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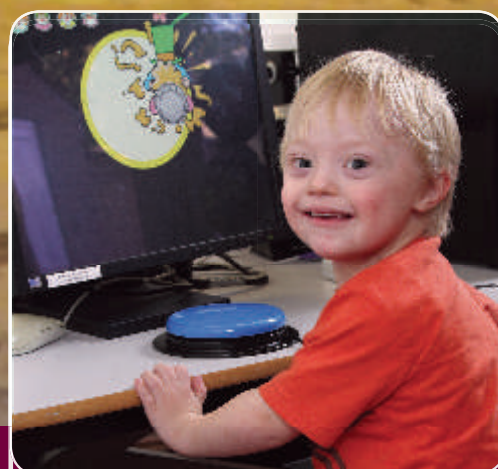


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Open on Wednesday & Friday (10.am - 3.00pm)

## New look newsletter

We hope you like our 'new look' Mapperley Park News magazine! We'd love to hear what you think. And if you have any ideas or contributions, please contact any of the editors. We have also changed our publication dates to April 1st and October 1st.

To contribute, please send any articles or photographs to Suma Harding or Annette Blair, and to advertise, please contact Sue Ahsan.  
The deadline for our next edition is August 1st. Email us at [mapperleyparknews@gmail.com](mailto:mapperleyparknews@gmail.com)

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# Community spirit saves the day

While most Mapperley Park residents are used to snow and ice causing difficult driving conditions on our steep hills, the recent Big Freeze caused real havoc.

A large number of cars were abandoned across the estate for several days with some roads turning into iced up skidpans.

The car pictured on Page 1 crashed into the middle of the roundabout at the junction of Mapperley Hall Drive and Lucknow Drive. Luckily no one was hurt – though the planters, paid for by Mapperley Park Residents' Association (MPRA), were damaged.

Thankfully, community spirit saved the day – and members of MPRA spent their own time and money to get them fixed.

The issue of icy roads is likely to be with us for some time. And will certainly be back next winter. A Mapperley Park News investigation has revealed there are around

14 grit boxes within the environs of the estate. Many were emptied very quickly in the early part of the freeze – and not topped up again. It was also claimed people were driving into the estate and filling up bags from the boxes.

Nottingham City Council classifies Mansfield Road, Woodborough Road, Mapperley Hall Drive and Magdala Road as main gritting routes. The streets within that 'square' aren't a priority – so grit boxes are vital for locals to keep their roads open.

On a general note, the council says it had a stock of 2,600 tonnes of grit and salt to treat the city's roads – and will have five gritting lorries on standby until April.

Anyone who wants any more information about grit box locations and gritting routes can find it at [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/snow](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/snow)



*Public-spirited residents repair the planters: Angus Macrae, Francis Reeson and Mark Jenkinson*



*Johnny Beedham ...  
"Oldest butcher in Nottingham."*

As a 12-year-old Johnny Pusztai got to know Mapperley Park better than most – cycling across the estate delivering meat from local butchers J.T. Beedham's where he worked as the Saturday boy.

Among his other chores was scrubbing the meat counters, the floors – and the toilets! But the hard work didn't put him off. At 16 he became a full-time apprentice. It was a job he loved and excelled at, so much so he took over the shop, the business and today is better known as Johnny Beedham.

"It's funny; lots of people think it's my real name which I take as an honour to be honest. I think Beedham's is the oldest butcher in Nottingham dating back to

## A reputation built on quality

1876. They've always had a fantastic reputation and I'm proud to carry on that tradition" he says.

But it's a different kind of tradition and heritage that is turning Johnny Pusztai into one of Britain's best known butchers – his Hungarian roots.

His father Dez Pusztai came to Britain, setting up home in Sherwood following the 1956 Hungarian Uprising.

"My dad loved Nottingham but there were many things he missed about his homeland, particularly the food. You couldn't get Hungarian-style smoked meats and sausages anywhere so he decided to make them himself".

Dez set up a small smokehouse in his back garden and pretty soon the family home became a favourite meeting place for Nottingham's tiny Hungarian community. It was here Johnny learnt the art of curing and smoking meat and where his association with Beedham's began.

"Dad knew how to smoke and cure meats in the traditional way because he'd been brought up on a small farm. He used to buy great pork from Beedham's then he'd cure it at our semi. His friends would come round at the weekend to drink beer and wine and to get a taste of home."

It was a natural move for Johnny to start doing it himself once he'd become a fully fledged butcher. Now his dried and cured meats are sold in some of the top restaurants in Nottingham and have featured on several national cooking shows.

"It's been a real success and I regard it as something of a tribute to my father. I'm still smoking pork in the cellar at my shop but there's so much demand I'd like to expand into bigger premises".

Johnny says he'd never want that business to get so big that quality would be compromised. "My reputation is built on quality – that's the Beedham's heritage and that's why my customers continue to come back."

And to try to guarantee that he personally sources all his meat from just two farms in Nottinghamshire both less than twenty miles from his Sherwood shop.

"I believe in local. I also want to know where my animals come from and how they've been treated. It really does make a difference."

Johnny also has another passion in his life – ice hockey! He played for Nottingham Panthers and still regularly attends games.

**See page 5 for Johnny's favourite recipe  
Chicken Porkolt**

# Do something Amazing!

Have you ever considered becoming a blood donor? Perhaps not high on many peoples' priority list, yet a very easy way to make a huge difference to the lives of others.

It is a staggering statistic that 96% of us rely upon the other 4% to give blood.

I became a blood donor at the age of 18 and have given regularly ever since although I'm afraid my reason for starting was entirely selfish.

My blood group is relatively uncommon, with only 7% of the population sharing my group. I realised that, should I ever be unfortunate enough to need a transfusion, I would be relying on a very small number of people to have donated my type. I decided that if more people like me donated, we would all have a better chance of receiving the correct blood if we needed it!

Some people feel that becoming a blood donor is a good way of 'giving back' after a relative or friend has been the beneficiary

of a life saving blood transfusion either during illness or surgery.

Giving blood usually takes less than an hour. There is minimal discomfort and most people suffer few ill effects. You will get a cup of tea and biscuits after your donation and will have a legitimate excuse to put your feet up for a while afterwards!

Best of all you will leave with the feeling that you have done something good for someone else.

Sue Ahsan

**If you are aged 17 - 65 and generally in good health, why not give it a try?**

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## Go and do something funny for money



**It's Red Nose Day on Friday, March 18th,** and organisers are once again hoping to raise millions of pounds for charity.

If you, or anyone you know, is doing anything interesting or amusing on this date, please let us know and send us your photographs. We'd love to see what you get up to!

## WOMEN POTTERS CASTLE WORKSHOP

Nottingham Castle is holding a study day to celebrate the work of women studio potters.

Moir Vincentelli, Professor in Art History and Curator of Ceramics, Aberystwyth University, will be speaking in the morning. She is the author of *Women and Ceramics: Gendered Vessels*, and *Women Potters: Transforming Traditions*. She is a lead figure in contemporary studies in ceramics.

Moir has curated several national touring exhibitions of ceramics. She is a founding member of the National Centre for Ceramics in Wales and is on the Editorial Board of *Interpreting Ceramics*. She is also a member of the Organising Committee of the International Ceramics Festival.

Micki Schloessing, is an internationally acclaimed potter and one of the few

in the UK making wood-fired salt-glaze pots. She trained at Harrow on the Studio Pottery course and set up her workshop, building a wood firing salt-glaze kiln in Yorkshire in the early 1970s.

She has been working for over 20 years in her studio in Gower, South Wales.

Micki, who will give a demonstration in the afternoon, has been a fellow of the Craft Potters Association since 1979 and is a member of Contemporary Applied Arts.

There will also be an opportunity to view the Ballantyne Collection of studio ceramics during the day.

The charge for the study day, on March 5th, is £20 per person. Contact the Castle on 0115 915 3700.

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# Special School is a hidden gem

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Rutland House School for Parents is the only specialised pre-school for children with motor disorders in Nottingham. It provides a much-needed service for up to 40 babies and young children who have impaired mobility (e.g. cerebral palsy or Down's Syndrome, and associated disabilities). Cerebral palsy occurs in one in every 400 births. The condition is as unique as the child and can be relatively mild or very complex, and there is no cure. However, early intervention can help.

The school also works with parents to help them understand the difficulties of their child's condition and devise strategies to encourage the development of basic skills. The school offers a holistic approach based on the practice and principle of Conductive Education developed at the Petö Institute in Hungary and believe that children with mobility and communication impairments can improve their level of



● Parents, children and staff celebrate a donation to the school.

development if the correct stimulation is provided. This approach is compatible with the usual therapies offered by mainstream medical and educational services and is based upon over 30 years of clinical and research work in the UK and abroad.

Erika Juhasz, Conductor Manager at School for Parents, said: "We know there are many parents not knowing what to do or where to go for advice or help with their child - it is our mission to be available for those families".

Parents have nothing but praise for the school. As one mother said: "Rutland House School for Parents is a hidden gem in Nottingham. It is an invaluable facility and I feel very grateful to have had access to it with my daughter for the past five years."

School for Parents is wholly reliant on voluntary donations to keep going and needs £200,000 per year.

To find out more about this charity on our doorstep and the vital support that it provides for disabled children and their families visit: [www.schoolforparents.org](http://www.schoolforparents.org) or call 0115 985 8178



● A toddler at the school enjoys reflective play.

## ***Favourite Recipe: Johnny's Chicken Porkolt (Serves 4)***

### **Ingredients**

For the pork stock  
Dash of olive oil  
2 onions, chopped  
3 pig's trotters  
2 pig's tails  
½ parsnip, grated  
2 red peppers, chopped  
4 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1 chicken carcass  
300ml water  
Salt & pepper, to taste

### **For the chicken porkolt**

680g chicken thighs  
4 tbsp olive oil  
½ tbsp caraway seeds, to taste  
2 large onions, finely chopped  
2-3 peppers (one of each colour)  
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1 tbsp Hungarian paprika, to taste  
1½ tbsp tomato puree  
Salt and pepper, to taste

### **Preparation**

To make the pork stock  
Heat a touch of olive oil in a pan and fry off the onions.

Once fried, add the pig's trotters, tails, grated parsnip, peppers, garlic and chicken carcass. Pour over the water, season and bring to the boil. Leave to simmer for 3 hours.  
Take off the heat and skim off any film from the surface of the stock and then strain and leave to cool.  
To make the chicken porkolt  
De-bone the chicken thighs and chop into strips.  
Put the caraway seeds in a pan with a dash of olive oil and toast. Once ready, take out and set aside for later.  
Sweat the onions in 3 tbsp olive

oil until soft and translucent. Add half of the peppers and the garlic and continue to sweat. Add the chicken and brown on all sides.  
Add the paprika onto the chicken and mix together. Season to taste. Add the pork stock a little at a time to keep it moist and bring to the boil.  
Add the tomato puree and leave to simmer for about 40 minutes. Make a roux; mix plain flour and sour cream and add to the chicken right at the end.

***Serve in bowls and enjoy!***

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# 2011: In Parliament and in Mapperley Park



Chris Leslie  
MP for Nottingham East

“Most Challenging time in the history of public services”

Having spent 2010 getting to grips with the task of being a new Member of Parliament for Nottingham East, I hope that in 2011 I can add my support to the many local campaigns and causes that affect local people in Mapperley Park.

We're facing the most challenging time in the history of public services in this country and the scale of the budget reductions will really bite hard this year. Not only will households face higher bills, taxes and cuts in tax credits / benefits, the quality of services may well deteriorate – especially with the City Council facing a 16% cut in their funding in 2011. While I am not in charge of local decision-making, I am happy to make representations to the Council, to local health services, schools and the police if and when problems arise. But mostly I hope to be able speak up in Parliament for the things that matter.

Two recent examples come to mind: the Nottinghamshire Fire Service may lose six fire engines because of the budget changes, and so I've been keen to press Ministers about the impact of this on public safety. Frontline emergency services like the fire service and police force are valued by many in Mapperley and across the city. I've also had meetings with the Carrington Post Office Campaign Group to think of new ways to see a return to counter services in the area. While it has been more than two years since the old Post Office closed, I arranged a discussion with senior national Post Office officials a few weeks ago to see whether the latest changes to Post Office

policy could revive some form of service for residents. It is early days, but I'm increasingly optimistic that Post Office officials may be interested in working with bodies such as the local council to coordinate counter and cash services in the city – although much more work needs to be done.

I am not convinced that we have seen the final chapter in this saga yet and I feel there is still all to play for. My main concern is to get feedback and early warning of issues as they arise – so if you have anything I ought to be raising in Parliament please do email me at [chris.leslie@parliament.uk](mailto:chris.leslie@parliament.uk)

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# Who has lived in your house?

Who owned your house first?

How and why has the house been changed?

These are micro history questions which some people have researched in the Very Local History Group, covering mostly Mapperley Park.

The VLHG is a self-help group for people who want to find out for themselves about local historical questions. Some readers will have a copy of Ken Brand's history of Mapperley Park and have seen Terry Fry's booklets on Carrington. If not, look out for them on second-hand book websites and ask for them at meetings.

Other local researches by members of the group have covered such issues as why do Huntingdon Street and Glasshouse Street branch off Mansfield Road at such an angle? Where was the medieval leper colony in Nottingham and why was it there?

Recent speakers have included Terry Fry and Tony Waltham, the Nottingham cave geologist and explorer. Papers written have included the Nottingham brickyards in Mapperley, the history of All Saints Church, Raleigh Street, and public safety and security on the Forest over the years.

Meetings aren't very learned affairs: it's a group for ordinary local people who taken an interest in the maps and records of their area, to help each other do their own research, ask questions and enjoy the sometimes scandalous theorizing that takes place. Why not come and see if you enjoy it?

To contact the VLHG, email Megan Zadik: [megan.zadik@ntlworld.com](mailto:megan.zadik@ntlworld.com) (0115 8478691), or Paul Watts: [wattes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wattes@yahoo.co.uk) (07952 369066).



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● Picture and words by budding photographer Margaret Tamplin



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## 'Preaching about wines'

So here I get to preach what I practice - always a good, wholesome thing to do - and realign one's perspectives. It is with great rarity that in the Bennett household I pull a 'new world wine' from the rack - some say that's a shame as there are great wines out there waiting for discovery but with so much excitement in the wine world these days about 'natural' wine (no, little, or very low sulphur wine making) and the great undiscovered regions of Italy, that a new world wine is rather a novelty experience.

There is probably a reason and that is that I often find the wines of the new world rather simple and jammy. That is, all fruit and no real structure. Great stuff if you want to quaff them on their own, but because wine is a drink that is designed and destined to go with food, I rather think the mass produced new world stuff is missing a trick.

Tricks aside, in the interests of equality and fraternity I began to search for interesting wines for you to try over the next few months.

My quest began in Western Australia, the Margaret River to be precise, where the 'cool climate' is meant to imbue the wines of the region with some elegance. I like elegance. It is a quality to be admired in a wine and often not found in the Antipodes. Imagine my surprise when a bottle of Vasse Felix winery "The Heytesbury" of the 1996 vintage appeared on my table donated by a friend for dinner. Who said Australian wine does not age? Not me, for sure, as this was truly magnificent. Balanced, elegant, lovely ripe fruit still persisting through the palate and the length to surpass even some of the 1st Growth Bordeaux wines that I had the fortune to taste three weeks previously. (I have very kind wine friends!) Look out for this wine then keep it for 15 years and be really pleasantly surprised.

Please don't drink it when it's young, it gives so much pleasure when aged that it would be criminal not to allow the wine to develop the complexity that it deserves. Where else to go? Let's try the other side of the Australia and the Coonawarra. Nobody could describe this area as 'cool' - other than in the indigenous population's patois of - and so to Wynns Winery. One of the oldest in Oz and located on the famous 'Terra Rossa' soil, the family produce some cracking Cabernet based wines and even a half decent Syrah (Shiraz in Oz). The very posh stuff, 'Michael', 'John Riddoch' and 'Glengyle' are masterpieces in their own right and demand cellar time before drinking. I have to say the lower end of the range is rather unexciting but may be found in most decent wine shops.

Do have a look out for the Rieslings from the Clare Valley (just north of Adelaide) for the limey, fresh, fish and seafood friendly wines from Jeffery Grosset and Pewsey Vale. Perfect wines for the Spring.

By: *David Bennett*

## Need a tonic?



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# A good year for the Gardening Group

The last time I was writing an article for the Mapperley Park Newsletter, I was lamenting the demise of some beloved pots due to last winter's freezing weather.

A year later and the same thing has happened again. Looking at my blackened and drooping borders makes me realise that we had such a long run of warm winters that we have forgotten how hard a prolonged cold spell can be on the garden. Nevertheless, when the snow melted I found that some pinks were still flowering so nature will always find a way to surprise us.

2010 was a very good year for the Gardening Group and we had 13 varied and interesting events. We began the year with a controversial talk by Mike Davey on plant engineering and visited 5 gardens. Judy Small and Chris and Barbara Langstaff made us very welcome at their local gardens, as did Suma Harding at the busy plant swap in September. Our coach trip to Barnsdale Gardens and Art du Jardin was again blessed with warm, dry weather. A walk around the Jubilee Campus of Nottingham University was fascinating and returning to show a friend later in the year we discovered bee orchids growing near to a car park!

We hope that our programme for 2011 will be interesting and varied and will attract new members to join the group. We will be visiting two local gardens, Fiona Sawle's on Private Road and Lesley Brown's at the Lodge, Mapperley Road. We will be going to visit three other gardens and our coach trip is to Coton Manor this year. We will also be visiting Weleda in Ilkeston where they grow the ingredients for their toiletries and homeopathic medicines. We will be doing some practical propagation at Floral Media in Cauntton and visiting the National Collection of Auriculas. In September the plant swap will be in my new garden in Mapperley, so I had better stop writing and get gardening!

If you would like to join the group the annual subscription is £6.00 per household and you can contact me by email at [lorneweir49@googlemail.com](mailto:lorneweir49@googlemail.com) or by phone on 9879323. Don't feel you have to be an expert to join the group, anyone who enjoys meeting their neighbours in a relaxed and friendly way is most welcome. Come along to an event and see if it is for you. We meet on different days of the week and at different times each month so that there should be something you can fit into your schedule.



● Top: Rose du Jardin (her real name!) tells members about her wonderful art in the garden exhibition. Bottom: Members relax in rich surroundings at Barnsdale Gardens.

I would like to thank the committee, Brenda Jarand, Jennifer Cruise, Janet Atkin and Anne Garrett for all their hard work in organising the programme. My final thanks goes to all our lovely members who make each event such a pleasure.

Lorna Weir



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# University memorial for resident

A new pavilion at Nottingham University has been dedicated to Vaughan Parry Williams, who was a Mapperley Park resident for over 33 years.

Mr Williams, who died from cancer in June 2009, joined the university in 1976 as Assistant Director of Physical Recreation. He was made director in 1990 following the retirement of Mr. Geoff Cornes, another Mapperley Park resident.

He coached the university rugby and squash teams. Under his guidance the rugby union team reached the finals at Twickenham on two occasions and the squash teams won a remarkable 13 U.A.U. titles. He had involvement with national associations for student sport for 33 years, was rugby coach to the Midlands Universities from 1977 to 1998 and team manager to the English Universities Team for 14 years. In 2002 he was voted on to the R.F.U. council.

Mr Williams also served rugby in Nottinghamshire for 32 years, coaching the Nottingham rugby team from 1976 to 1994 and the Nottinghamshire Under-23

team from 1977 to 1982. He was president of both Nottingham and Notts,Lincs and Derbyshire and in 2005 was made an honorary life member.

Mr. Williams was a keen squash player representing Nottingham at a senior level. He coached the Junior County squash teams and guided international players



● Vaughan Parry Williams,

in their fitness taking Nottingham-based Gawain Bryers to No. 4 and Jon White to No 1 in the world.

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● The new pavilion at Nottingham University

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# News from the Blues...



● Bruce Clarke

Between April and November 2010, crime in Nottinghamshire fell by 15.4 per cent, the largest percentage reduction of all the forces in England and Wales and almost three times the national average. This equates to 12,000 less victims. This is fantastic news and against that backdrop I'm happy to report that in Mapperley Park crime is also down, there having been 51 fewer crimes than in the previous year. It's a pleasure to be able to tell you that there has been less car crime, less violent crime and nearly 40% less crime associated with the Vice area.

Where we have seen increases though are in break-ins to sheds and outbuildings and unfortunately 10 more Mapperley Park residents than last year have had their house broken into. As you start the spring-cleaning and venturing out into the garden, it's worth checking on the security that you have in place for your house and your shed. If you've not already got it then 'Smartwater' is still available to mark your belongings as is 'LoJack' to help protect your

laptop computer. I'd also urge you to take the time to register your belongings at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). A good idea is to consider setting up a neighbourhood watch for your street. They enhance our community and you may get a discount on your home insurance if you're an active member of a NHW! The Neighbourhood watch association in your area is very strong and forward thinking and we work closely with them. Their Alert scheme is

an excellent reporting tool that we use and which they pioneered and is soon to be launched countywide – it's well worth a look at [www.sampnw.co.uk](http://www.sampnw.co.uk).

If you would like more information about any of these schemes or if you're unsure about any aspect of home security then please get in touch and we'll be only too happy to help.

Hopefully you've been seeing us out and about at all hours of the day and night. Since we changed our shift patterns and times we've been able to patrol for more of the day and for more days of the week. In addition Mapperley Neighbourhood Policing Team has a new PcsO – Darren Booth – making a dedicated team of 4 to deal with crime and local issues in your area. Their contact details can be found on the beat pages of our website [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk). There you can also find details of public meetings where you can discuss matters of local concern with them.

To finish please report anyone or anything that you consider suspicious, look out for each other and if nothing else please remember to 'shut it, lock it and light it' – don't make it easy for opportunist thieves and burglars.

Bruce Clarke

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## Drug addict mugs a pensioner as she is treated in an ambulance

If a shocking headline like this appeared in your local news – would you think the perpetrator of the crime deserve to be locked up?

This is the type of question your community group or organisation could be debating as part of a project which unpicks the facts behind the headlines, and gives a better insight into how community-based, non-custodial sentences work.

The Local Crime, Community Sentence (LCCS) Project – an exciting partnership between the Nottinghamshire Probation Trust and local Magistrates, aims to increase public confidence in such sentences by unravelling the detail behind fictional case studies.

During the course of an interactive presentation, the audience is asked to be the judge, making a decision on whether offenders should be sent to prison both before and after hearing the full facts of the case. A fascinating insight into the work of Magistrates and Probation is provided, as each presenter explains their roles, sentencing options available and the factors taken into consideration which will result in a sentence for the offender.

We are now looking for groups in the Nottingham City area who may be interested in hosting a presentation. Further details can be found at [www.lccs.org.uk](http://www.lccs.org.uk) or by contacting **Lindsay Narey, Local Co-ordinator** for the LCCS project on **0115 840 6497** or [lindsay.narey@nottinghamshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lindsay.narey@nottinghamshire.probation.gsi.gov.uk)

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# Members Reports...

## Traffic issues

Traffic is like the weather as a source of conversation and frustration.

In Mapperley Park, perhaps less so when we are at home, as most of our roads are tree-lined, pleasant, and lightly trafficked. For the most part, this means that my role on the Residents' Association, representing traffic issues, is limited to discussions about clearing leaves in autumn, potholes after spells of bad weather, or resurfacing schedules. In the past, your committee has also been part of the consultation process about residents' parking schemes and, like them or not, road humps.

But some of our residents live on, and we are bounded by, some major roads, such as Mansfield Road, Woodborough Road and Mapperley Road. In these areas, traffic issues can have a greater affect our lives.

At the beginning of 2010 we raised concerns with the City Council about inconsiderate parking and potential safety problems on Mapperley Road. The Council listened to us, and surveyed local residents' opinions. The answers they

got were varied, some wanting restrictions along the length of Mapperley Road, while others such as St Andrew's wanting the opposite. The Council prepared a scheme of amendments, and by the time you read this, the first part of the public consultation process will have ended - local residents were sent a letter and plan of the proposals. Since then, notices have been placed on lamp posts along Mapperley Road that sought your opinions before the end of January 2011. The double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) will be extended along Mapperley Road to cover its junctions with Elm Bank, Park Avenue, and Vickers Street. The changes should reduce the pavement parking, and improve the visibility for residents emerging from the side streets.

So how did I come to be doing this? Well, my day job at BWB Consulting is planning the transport infrastructure that supports development proposals. In 2004 we



*David Cummins, in charge of traffic*

bought a house on Esher Grove that backs on to the sports ground. Concerned that it might be built on, I offered to assist any resistance. That was taken as an offer to be on the committee, and I have enjoyed the busman's holiday ever since.

If there is a traffic issue that concerns you, please get in touch, my details are on Page 2, and as a committee we will do all we can to assist.



### THE NOTTINGHAM BABY FAYRE NEEDS YOUR HELP.....

We are two local mums currently organising a large **BABY & TODDLER FAYRE**. Our aim is to raise money for the **NOTTINGHAM NEO-NATAL UNIT** and to connect local people to the many different services and products available to them in their local areas across Nottinghamshire.

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# Members Reports. . .

## Planning issues

As architects working in the Mapperley Park Conservation Area, we often find that our clients are not aware of their duties towards their neighbours when carry out building work.

We suspect that neighbours are similarly unaware. We thought that a few pointers in the MPRA Newsletter might be helpful.

Besides making Planning and Building Regulations applications, the other significant piece of legislature that affects building work adjacent to a neighbour is The Party Wall [etc] Act 1996.

The intention of the Act is to prevent disputes arising out of works affecting neighbours and to achieve this aim the Act requires the person having the work done serve notice on their neighbour in advance of the works being carried out. The notice must be served in writing within a certain time frame and unless the neighbour responds accepting the work, a dispute is deemed to have arisen. As you can imagine, the word 'dispute' in relation to building work costs time, money and headaches.

**Point 1.** The Act was written to prevent disputes arising. Whilst serving notice on your neighbour, or receiving notice from your neighbour, remember that the Act is a tool for mediation.

**Point 2.** Find out if the work that you, or your neighbour, propose is covered by the Act. Read the explanatory booklet [web link below] to see if the planned works are close enough, deep enough or significant enough to require the use of the notice procedure.

**Point 3.** What to do if you think you need to use the Act to serve notice on a neighbour. The booklet gives you the timescales [for serving the notice AND for receiving a reply] and it has sample letters as it is important to use correct wording.



*Planning member, architect Mike Reade.*

**Point 4.** What to do if you think your neighbour needs to serve notice on you.

Remember, the Act encourages negotiation. Speak with your neighbour, and if in doubt, seek professional advice.

**Point 5.** The timescales are significant. The notice must be served between 2 and 12 months before the work starts. If the neighbour consents to the work, that consent must be received within 14 days of you serving the notice.

The booklet is available at:  
[www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/pdf/133214.pdf](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/pdf/133214.pdf)

## Membership Issues Mapperley Park Residents Association MPRA

Thank you to all of those Association members who recently settled their overdue subs for the year ending December 2010 and who helped us to update our database.



We are hoping to introduce a members-only loyalty card this year, so that members can enjoy discounts from local retailers and restaurants. The Park Estate already operates a popular loyalty card scheme for its members and we hope to mirror their success.

So, if you aren't a fully paid-up member of MPRA, it's not too late for you to join the Association or renew your lapsed membership by using the form on the back of this newsletter. Membership is just £5 per household, per annum.

*Mark Cox, in charge of membership*



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# MPRA Committee

Meeting: – Monday 22 November 2010

We were very pleased that our local Councillor, Emma Dewinton, was able to attend part of our quarterly committee meeting. The following matters were discussed:

## Replacement of Street Trees

There are an increasing number of places in Mapperley Park where street trees have been felled, leaving an exposed tree stump. Most of these have arisen from the tree dying, being blown over or knocked down by a vehicle. Subsequently, Emma responded that the Council will replace a tree for £1,080, including three years' watering and maintenance. We don't think it would be appropriate for the Association to fund the whole cost of replacing trees, as we only have the funds to replace very few trees. And we would be criticised for replacing a tree in one place and not in the many other places. So, at our February meeting, we will consider ways of funding replacement trees. Emma said it would be acceptable for a resident (or residents) to fund a replacement tree, and it could include a plaque in memory of a former MP resident. If you are considering replacing a tree, please inform the Secretary or Chairman of MPRA. We would prefer trees which will mature to a reasonable size, and not those which will develop to excessive size (as happens with some street trees in Mapperley Park).

## Parking on Mapperley Road

A survey has taken place of residents of Mapperley Road to formulate plans to reduce the nuisance of parking on the road, yet still respect parking by residents and their visitors. A variety of replies were received and a compromise plan has been devised. The



*Emma Dewinton with David Towers and David Podesta at the committee meeting.*

main plan is to have double yellow lines on the north side of Mapperley Road from Mansfield Road to 10 metres to the east of Chestnut Grove, with the same length of double yellow lines on the south side of Mapperley Road.

There will be 10 metres of double yellow lines on either side of the junctions with Elm Bank, Cranmer Street, Park Avenue and Vickers Street.

It is not appropriate to have residents' parking on Mapperley Road, as there is adequate parking for on most residents' drives. And, a weight limit for vehicles would not be implemented, as it cannot be enforced by the Police.

It is hoped that the new parking restrictions will be implemented by next April.

## Other Matters

On the former Beechwood property on Woodborough Road (on the left as you reach the top of the hill), there is no progress as no suitable offers have been made.

We mentioned that some street name signs need cleaning or replacing. Some considerate residents may consider cleaning their street sign.

Problems with overhanging foliage should be referred to the Environment Hot Line – tel: **915 2000**.

The Highways Department is identifying areas in Mapperley Park where flooding is a problem, and ways of reducing the nuisance (e.g. around Mapperley Hall Drive with its junction with Carisbrooke Drive).

Where a vehicle is parked illegally, you can take the car's number and report it on the Anti-Social Behaviour telephone line.

It was a very constructive meeting with Emma Dewinton, and we are most grateful to her for coming to the meeting in her very busy life as a local Councillor. **David Towers, Chairman**

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The work of the Residents' Association includes:

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- 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 monthly meetings
- Helping residents to establish interest groups

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, if you are not a member already, we hope you will join MPRA. For our existing members, thank you for your continued support.

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Yours sincerely, David Towers, Chairman

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| 2. Apologies For Absence                                       |  |
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<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>Mapperley Hall Drive 6 bedroom house with many period features and gated parking</p> <p><b>£545,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>Tavistock Drive Edwardian semi detached house with 4 double bedrooms</p> <p><b>£335,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>Grosvenor Avenue Edwardian semi detached house with 4 spacious bedrooms</p> <p><b>£320,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>Lucknow Avenue 1930's detached with 3 double bedrooms and separate garage</p> <p><b>£295,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>The Garden apartments 3 bedroom apartment, very high spec with private terrace</p> <p><b>£285,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>Woodborough Road Victorian detached house with 3 bedrooms and 2 garages</p> <p><b>£280,000</b></p>
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<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>Ebers Road Edwardian end terraced house with 4 bedrooms over 3 floors</p> <p><b>£240,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>The Limes Stunning first floor duplex apartment with 2 double bedrooms</p> <p><b>£200,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>The Residency First floor apartment with 2 bedrooms and balcony</p> <p><b>£150,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>Magdala Road Substantial 1 bedroom ground apartment with Victorian conversion</p> <p><b>£149,995</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>Atholl House 1 bed apartment completely refurbished with parking</p> <p><b>£115,000</b></p>	<p><b>SOLD</b></p>  <p>Ellis House First floor apartment within sympathetic Victorian conversion</p> <p><b>£110,000</b></p>
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<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>The Corner House 4 bed detached house, tennis court &amp; swimming pool</p> <p><b>£1,250,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Cedar Heights 5 Bedroom contemporary detached house with leisure suite</p> <p><b>£1,250,000</b></p>	<p><b>More than a just beautiful place to live</b></p> <p>"In 2010 FHP living remained the agent of choice selling 39 properties within the Mapperley Park conservation area, which is more than double sold by all other the agents combined. We have started 2011 fantastically well, agreeing 8 sales in January alone. The potential purchasers in the market place are motivated and in a position to move which is a significant change to the back end of 2010 where many purchasers were not in a proceedable position. Valuation numbers are good but realistic pricing and market knowledge still remains the key to success. To discuss your buying or selling needs please don't hesitate to contact us."</p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Richmond Drive 5 bed detached with generous south facing garden and garage</p> <p><b>£500,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Mapperley Hall Drive Contemporary detached house with 4 bedrooms and garage</p> <p><b>£495,000</b></p>
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<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Grove House Period detached house with 4 bedrooms and 2 garages</p> <p><b>£450,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Tavistock Drive Spacious 1930's detached house with 4/5 bedrooms</p> <p><b>£440,000</b></p>	 <p>Steve Parker Distinctive Homes <a href="mailto:steve@fhpliving.co.uk">steve@fhpliving.co.uk</a> 07917 460 027</p>	 <p>Nicola Powell Mapperley Park <a href="mailto:nicola@fhpliving.co.uk">nicola@fhpliving.co.uk</a> 07917 460 036</p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Redcliffe Road 4/5 bed detached with 3 reception rooms and large garden</p> <p><b>£400,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>The White House Traditional 1930's detached house with 3 bedrooms</p> <p><b>£325,000</b></p>
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<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Redcliffe Road 5 bedroom Victorian semi detached house with garage &amp; garden</p> <p><b>£310,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Lucknow Avenue Edwardian semi detached property with 5 bedrooms over 3 floors</p> <p><b>£295,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Berkeley Avenue 3 bedroom detached house, high spec kitchen &amp; attractive garden</p> <p><b>£295,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Thornciffe Road Investment opportunity, currently 2 apartments</p> <p><b>£280,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Ebers Road Period 3 storey house with 4 bedrooms and rear garden</p> <p><b>£240,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Cyprus Road Attractive 3 bedroom garden apartment within period conversion</p> <p><b>£200,000</b></p>
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<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Chestnut Grove 2 bedroom duplex apartment within Victorian conversion</p> <p><b>£150,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>The Lodge 1 1/2 bedroom ground floor apartment with private terrace</p> <p><b>£145,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Cyprus Road First floor, 2 bed apartment within Edwardian conversion</p> <p><b>£140,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Magdala Road 2 Bedroom ground floor apartment with private courtyard</p> <p><b>£120,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY PARK</b></p>  <p>Ebers Road 2 bedroom first floor apartment within a period conversion</p> <p><b>£120,000</b></p>	<p><b>MAPPERLEY ROAD</b></p>  <p>Redcliffe Villa 3 bedroom apartment with communal gardens and parking</p> <p><b>£80,000</b></p>
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