last 18 years it has developed a reputation for screening the best new films (including independent, World and Hollywood titles), retrospective seasons and several film festivals. Unlike other cinemas, Broadway has a cafe bar serving a range of snacks, meals and beverages (you are allowed to take drinks, including alcohol, into the screens) and exhibits digital art projections by local and international artists.

In 2007, *Total Film Magazine* named Broadway one of the top 10 cinemas in the

world due to its 'chocolate love seats' designed by Nottingham's international designer Sir Paul Smith. The cinema's unique style has placed it at the centre of Nottingham's creative scene and several creative industries have office space at Broadway, including the film production company Wellington Films (*London to Brighton*) and the film director Steven Sheil (*Mum & Dad*). The centre also offers professional film training and production services alongside theory based film education courses.

With its cafe bar, cinema auditoria and creative workspaces Broadway may give the impression of being a purpose built building but the site is over 150 years old, having originally opened as a Wesleyan Methodist church in 1839. It remained as a church for over 100 years until in 1966 the Nottingham Regional Film Theatre was established, screening films to the public at the weekends, the first regional theatre to do so outside of London. It remained in part-time operation until 1990 when Broadway opened as a one screen cinema.

Over the next few years Broadway continued to progress with the addition of a second cinema screen, a cafe bar and office space. More recently in 2006 a £5.7 million development was completed that added two new cinema screens (including one designed by international designer Paul Smith), a second bar, and a digital arts programme showcasing work by local and international artists. It is now the flagship cinema for the region and a must-see for film enthusiasts everywhere.



The seats designed by Paul Smith



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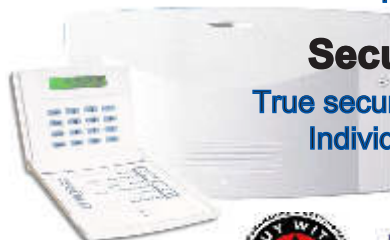
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My Favourite Dish: Local Butcher Tony Wright's Best of British

TONY Wright is a man with 'traditional' tastes. He likes his rugby, his Harley Davidson motorbike and a fine piece of British beef on a Sunday. Good job too, as he's one of the best known butchers in the area.

Tony started out as a butcher's apprentice aged just 12. And even if you haven't visited Wright's, on Hucknall Road in Carrington, you've probably spotted the queues coming out of it every Saturday. It's a local shop, for local people, with a genuine history.

'I've been running the business here since the 1980s' says Tony, 'but there's been a butcher in this building for more than 100 years and I'm only the third owner of the shop in all that time. And the reason for the queues? Well we get to know most of the people who come in regularly and it's nice to have a chat. I also like to give a recipe idea or two when I can. But the real reason we do well is quite simple, good quality cuts of good quality meat.'

TONY WRIGHT'S RECIPE

Rib of Beef with Roast Onions (Serves 8)

6lb rib of beef Dust the surface with flour, a pinch of mustard powder and pepper. Place in a roasting tray with 6 cooking onions. For a medium roast, cook at gas mark 5 or 190c for 25 minutes per pound.

Serve with:

Glazed Parsnips

8 small parsnips cut in half. Blanch in boiling water for 3 minutes, glaze with honey and mustard. Bake at gas mark 6 (200c) for 40 minutes, turning once.

Roast Potatoes

4lb Desiree potatoes, peeled, halved and par-boiled. Place a generous portion of goose fat in a roasting tin then heat in oven to gas mark 7 (220c). Add potatoes and roast for 45 - 50 minutes, turning once.

Steamed Seasonal Veg

Of your choice!

Yorkshire Pudding

Mix 7oz plain flour, 2 large eggs, 150ml of milk, pinch of salt and a teaspoon of horseradish sauce. Make sure the oven is hot (gas mark 7 or 220c), cook for 25 - 30 minutes in 4 tablespoons of beef dripping.

Beef and Red Wine Gravy

1oz plain flour, add the juices from the rib of beef, half a pint of beef stock and 150ml of red wine. Mix, heat and serve.

Delicious wine delights

DAVID BENNETT



FOR this edition let's leave the credit crunch behind and treat ourselves to lovely food and wine combinations to tingle taste buds and put a smile on our faces.

Back in October 2008 I was fortunate to attend the 'Salone del Gusto' in the Lingotto in Turin, (think the car chase in the film *The Italian Job* and you're there). It's a five day food and wine festival celebrating food biodiversity, organic and small produce production. An overwhelming experience when you have in excess of 30 organic olive oil producers, over 2500 Italian wines to taste and the epicurean delights of dried meats, filled home made pastas, truffles and mushrooms.

A little fizzy number to start - it always lifts the spirits. How about avoiding the acid, fruitless supermarket 'bogoff offer' fizzy wines

and try a proper champagne from organic vineyards made by 'Champagne Raymond Boulard'. He's on the web, as is his UK importer, and you can buy from the domaine where, when you make an appointment, Francis Boulard will take you through his 10 different Champagnes. A real treat. For me the pinot noir dominated Champagne 'Cuvee Maily' is my favourite and it's around £20 (18 euros at the door).

Follow that with a Sauvignon Blanc this time from Burgundy. I'm a bit tired of New Zealand Sauvignon just now. Lovely though it can be, there is just so much overripe gooseberry

and nettles that I can take. For me the New Zealand styles are only just manageable for a glass or two before my palate gets a little tired. Try a Sauvignon de Saint Bris from domaine 'Goisot' (it's in French Living on King Street) - a little cracker

For the reds I'm off to the auction houses. Bargains galore but do your research beforehand. Christies and Sothebys are safe hunting grounds but do try the smaller independent houses in small market towns - they often have small sales worth visiting.

A Pinot Noir? Try a Chilean version for some bright red strawberry fruit or splash out on a ripe Pinot from Central Otago. For authenticity, go Burgundy - decent value is found just North of Beaune in Pernand Vergelesses and Savigny les Beaune.

A small plug for sherry. Massively underrated and brilliant value. The UK is rich pickings for delicious dry and sweet styles from Palomino (the dry fino style) and Pedro Ximenez (intensely sweet) grapes. The latter matches perfectly with Bakewell Pudding (not the Tart), the flavours allowing both partners to express themselves perfectly. The wine is dense, black and viscous. It should look like and have the consistence of treacle. Gauntley's in Exchange Arcade do a lovely selection, remember small portions and small sips makes for great pleasure. Above all, safe, sensible and pleasurable drinking.



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2. Spend time researching your subject but remember; there is plenty of information and advice on the web and some of it is good! If possible, talk to people who have had the treatment.
3. If you can, go to more than one clinic or salon and be prepared to ask further questions.
4. If you are nervous, take a friend or family member: prepare a list of questions and take notes.
5. The consultation should be carried out by someone who delivers the treatments in question (otherwise, they are sales-staff) – ask about qualifications, experience and what treatments they have had themselves.
6. Consultation should cover your medical history, your expectations, treatment options (including the option to do nothing), the range of outcomes, potential problems and side effects, aftercare, schedules and costs.
7. A free consultation means that the costs will be recovered somewhere else: a good consultation will give you at least 30 minutes of detailed advice and guidance and you should be willing to pay for this expertise.
8. Trust your instincts – if you feel uncomfortable it is because you are being made uncomfortable!
9. Don't be rushed or pushed into making a decision – take your time and be prepared to walk away.
10. Remember it is always the safest option to do nothing: you can always go back for treatment another time.

Art Week and Festival in Sherwood

THERE will be art on display all over Sherwood for a week in June, not only paintings and drawings but also ceramics, textiles, sculpture, photography etc. and art workshops

The artworks will be exhibited throughout the ward in many different public places - shop windows, offices, restaurants, libraries, churches.

The artists and craftsmen participating are almost all local and include professionals

and amateurs, well-known and unknown.

Sherwood Art Week will take place from Saturday 13th to Saturday 20th June. The final event will be the Sherwood Festival held on Woodthorpe Park on Saturday 20th, 12 noon to 8pm.

The Art Week is organised from the Sherwood Depot Activity Centre and if you would like to know more telephone 0115 985 6777

New speed cameras

THE city council is installing speed cameras on London Road and Mansfield Road. The two stretches of the A60 have been identified as accident black spots where traffic routinely travels faster than the 30mph speed limit.

The average speed cameras will monitor traffic travelling in both directions. Cameras will

be installed on London Road between the BBC studios and Trent Bridge and on Mansfield Road between the junction with Hucknall Road and the junction with Haydn road.

The average traffic speed on the A60 is currently 35mph. On Mansfield Road there have recently been 5 serious and 26 minor accidents.



For 20 years Mums from the PNEU School have been meeting on Wednesday mornings in John Lewis restaurant for coffee and a chat. To celebrate this milestone they were treated to coffee and cake by the manager of the restaurant (above left)

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The bread counter of the new Waitrose in Trinity Square

Waitrose opens its first convenience store in Nottingham

WAITROSE has unveiled its first ever convenience format with the opening of the new 5,815 sq ft shop in Trinity Square in December. Located opposite John Lewis, it is the first of an initial four branch trial of the format. The shops offer something unique within the convenience market place. There is a strong focus on specialist counters

and fresh produce including specialist cheeses, a fresh meat and fish counter and freshly baked bread. There is also a self-service food bar with breakfast foods (smoothies, granola and yoghurts etc.) in the morning, freshly made baguettes, sandwiches and salads at lunch and meals for the evening.

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Never too late

by Netty Cox

Last year I won my first race on a freezing cold morning in a Women's Quadruple scull on the river Soar. This was my second race; a month earlier I had entered the 'Trent Head' on another bad-hair weather day in a single scull but had the misfortune to capsize twice on the start line. It took two beached landings to get back in but I managed and in time to compete. I came last but coming through Trent Bridge with my entourage of launch boats, it felt like I had come first!

Head racing is all about posting the best possible time over a set distance, anything from 3,000 to 6,000m. Crews row up to a point of the river and then like stacking aircraft wait for their turn to charge back down the course. This type of racing takes place all over the



country between September and March. It is a sight to behold and is all part of the preparation and build-up to the regatta season when crews and boats race side by side hoping to qualify for elite events such as Henley.

Nottingham Rowing Club is the middle boat house between Trent Bridge and Nottingham Forest football ground. In May last year the club had an open day to attract new members. I went along and from my first outing in an 'eight', I was hooked. I then attended sculling school at the National Sports Centre and the rest as they say is history. I am now part of the Women's Intermediate squad

with an age range of 25-48 and I am the oldest!

The club attracts a broad spectrum of ages and ability - from recreational rowers to former and hopeful Olympians. It also has a very lively social scene. If you are small, narrow of beam and would like to learn a new skill, you could try your hand at coxing. I have and it is great fun - you can be in charge of a whole crew of men or women steering the boat and putting them through their paces. Suffice to say, coxes need to be vocal, confident and not afraid of barking a few orders.

To find out more visit the website at www.nrcuk.org or come

down on a Saturday or Sunday morning at around 10 am and ask to speak to the Club Captain. No appointment necessary but avoid days when Nottingham Forest are playing at home.

Anyone fancy a Champagne Breakfast?

THE Nottingham branch of the NSPCC is hoping you do and is appealing to local residents to organise one of these bubbly events to help them raise funds!

People all over the country have been hosting Champagne Breakfasts and raising much-needed cash for the NSPCC Child's Voice Appeal (Let No Cry Go Unheard). So if a few of you fancy getting together to organise one of these events for such a worthy cause, please get in touch with Julia Stewart, Nottinghamshire's Fund-Raising Manager, on 0844 8920217.



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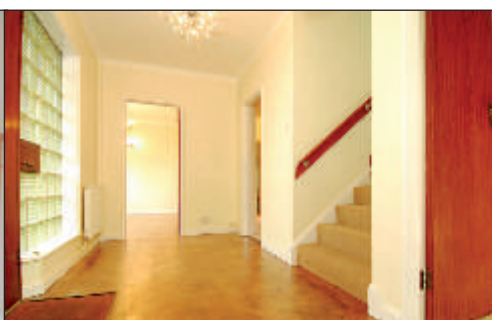
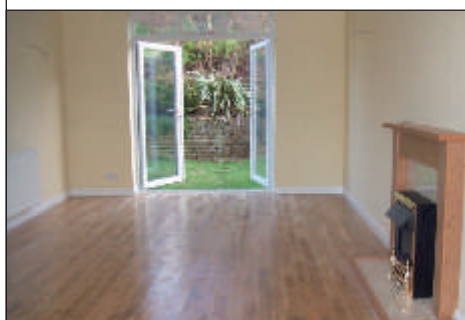


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* 3 further double bedrooms * Family bathroom
* Separate WC. **Outside:** Double garage 23'x 11'
* Brick storeroom * Private rear garden 50' x 70' divided into three lawned terraces with established borders.





Restoration of Mapperley Hall gardens

by Nigel Hughes
The Contented Gardener

It seems like yesterday when I was asked to look at the gardens of Mapperley Hall. The gardens had been planted and maintained by a landscape company employed by the building developers. The garden in 2000 was planted like an out-of-town shopping car park - lots of mass planting of evergreen shrubs for easy maintenance, but no character. It did not complement the beautiful period building at its centre.



I suggested the removal of most of the planting and start again. This was quite drastic but the aim was to get the residents to use the garden as their own as it was a communal garden.

Work started in October 2000. The garden is on different levels with a medium size lawn, surrounded by borders on 3 sides on the first level and then down stone steps to another lawned area and further down to a woodland area. In the first two weeks I removed the shrubs which were not required and began to get a feel for the garden, including its soil type and its weeds! Over



a period of time, I restocked two borders with old English Shrub Roses and the other borders with Irises, Delphiniums, Peonies and Geraniums.

The weeds still crept through but eventually I did manage to get on top of them. At the back of the garden, there was a neglected woodland area and once cleared, Bluebells, Snowdrops and Daffodils found their home. I also planted over 40 Rhododendrons which flower from December to June.

In 2007, the garden was open to the public for the Mapperley Park Garden Trail. A new border was created but I was shocked to discover a sheet of concrete underneath the turf. With the help of a sledgehammer and new planting, the border was created. I also built a stairway in the woodland area. The end result was a pleasing garden, viewed and admired by many in June 2007.

Now my work is done and I must say goodbye. When you say goodbye to a garden, you say goodbye to a friend. I have shared the ups and downs of the reconstruction of the garden and I will always cherish the memories.

An invitation from Dover Beck Flower Club

by Mary Wile

DOVER Beck Flower Club, Burton Joyce was formed by some very enthusiastic ladies in 1991, meeting originally in Lowdham Village Hall. Hence the name Dover Beck Flower Club, as the Dover Beck runs through Lowdham. They then moved to the Carnarvon Rooms in Burton Joyce, but the club became very successful and moved to its present home in Burton Joyce Village Hall. Several of the founder ladies are still involved with the club.

We meet usually on the third Thursday of every month, in the Village Hall, Trent Lane. There is a small fee for visitors of £4. If you have a love of flowers, foliage or gardens, do come to any of our meetings where you will be assured

of a warm and friendly welcome. For further information please telephone 0115 9264649. All meetings start at 7.30pm

Meetings in 2009

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| Mar 19 | Jackie O'Hare 'The Mad March Hare' |
| Apr 16 | Georgina Burrell 'The Burrell Collection' |
| May 21 | Marion Sudbury (National Demonstrator) |
| Jun 18 | Carol Farmer 'Seasonal Joy' |
| Jul 16 | Sasha Fenby 'Journey into the Unknown' |
| Sep 17 | Barbara Collins 'Shades of Autumn' |
| Oct 16 | Lee Berrill 'Let's be Different' |
| Nov 18 | Bob Harris (National Demonstrator) |

This is our Christmas Open Meeting and is held at the Bonington Theatre, High Street, Arnold

If there are no titles, it's because the demonstrator hasn't let us know the title of their demonstration. Many thanks for our inclusion in your Mapperley Park News

Local gardens to open

Some gardens in Thorncliffe Road will be open on 21 June this year, to raise money for the Friends of the Forest. We hope to do a small version of last year's Mapperley Park splendid garden day. Watch local press for details.

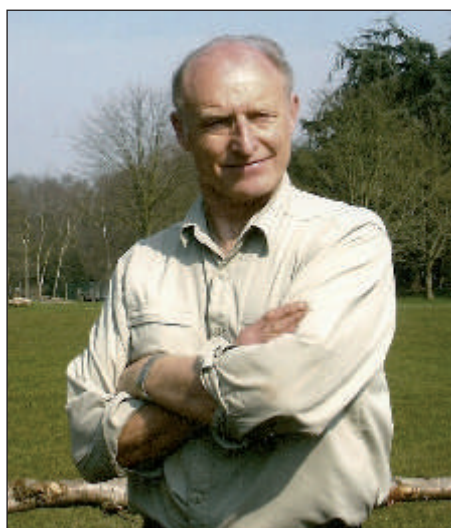
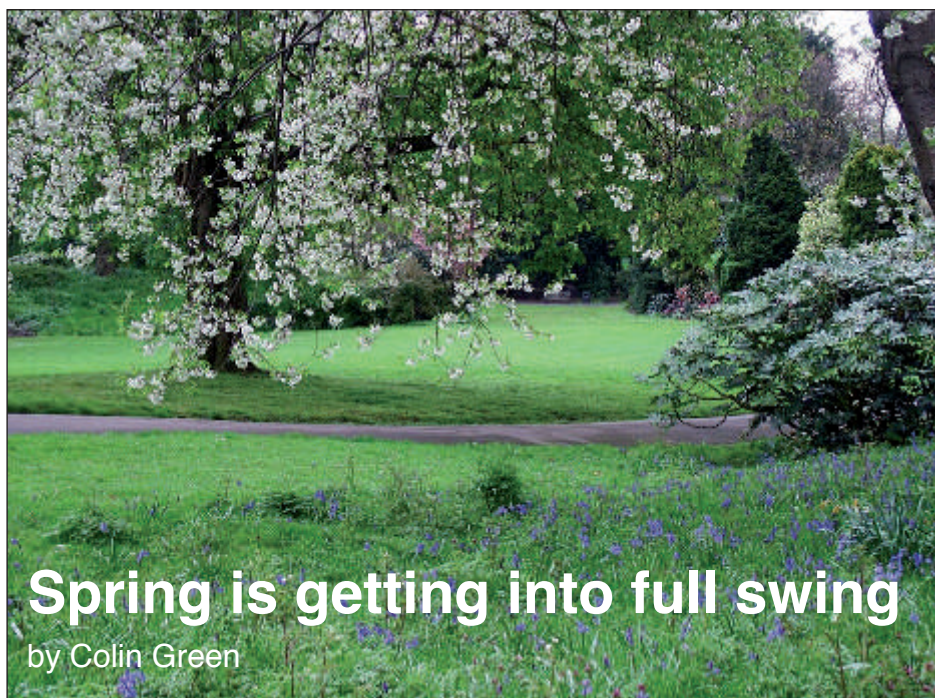
IN early Spring the days begin to lengthen; birds are singing, buds bursting and nature starts to re-awaken from its long winter sleep. Look out for some of our early wild flowers they will be adding a welcome splash of colour to the countryside, particularly violets, cowslips and primroses.

Frogs will be spawning and each female will lay a thousand or more eggs. The reason why frogs produce so much spawn is to compensate for the huge losses of potential offspring. A rough estimate is that for every two-thousand eggs laid possibly only five of the tadpoles will survive to be an adult frog and breed themselves. If you are a tadpole, froglet or even a frog you are a potential meal for a wide variety of creatures. This almost endless list includes fish, newts, birds, mammals, water beetles, dragonfly larvae the list is endless.

Birds will be starting to build their nests, if some haven't already done so. To give them a helping hand by saving them time I create a DIY store for the birds visiting my garden. I collect the materials that birds need in order to construct their nests, such as hay, moss and small twigs, etc. I put them in a container, or a convenient location in the garden, and wait for the birds to help themselves. You will be amazed at just how quickly the birds take advantage of these free DIY materials.

Birds are also getting more vocal and woods, hedgerows, parks and gardens are full of their songs. By learning to identify birds by their songs alone you become more aware of the variety of birdlife around you. Bird watching by ear enables you to identify common birds and it will certainly impress your family and friends!

Summer migrant birds will also be joining us by mid-spring, so watch out for swifts, swallows, martins, willow warblers and chiff-chaffs. There's always one summer migrant I always listen out for, the cuckoo.



Colin Green is ITV's
Environmental correspondent

To me, it's one of those sounds which stops me in my tracks, whatever I'm doing. When I was a young lad it was a common sound but sadly some summers pass by now without a sound from this unique bird.

Hedgehogs will be about by mid-spring, having awoken from their long winter sleep. You may see them on their nocturnal wanderings in their search for food to build up their body weight ... one reason for having a garden well-stocked with all kinds of creepy-crawlies.

Spring is the most exciting time of the year with nature getting into full swing by producing, developing and creating new life. Whether you are wandering through the countryside, local park or just sitting in your garden, you will be surrounded by the wonderful colours, shapes, scents and sounds of nature.

Mapperley Park Gardening Group - plans for 2009



Visiting Clumber Park

by Lorna Weir


I'm very pleased to be able to tell you that the Gardening Group now has 71 members and that is 'blooming marvellous' news! So if you have yet to join, do come along and meet us at one of the monthly events.

In 2009 we will be visiting seven new and interesting gardens, both locally and further afield and also the Eglantine Vineyard in September. We will also be having a quiz, a plant swap, a Christmas wreath making session and a talk. Our coach trip will be to Rennishaw Hall and Fanshawe Gate Gardens on Friday 12 June, so pop that date into your diary.

Our skills as gardeners range from the more experienced to the enthusiastic beginner and from active gardeners to 'armchair specialists'! Our meetings are held at different times and on different days each month to give everyone a chance to come along to something. If you would like to see our programme do email me on lornaweir2002@yahoo.co.uk or call on 0115 960 3897. Membership is a bargain at £6 per household for the year. It is a lovely way to get to know your neighbours and to be part of the Mapperley Park Community.

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Chairman's report



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EVERY cloud has a silver lining and for Mapperley Park the credit crunch has meant that the hunger for redevelopment of our gardens has, it would seem, disappeared, at least for the time being and so I have nothing to report on that front.

The Committee is now starting to plan for the forthcoming AGM (7.30pm on 20 April at St Jude's Church Hall) to which we always invite councillors, council officers and the police, so if you have any questions you want to raise there consider letting me know in advance so that we can ensure that our guests come armed with the relevant information.

Having spent a lot of time on the difficult question of planning and the Conservation Plan, the

Committee has some time to spend on more social matters. The Residents' Association is not, primarily, a social club of course but there's room for project 'get to know your community' on the agenda.

Over the last two or three years, the monthly coffee mornings at the Ukrainian Centre have proved to be a success in getting people together and the gardening club has gone from strength to strength.

We are currently looking at the possibility of arranging a short series of evening talks on any topic of common interest at a local venue.

Many of you will know local resident Martine Hamilton-Knight, a well known architectural photographer, who has kindly offered to deliver our first talk - details to follow!

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and look forward to seeing you at the AGM in April (see page 20 for details).



(L to R) Maureen Gledhill, Gillian Clarke, Barbara McMurchy, Kenneth Clarke

Kenneth Clarke, MP for Rushcliffe, and his wife Gillian attended the annual Oxfam Lunch in St Jude's church hall in January. The fundraising event was organised by local residents, Paul and Ruth Watts

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| 23 - 28 March NOTTINGHAM GANG SHOW | 2 April KENNY RODGERS | 1 May RHYDIAN |
| 31 March - 11 April WEST SIDE STORY | 3 April JAMES MORRISON | 4 - 9 May Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL |
| 4 March ROB BRYDON | 4 April BAT OUT OF HELL The Symphony | 12 May JOHN BARROWMAN |
| 5 March BERLIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA | 7 April THE CHUCKLE BROTHERS | 14 - 17 May LE GRAND CIRQUE |
| 7 March NOTTINGHAM PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA | 9 April HALLE | 31 May BEYOND THE BARRICADE |
| 10 - 14 March FAME THE MUSICAL | 10 April LEMAR | 2 - 6 June AN INSPECTOR CALLS |
| 16 - 21 March RIVERDANCE | 11 April DAVID BYRNE | 16 - 20 June OPERA NORTH SUMMER Season |
| 23 March CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA | 14 - 18 April THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK | 22 - 27 June SPIDER'S WEB |
| 24 March BLAKE AND NATASHA MARSH | 21 April ULTRAVOX | 30 June ROLL OUT THE BARREL |
| 25 March RUSSELL WATSON | 22 April SHAOLIN WARRIORS | 6 June BEANBAG PROMS Sparkle! Zap! Ta da! |
| 27 March HOT FLUSH | 23 April SINGALONGA SOUND OF MUSIC | 11 June RUSSELL HOWARD |
| 28 March NOTTM ARMONIC SOCIETY Brahms & Beethoven | 24 April ROSS NOBLE | 13 June JUST THE TONIC |
| 29 March LAST NIGHT OF THE SPRING PROMS | 25 April SANDRA TAYLOR School of Dance - Synergy | 16 June NOTTINGHAM CLASSICS Drivetime Concert |
| 30 March BJORN AGAIN | 26 & 27 April DERREN BROWN LIVE | 18 June HALLE |
| 31 March LADIES OF COUNTRY | 28 April ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA | 19 June ONE NIGHT WITH ELVIS |
| 31 March - 11 April WEST SIDE STORY | 29 April Colin Fry & TJ Higgs. THE BEST OF BRITISH MEDIUMSHIP | 20 June PINK FLOYD LASER SPECTACULAR |
| 14 - 18 April RSC: THE TEMPEST | 30 April SOLID SILVER 60S | 24 June THE LADYBOYS OF BANGKOK |
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| Sat 28 March 11.00am & 1.00pm THE NUTCRACKER (Saturday Club) | Thurs 30 April 8.00pm TOM KITCHING & GREN BARTLET (Playhouse Folk) | Tues 19 May 7.30pm EDDI READER |
| Tues 31 March - Sat 4 April THE HOUNDING OF DAVID OLUWALE | Tues 5 May 7.30pm NEW ENGLISH CONTEMPORARY BALLET | Wed 20 May 8.00pm JUAN MARTIN Flamenco Ensemble |
| Sun 5 April at 7.45pm PIECES | Fri 8 - Sat 9 May BREAKIN' CONVENTION | Wed 27 May 2.00pm BOOGIE PETE Live! |
| Mon 6 April 2.00pm DAN ZANES & FRIENDS | Mon 11 May 8.00pm MARK THOMAS Belching Out the Devil | Thurs 28 May 7.30pm NOISE ENSEMBLE |
| Tues 7 April 8.00pm ED BYRNE | Thurs 14 - Fri 15 May 7.30pm RICHARD ALSTON DANCE COMPANY | Fri 29 May 7.30pm CAMILLE O'SULLIVAN |
| Fri 10 - Sat 11 April CIRCO DE LA SOMBRA | | Fri 5 - Sat 20 June GARAGE BAND |
| Thurs 23 - Sat 25 Apr THE VISIT (Playhouse Youth Theatre) | | Thurs 11 June 8.00pm RUTH NOTMAN (Playhouse Folk) |
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Something to look forward to ...

'Spring into Summer' 2009

Fashion Show

Thursday 26th March

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Exciting changes - the popular fashion event 'Spring into Summer' rolls out twice on the 26th March - first with a leisurely luncheon as before and then as an early evening show with champagne and canapes - an informal and upbeat format which is fast developing as a great networking opportunity.

At both shows - champagne - ten exclusive stalls - prize draw. New for this year's an auction of holidays in a villa near Disney Land, Florida and a house in Aviemore, Scotland.

Fashion houses showing include John Lewis, Dressini, Bridge Boutique, Debenhams Designer, Hansons and Slaters. Also fabulous

lingerie and swimwear from Underwraps.

Heart FM's Donna from the Drive Time show and Sam and Amy from the morning show are our hosts. Savills have donated the champagne.

This year the beneficiary charities are The British Red Cross and The Multiple Sclerosis Society.

'Spring into Summer' is already a date in the diary of many Mapperley Park ladies. Tickets are selling fast - £35 for luncheon show - £28 for evening event. For tickets call Clare Moore on 0115 962 3168 or email Vivienne on viviennetregidga@yahoo.co.uk See you there.



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Martine's photograph of the Playhouse mirror and Wellington Circus

By Martine Hamilton Knight

THIS Tuesday morning is typical of most starts to the day - glued to the TV forecasts and, if in doubt, down to the office internet looking for backup to verify their predictions or to counter their views. Today I was picking up Anna, my assistant at 7am to go back to Wakefield for the fourth time to finish what should have been a single overnight trip. As I went to bed last night, they were promising wall to wall sunshine. Now? Widespread wintry showers. Grrr... too risky. I only get paid for the job I've priced, not for all the extra journeys made in the cause of finding sunshine and meteorologists getting it wrong.

So what's it all about then? I photograph architecture, brand new, or recently restored, in the cause of award submissions (seen the RIBA Stirling Prize on TV?), or for magazines and books, for architects folios & designers

A day in the life

brochures. Buildings are three-dimensional objects and need to be shown as such. For the best modelling and render, nothing beats good strong sunshine, and that's what I seek everyday. Frustrating in the UK? You bet. Pointless? Sometimes, but nothing beats the feel of the sun on your back when others are stuck in a dreary office, and you're out and about with your camera. Then, finally seeing the results in print is the high point, the basis of which may reap awards and accolade for that project.

Today will now mean a more local job - this time a vision document for a local authority, and meaning lots of rooftop viewpoints, transport interchanges, retail and housing, for a development plan destined to last for the next ten years.

You may have seen my images at work on a reasonably frequent basis - there have been a couple of books about our own city. In 2006 *Nottingham Transformed* was published, a 176 page book about regeneration and change in the city over the last 15 years. In addition, *Campus Views*, a picture book published by the University of Nottingham about their six campuses came out in 2007.

Also in 2007, there was a BBC4 series about photography which featured me, called 'A Digital Picture of Britain', in which I was challenged to do my job with a very different camera to that which I usually used - in this case a tiny compact one. I documented buildings such as the great 1930s masterpiece BOOTS D10 factory, and a stunning private house in The Park, complete with caves. It was fun and frustrating at the same time, and proved that working in front of the camera can be as challenging as staying behind it!

After almost twenty years in the field, 2009 sees another direction for me - a desire to stay a little more in tune with my city, and to connect with others keen on photography. LINE +LIGHT is a photography school, with training days in the field (with me), or in the classroom with my good friend Robert Rowe, where those interested in PhotoShop can spend time improving their images via PC. Two days a month I shall take small groups around either the beautiful University of Nottingham campus with its fine architecture and stunning gardens, or around the city itself, on a day based at Nottingham Castle. Either side of that it will be business as usual: chasing the sun and cursing the met office when they're wrong, or skipping for joy when that sky is deep blue!

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The courses I have taken have been one day events, half day or evening classes. Before you access Karen and Susie's website be prepared for a mind-blowing experience. Our home is now awash with the products of these classes - some were interests re-born, some completely unknown and seemingly bizarre. I have learned Parcel Bind Weaving, Recycled Mixed Media, Paper Making and Stitching, Beaded Bracelets and Necklaces and Felt-making.

I never expected to come away from these days with so much. My mum wanted to know where I had bought all the new garden ornaments. I had made them from reclaimed aluminium cans, wire and buttons! But until I explained how they had been constructed she was not convinced I had made these works of art myself.

The sessions have increased my zest to expand my craft skills. Recently I embarked on 20 week Mosaic and Stained Glass courses - both completely new to me. The specialist tutors who lead the small classes encourage interest, so much so that I am already planning new projects.

When you visit the shop or think about embarking a course, please remember I did issue a warning with this article.

You will wonder why people were ever in need of a square box powered by electricity!

Call for action on dog owners

By Mapperley Park resident

THERE seems to be an influx of irresponsible dog owners not clearing up in Mapperley Park. Regular offenders use Cyprus Road, Carisbrooke Drive and Mapperley Hall Drive as their route and leave behind

evidence of their visits. I suspect not all are Mapperley Park residents.

Can I urge all residents to help identify the culprits and informing the dog wardens, telephone 9156223. The times of visits are useful to them.

Whilst on the subject of dogs can I appeal to those owners who seem oblivious to the disturbance their barking dogs are causing to be more neighbourly.

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With many Mapperley Park houses being of a 'certain age' regular checks are even more important.

Leaking roofs, downpipes and guttering can all cause damp problems, and holes can allow squirrels and birds to take up residence in your loft!

Here are a few simple ideas:

- * Use binoculars to check the roof (don't try getting up there on a ladder!)
- * Open your loft door and see if any daylight is visible

between the tiles, which may indicate a problem.

- * Look for slipped or missing tiles - pieces of broken tile on the ground will provide clues where to look - and have them replaced as soon as possible.
- * Check chimneys for signs of leaning and make sure any smoke comes out of the top, not at the bottom or through nearby brickwork.
- * Clear leaves and soil from gutters and check for blocked downpipes. Remove any weeds which may be growing from these areas.
- * Check behind downpipes for cracks using a mirror.
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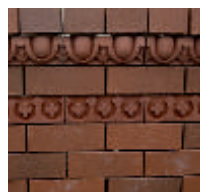
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Letter to all residents from the Chairman of the Residents' Association

February 2009

Dear Resident

Out of 2,400 families in Mapperley Park who receive our Newsletter free of charge, there are only around 300 families who subscribe to the Residents' Association. So, we urge you to become a member of MPRA and give us your support.

The work of the Residents' Association includes:

- * Publishing Mapperley Park News, our twice yearly newsletter
- * Arranging for local Councillors, their staff and the Police to attend our AGM
- * Consulting with the local authority, police etc. on a wide range of community issues affecting our area
- * Considering Planning Issues and making representations to the City Council
- * Organising social events, and monthly meetings at the Ukrainian Centre
- * Helping residents to establish interest groups
- * Organising bulb planting.

One of our aims is to strengthen the sense of community in Mapperley Park, but we cannot do it alone. The more members the Residents' Association has, the stronger its voice. So, we urge you to join now using the forms below. For those of you who are already members, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Carole Ayre - Chairman

Mapperley Park Residents' Association **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held at St Jude's Church Hall,
Woodborough Road
at 7.30pm on Monday 20 April 2009

AGENDA

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2008
4. PLANNING
5. TRAFFIC
6. TREES
7. AREA COMMITTEE
8. CRIME & NUISANCE
9. MAPPERLEY PARK NEWS
10. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
11. SUBSCRIPTIONS
12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE (See below)
13. APPOINTMENT OF AN HONORARY INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Richard Bonnello offers himself for re-election.
14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Including matters, if any, arising from the 2008 Minutes not covered above.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

As at the printing of this Notice, the persons listed on page 2 have offered themselves for election. Nominations for the vacant Committee positions, or to contest the posts of the Officers, are welcomed.

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