



Autumn
Newsletter
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Mapperley Park Residents' Association

Dear Mapperley Park Residents,

From the Chair

Welcome to this Autumn's newsletter. I hope that you have enjoyed renewing friendships, family connections and staycations this summer.

The MPRA has continued to meet remotely all year and we held our AGM on Zoom in May. About 20 people were present and, apart from our statutory duties, we discussed a number of topics raised by residents. Planning, trees and potholes were the main topics of interest and we were supported by our three Councillors. I think everyone is pleased and relieved that Magdala Road has been resurfaced at last.

I want to thank everyone on the committee for their continued hard work on behalf of our community. Sometimes residents wonder what the MPRA does in return for asking for a £5 annual membership fee from each household. Well, we actively support members on planning issues, we maintain and fund planting at the roundabout on Mapperley Hall Drive, we run and administer the residents' Facebook page and website, we lobby the council on relevant community issues, and we run social events (often free) for paid up members. We also produce this newsletter twice a year which helps to involve and engage all residents in Mapperley Park in developments in our community. We also use the proceeds from the Newsletters to support local charities.

I hope this helps to explain our work. I will continue to make a call for more households to pay their membership fees. It is our only source of income and we rely on your support. Currently around 200 households pay for membership. I thank those households and hope that we can increase the number signing up.

We were sorry to hear that the Mapperley Park Garden Group is reluctantly closing its activities. As well as organising some great visits it has played an important role in allowing new friendships to develop over many years. I am sure that these relationships will continue well into the future.

Thank you again to our committee, Howard Davies, Laura Archer, Kerry Wensley, Mike Reade, June Greenway, Elizabeth Sanders, Cherry Burgess and Leena Kore Schroder for all their hard work.

We have just said goodbye and thank you to Cherry Burgess as our outgoing membership secretary and it is my pleasure to welcome Leena Kore Schroder as our new committee member taking on this role.

I hope to see many paid up members at our Christmas social event on 2nd December. It has been a very long time since we've been able to meet face to face!

Enjoy the Newsletter

Sue Clague, Chair



Upcoming MPRA Social Events

As Sue says, it has been too long since we have been able to hold any proper social events.

To that end, our MPRA Christmas Event for paid up members will return for 2021!

Date: Thursday 2nd December 2021

Time: 19:00-22:00

Venue: Magdala Tennis Club



Christmas cheer, carols and a few mince pies and mulled wine.

It would be lovely to see you there and celebrate the end of a very long year, with your fellow members of the MPRA.

2022 date for your diary:

Looking a little further ahead, the MPRA will be hosting a significant community event in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum jubilee over the weekend 3-6 June. Those of you who have lived in Mapperley Park long enough, might well remember the wonderful street party held to commemorate the Diamond jubilee!

Look out for details in the coming months.

Bee Sanghera, Social Secretary





Supporting local charities

Whilst the newsletter is primarily to provide Mapperley Park residents with relevant, and we hope interesting, local information and content, we are fortunate to receive some sponsorship income for each edition. After the costs of printing and distribution, we do have a small surplus, which we like to use to support local challenges.

The committee has decided to donate the proceeds from the Spring 21 newsletter to Framework and Nottinghamshire Hospice. Both organisations do amazing work and we are very happy to support them.



20 October 2021

Dear Howard and all at Mapperley Park Residents Association,

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donation of £400 to Framework. This significant donation will be earmarked for our Building Better Futures appeal - a major initiative to have a transformative impact on the lives of homeless people with the greatest needs. Framework plans to build 200 units of Housing First accommodation in the next five years across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Sheffield, and your donation will make a huge difference in our efforts. With your help, we will be able to lay the foundations of a better future for the most vulnerable local homeless people.

As you probably know, our work begins with homelessness - but thanks to your generosity it doesn't end there. We deliver housing, health, employment, support and care services to people with a diverse range of needs, supporting up to 18,000 people of all ages across Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and South Yorkshire each year. Without the generosity of our friends in the community, we couldn't continue to empower so many people to achieve financial stability, social inclusion and independence.

Once again from all of us at Framework, thank you for your help and please also extend our thanks to all of your wonderful residents.

Yours sincerely,

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Have you visited St. John's Carrington recently?

There's a lot happening in the vibrant community of St John's Carrington, and we welcome everyone to join us.

We are an inclusive, Anglo Catholic worshipping community with a warm welcome for everyone. Our Sunday service



is at 10am and is also streamed on YouTube.

Our community rooms and beautiful nave are available for hire. These are suitable for a variety of purposes, from small meetings to large gatherings, community classes, and parties. Please call Karen Randell, Parish Assistant (07729 682294) for further details.

We host the Carrington Farmers' Market in our grounds on the second Sunday of every month (10am – 2pm). Selected local and Midlands traders offer a

tempting range of quality fare and visitors will enjoy the friendly and social atmosphere. We offer a special Community Eucharist on these Sundays which is ideal for first-timers or if you are bringing children. The next date for these events is 14 November – why not join us?

Other upcoming events include Remembrance displays 13-14 November, an Advent Celebration on 27 November, Christmas Carol service on 19 December, the return of our popular December Beer and Carols pub evening, and a Crib and Christingle service on 24 December. Be on the lookout for the return of other community events in 2022!

For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook or via our website at www.stjohnscarrington.org.uk

Jane Harwood and Asela Premachandra, Churchwardens (and Mapperley Park residents)

Host Nottingham

Mapperley Park residents Clive and Maralyn Billingham recently featured on BBC East Midlands Today along with Aslam Jawadi, an Afghan refugee who was a guest of theirs for several months a few years ago. They've remained good friends ever since, and Aslam is now living and working in Derby and planning to take up his place to do a PhD next year.

"It seemed the right thing to do," said Clive. "We've got a spare room and there are people that need it. We had some great conversations with Aslam and it was a really rewarding experience."

Clive and Aslam were introduced by Host Nottingham, a small local charity which supports people like Clive and Maralyn who offer temporary accommodation in a spare room to refugees like Aslam. Host Nottingham also runs a Clothes Bank and a Side by Side project, where volunteers accompany refugees to important appointments or befriend them on a longer-term basis.



“The Afghan crisis led to a surge of interest in Host Nottingham,” said Chairperson Roger van Schaick. “This is very welcome because, apart from the recent Afghani arrivals, there are more than 100 refugees in the city who, like Aslam a few years ago, are entangled in the very bureaucratic and slow Home Office administration and, if they're not homeless now, will shortly become so. These people don't get benefits and are not allowed to work, so they are totally dependent on the kindness of friends and strangers. We urgently need more hosts like Clive and Maralyn.”

For more information see <https://www.hostnottingham.org.uk>

Robin van Schaick, Chairperson

A Young Mapperley Park Superstar

In July 2021 Mapperley Park native, Tobias Schröder, became World Champion with the GB Men's Eight at the World Rowing Under-23 Championships held in the Czech Republic, winning gold over the USA at silver, and Germany at bronze.

Since joining the GB squad in 2015, Tobias has medalled regularly at Junior and Under-23 World Championships and is part of 'Project Paris' under UK Sport sponsorship.



Tobias left the Nottingham High School at 13 to take up an Academic Scholar's place and Music Scholarship at Winchester. He went on to study Chemistry at Oxford, and has rowed in the Blue Boat for the last three years. Having just graduated, he is staying at Oxford for an MPhil in the History of Science, and will continue to pursue a Boat Race victory while also training for GB.

Tobias's connection to the local area is a poignant one. He is the grandson of Estonian refugees who fled when the Soviet Union invaded Estonia during WWII. After spending years in European Displaced Persons camps, his maternal grandparents emigrated to Canada, while on his father's side they came to Nottingham. To qualify for living in the UK Tobias's grandfather, with no previous experience as a miner, worked at the so-called 'United Nations Pit' at Gedling Colliery.

He worked out his time there in the late 1940's, living in a now-demolished boarding house on Alfred Street North



in St. Ann's. He moved to Slough, but died when his own son Martin was just a teenager. Could he have imagined that one day Martin would return to Nottingham to live in Mapperley Park, and that he would have a grandson with such hopes and aspirations, he would surely have been proud.

Mapperley Park Gardening Group

In March 2005 the Mapperley Park Residents Association (MPRA) placed an invitation in the Mapperley Park News announcing that a new group was to be formed, open to all residents, to meet new people and share their ideas and interests. The intention would be to organise visits, activities, speakers etc or simply drink coffee and chat. The gatherings at the Ukrainian Centre proved very popular and over coffee and conversation the Mapperley Park Gardening Group was born.

Over the years members have shared an event or outing every month, always with a gardening or horticultural theme. In the winter months we have hosted speakers at St Jude's Church lounge with subjects ranging from Bonsai to Beekeeping, The Bramley Apple to Japanese Gardens. In late winter and spring we have ventured out to wonderful gardens full of snowdrops and daffodils. Summer, of course, has offered the best opportunity to explore further afield. Our annual coach trips have been one of our highlights, but special ones like the trip to Highgrove and the first Chatsworth Flower Show are especially memorable. Many members and local private owners have hosted 'open gardens' for us and our wine and nibbles evenings became a popular annual event.

We had a memorable visit to a vineyard at Costock, we have ridden on the back of a trailer at Hammonds Farm, Redhill watching the cauliflower harvest, and foraged in Blidworth Woods for fungi, guided by an expert. Our annual autumn 'plant swap' has been a popular event, always accompanied by coffee, of course. Winter comes round again and with it are more talks and a Christmas get-together.

We had a full programme prepared for the year 2020 but only the January and February activities happened and our speaker due to come 6 days before lockdown in March cancelled the arrangement. The personal circumstances of some of the present organisers and the difficult and uncertain times we are experiencing are such that after much thought the decision was made to wind up the group.



The Gardening Group has not, of course, been merely about gardening. It has been a wonderful way to meet people and form new and lasting friendships. Sadly over the years we have lost some of our older members and we reflect on them with great affection for their contribution to the group's success over the years.

Looking back over approximately 184 events held since the original coffee morning in April 2005 the retiring organisers feel that the vision of the then MPRA has been well fulfilled. Perhaps it will soon be time for the MPRA to sponsor another series of Coffee Mornings and see what evolves in 2022?



Planting and green spaces

Once again, our wonderful team, led by June Greenway have been hard at work over the summer maintaining the wonderful display at the roundabout.



Never ones to rest on their laurels they are now preparing for 2022 and we caught them a couple of weekends ago planting a further 250 iris reticulata, 200 allium purple sensation and 50 allium art.

And when we are not focussing on plants, our other big passion is trees. We are blessed with a number of wonderful specimens across Mapperley Park but they do need care and attention and, at times, protection. If you are passionate about trees too, we would love to have you join the committee and lead our liaison with the council tree departments to ensure that we are getting all the help we need to maintain our green canopy.

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If you would like to get involved with the MPRA please do get in touch with the Chair, Sue Clague, as we are always looking for additional support – particularly in respect of our Website, Marketing and Trees. Contact via info@mapperleypark.org.



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