

Mapperley Park Residents' Association





From the Chair

Welcome to this Spring's edition of the Mapperley Park Residents Association Newsletter. Despite the recent cold snap Spring is definitely in the air and gardens and trees are coming alive again.

We are thrilled that our Queen's Green Canopy "Stump Up" campaign has been so well supported by residents in Mapperley Park. A big thank you to all who have contributed and in particular to David Podesta who has worked closely with Alex Begg from the Council to make sure we deliver on our pledge of replacing 35 stumps with new trees. Intensive work started in February and continues throughout March.



We held a fun-filled Christmas party at Homemade at the Forest Recreation ground. Despite the extremely cold weather nearly 100 residents turned up for drinks, food, great music from "Burlington Live" and an amazing raffle.

Thank you to our local sponsors (Homemade, Tony Wright butchers, Pilates Mapperley, Masala Junction, Magdala Lawn Tennis Club and The Travel Snob) who made the raffle go with a swing to match the music. We raised over £700 for the Stump Up campaign.

MPRA membership continues to grow and we now have 337 members (about one half still owing this year's sub) and over 700 members in our Facebook group. I want to thank residents for their support over the annual household subscription increase to £10. It's much appreciated and helps the association to support our community with ad hoc projects/events and roundabout maintenance.

The committee has worked tirelessly this year to carry out the MPRA priorities and I want to thank Howard Davies, Mike Reade, David Podesta, June Greenway, Leena Kore Schröder, Jennifer Guiver, Laura Archer and Elizabeth Sanders for their help.

Laura and Elizabeth have decided to stand down after many years of commitment to our community and we all want to thank them for their contribution. They will be missed!

I am very sad to report that Ewan Lamont who served on the committee for over five years until he moved back to Scotland has passed away. Our condolences go to Gillian and his family and friends.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 26th April at 7pm at Magdala Tennis Club. Please do come along and hear more about our work over the past year and stay on for a drink with friends and neighbours. The MPRA cannot continue in its present form or indeed in a more slimmed down format unless we secure the support of some of you who live in Mapperley Park and wish to see the work of MPRA continue to protect and enhance our very special environment and community. We are currently considering new ways of delivering our priorities and agenda in a more creative way and need fresh ideas and approaches. If you feel you could offer some time and energy we would love to hear from you via info@mapperleypark.org.

Finally thanks to FHP for their continued sponsorship of this newsletter and to Leena Kore Schröder who has edited this edition.

Enjoy the Easter break!

Sue Clague, Chair

MAPPERLEY PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 26 April, 2023 7:30 pm at Magdala Tennis Club

Do come along to hear about the year's activities, raise and discuss matters of concern, and enjoy drinks and a chat with friends and neighbours afterwards!



From the Membership Secretary and Editor

As reported by the Chair, the MPRA has a thriving and accurate record for 337 households, all fully paid-up as at the end of December, 2022. With the New Year, however, subscriptions once again fall due, and to date only around 50% of members have settled their accounts. I am in the process of checking all the details, and assure you that I do notice the usual date on which you have paid your sub in the past. Over the next weeks and months, however, I will start chasing up those who have lapsed over a year from their last payment, in order for MPRA records to continue to reflect an accurate membership. Paying



your sub by Standing Order will, of course, spare you from this annual hounding, or from annual feats of memory. The MPRA would also like to remind members that the fee has gone up to £10 per year. There is a Membership Form at the end of this Newsletter, and if you have any questions to do with your membership or payment please email me at info@mapperleypark.org

I am wearing two hats as I write, one of which I would like to pass on: temporarily, I have also become Editor, in addition to being Membership Secretary. This is entirely because the MPRA Committee has no wish to cease distributing the Newsletter. It is the main method by which we are all brought together as residents of the Mapperley Park community, and I have stepped into the breach in order to keep it going. We need your support! Please would fellow residents consider helping to produce the Newsletter (currently issued Spring and Autumn), or to organise social events: both yield results that are at least interesting, if not downright fun. If you have any burning community interests (we know you're out there!), or ever wonder why things are done the way they are in Mapperley Park, a good way to begin is by volunteering for the MPRA committee and joining the discussion. Please get in touch by email to: info@mapperleypark.org.

Leena Kore Schröder, Membership Secretary and Editor

The Mapperley Park Facebook Group

Hi everyone, my name is Jen and I am the new(ish) moderator for our neighbourhood Facebook Group. I first started helping out with the Group during Christmas 2021, when I offered to keep my eye on events coming up in our local area over the festive period and post them to the group. As a mum to two small boys, knowing 'what's on' can really make the difference in keeping the little ones entertained at a weekend!



I eventually became the main moderator for the Group in Summer 2022. Since then, we have successfully relaxed the rules around posting to the Group. Local residents can now

offer items to gift or sell to their neighbours as well as post without waiting for a moderator to approve the post. It seems to be going well. We now have over 700 members and I'm pleased to report that I've only had to intervene on inappropriate content less than a handful of times.

Residents really value the connection the Group provides, whether that is to promote local events such as our Christmas 'do', gift or pass on used items, celebrate local residents's successes, or to publicise campaigns such as Stump Up!

Thank you to all our members for being a part of the Group and please keep the local content coming! And do join the group, even if you are not otherwise active on Facebook.

Jen Guiver, MPRA Facebook Group Moderator

A Mapperley Park Litter-Pick Group?

Many residents are already taking the initiative and picking up the rubbish that is thoughtlessly dropped in the streets of Mapperley Park. Is there any interest in forming a voluntary litter-picking group, meeting periodically to our own schedule? We might consider being allied to the 'Nottingham Clean Champions' scheme, which will supply us free of charge with the necessary support and tools, from rubbish bags and their collection, gloves and litter pick, to the all-important and chic hi-vis tabard. Not only would our streets benefit, but some of us may benefit as well from a little companionable activity in the fresh air—perhaps even cake and a cuppa (or pint) afterwards. If you'd like to join such a group, please email: info@mapperleypark.org.



Celebrating the Coronation

Mapperley Park has a longstanding association with Royal celebrations. Many will remember the Diamond Jubilee street party on Carisbrooke Drive over ten years ago in 2012 (where does the time go?), while last summer's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party at the cricket ground is still fresh in memories, if not for the rather damp weather, then certainly for the fun had by all. And now there is a coronation to look forward to, for the first time in almost seventy years! It takes much time and effort to organise large community celebrations, and as there was one such party less than a year ago the MPRA will mark this new Royal event a bit differently.



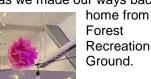
Following the theme for "Volunteer Monday" the MPRA will make a charitable donation of £100 each to a maximum of five parties held in Mapperley Park to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III this coming May. In order to be considered for the £100 donation, all you have to do is hold your party, have a grand time, and afterwards write a few words on how you celebrated the occasion (credit will be given to creativity!), and submit it with a few photographs and your nominated charity to: info@mapperlypark.org. Should there be a glut of coronation parties, the first five to submit their details will be rewarded with success.

So, all you Mapperley Park party animals and/or Royalists, start planning your celebrations, and we look forward to reading all about them in the social column of the next MPRA Newsletter!

The Christmas Party

The MPRA hasn't had such a rocking Christmas Party since before the pandemic lockdowns; in fact, it's hard to remember the last time that the holiday season started with such a bang! A live jazz band covering all the hits ... a buzzing bar ... a great venue with delicious food and snacks ... prizes galore ... enough sparkly lights and decorations to rival Oxford Street ... how cool was all that?!

On a crisp, cold December evening nearly 100 Mapperley Park residents gathered together with their families and friends to toast the season, and bought enough raffle tickets to total over £700, which must be some kind of record! And to top it all off, there were dancing snowflakes as we made our ways back







sponsors who donated the fantastic raffle prizes (Homemade, Tony Wright Butchers, Pilates Mapperley, Masala Junction, Magdala Lawn Tennis Club and The Travel Snob).







The Flower Island in Spring

This Spring Mapperley Park residents and passers-by can expect to be delighted by a symphony of colour. The Roundabout Gardeners planted 150 bulbs of the tulip 'Sky High Scarlet' last autumn, to be complemented by another 150 bulbs of allium 'Purple Sensation'.





The clue is in the names: look out for massed ranks of bright red, very tall tulips interspersed with stunning purple fireworks. It promises to be sensational indeed!

Lavender 'Hidcote', also newly-planted, will take over as Spring progresses into Summer. The majority of the young lavender plants appear to have



survived the winter, including the late-season snow, so that by mid-summer we should have a most fragrant, floriferous, bee-friendly path. Do visit regularly over the coming months!

June Greenway

Open Gardens Update

Unfortunately, this Summer's much-anticipated Open Gardens day has had to be cancelled with great regret for multiple reasons. It means that the event, which has been so successful in the past, is postponed for yet another year. Since its inception in 2008 Open Gardens has been an opportunity both to celebrate the beauty of Mapperley Park, and to put something back into our community by raising over £10,000 for charities such as Maggies, Open Voice and The Ear Foundation.

Surely the spirit of gardening—and charity—runs too strong in Mapperley Park to allow this lovely annual event to lapse for much longer. If you are interested in supporting it, please send an email to: info@mapperleypark.org. In the meantime, you can find inspiration in this issue from reports on two gardens that would have been open this Summer, and we hope to visit them, and many others in Mapperley Park, in person once again in 2024.

Community Policing

The Mapperley Beat Team has had a reshuffle, and we would like to introduce ourselves. Police Community Support Officer Charlie Hoskins and Police Constable C Shone now cover the Mapperley Park Beat, while PCSO Spencer Raymond covers the Mapperley & Wells Beat. We also want to update you on what's been happening in your area over the last month or so. A total of 40 incidents were attended by the Beat Team in the Mapperley Park / Mapperley & Wells areas, which included 13 incidents of anti-social behaviour; 5 violence against; 2 hate incidents; 1 knives/bladed; 2 burglaries; and 2 robberies.

We are aware that Mapperley Park residents are concerned about the area around the Carrington shops on Mansfield Road, and wish to report that the St. Ann's and Sherwood Beat Teams have collaborated for two days of action around Tavistock Court on Mansfield Road. There have been reports of begging, ASB issues, drug taking, drug dealing and shop thefts in the locality. These two days were to target those concerns. The Beat Teams made 3 stop searches; 1 locating of stolen items, 4 issues of section 35 notices; and 4 arrests for a variety of offences including shop theft, going equipped, racially aggravated public order, begging and common assault. One of those offenders was recalled to prison.

The Mapperley Beat Team received two reports in February of a suspicious male seen in the areas of Esher Grove and Carisbrooke Avenue who was selling door to door. We have taken a report from one of the residents after they were subjected to racially abusive and threatening behaviour and have a good image of the suspect from a doorbell camera. This photo has now been uploaded to our Police Briefing system requesting information on the identity of the suspect. We are continuing to conduct patrols in the area in order to provide reassurance to local residents.

If you have information about any crime, you can contact us on 101. In an emergency, for example where life is in danger or a crime is in progress, call 999.

Charlie Hoskins / Police Community Support Officer / St Ann's Police Station / St Ann's Well Road / Nottingham NG3 3H



Stump Up Success!

MPRA's Stump Up campaign including sponsorship from Mapperley Park residents, and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' Streets for People Award have together provided the funding for 35 stumps and old tree pits to be replanted in Mapperley Park during March 2023.

Following a consultation with residents during February, the tree planting plans were finalised and contractors to the City Council completed stump removal across Mapperley Park in readiness for the tree planting. All trees will be planted before the end of March.



The tree species chosen are: a Norway maple: Acer platanoides 'Pacific Sunset'; two species of honey locust: Gleditsia triacanthos 'Draves Street Keeper' and Gleditsia triacanthos 'Skyline'; and a flowering cherry: Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis'. Appropriate tree species are chosen by the Council's tree officers based on their location, the changing



climate, the effects of pests and disease and to give some consistency to the species across the historic area.

Following the tree planting, the City Council will undertake some tidying up of the tree pit edges and 'mulch' the surface of the tree pits so they retain water over the summer months.

Trees do need watering regularly over the summer months and your help in watering and keeping an

eye out would be appreciated. The City Council will water the trees

once a week during the main part of summer although during the hottest months additional watering by residents will really help keep the trees from suffering. Ideally 2-3 buckets (25 litres) of water twice a week will benefit a newly planted tree. Where a tree is planted in sandy soils then more regular watering will really help. If you are watering a tree, please water half into the irrigation tube, and half slowly around the base of the tree, being careful not to wash any soils away.

The trees will now be tended until establishment by Nottingham City Council for the next 3 years. This will include watering, topping up soils and mulches and replacement of ties and stakes where necessary. Please let Tree Services know if you notice any issue that we need to deal with. You can contact us via https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/treeservices.

Alex Begg, Operational Tree Officer, Nottingham City Council



David Podesta, who directed the Stump Up campaign and coordinated with the City Council adds:

Our target was to replace all of the unsightly tree stumps in Mapperley Park with new trees, and I am delighted to report that we have succeeded in spades, removing 35 stumps and planting 40 new street trees across Mapperley Park.

Funding for Stump Up has come from a number of different sources. Our City Councillors committed £10,000 from the Levelling Up grant awarded to the City. MPRA matched this with £10,000 from our reserves and fundraising. In addition, 11 households agreed to sponsor a tree, donating £300 each towards the cost of the stump removal, tree pit preparation and new tree.



Stump Up has shown what can be achieved with some effort and support from the community. Given the street trees we have in Mapperley Park this will be an ongoing challenge and the Residents Association will continue to work with Alex and our councillors to help ensure that Mapperley Park remains one of the greenest wards in Nottingham which is good for wildlife and residents alike.

David Podesta









Collection of Brown Bin Garden Waste

According to the latest dates for bin collection as published on the Nottingham City Council website, collection of garden waste will resume on your usual bin day in the week commencing 10 April 2023, and will continue every fortnight until the end of November 2023. You can see your bin collection calendar at: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/bin-and-rubbish-collections/check-my-bin-collection-day.

It is also possible to have more than one brown bin: there is a one-off charge of £20 for each new brown bin, and an annual subscription of £25 for each extra bin of collected garden waste. Details are on the website as given above.

Morocco on Mapperley Hall Drive!



This coming June Michael and I will have been in Mapperley Park for 45 years, and have been together for 54 years! Gardening has always been a passion for us and our small town garden has been enjoyed not only by ourselves but also by many visitors over the years.

We first opened our garden in the eighties. At that time I was working for Gedling Borough Council, and the Mayor one year was raising money for research into Motor Neurone Disease having lost her brother to this condition. I offered to open the garden to help the good



cause. Not quite sure what to expect we were overwhelmed with hundreds of visitors! After that year's successful event we have opened the garden annually, at first in aid of Red Cross and then part of the National Gardens Scheme with our neighbours Sir Joseph and Lady Pope. In 2008 we helped organise the first Mapperley Park Garden Trail and continued with this until 2018.



Our garden has been featured in several magazines and been on Alan Titchmarsh's TV programme. Michael's lockdown project has been a total transformation of the back garden: welcome to Morocco!



and Malcolm for further information—Ed.]

We are most disappointed that this Summer's Open Gardens is not happening and are very sad that all the hard work put in over the years has come to nothing in 2023. If readers would like the Moroccan experience in July, please get in touch. We will be asking for donations for Emmanuel House.

[Please email indications of interest to info@mapperleypark.org, and you will be put in touch with Michael



Michael Blood & Malcolm Bescoby, Mapperley Hall Drive

Paths and Leaves in Mapperley Park—a better approach?

As I look out of the kitchen window the sun is shining in a blue sky. Better weather uplifts the spirits and we can all enjoy being out more in our gardens and surroundings in Mapperley Park. Crocuses are out in the garden and you may be considering what to do with the moss on your lawn. Perhaps a scarification before your first cut as we enter into Spring? The lawn moss, caused in part by shade, links to another great feature of our area: the towering and beautiful trees. There are consequences of such foliage for us all. While we do love our trees, and I am a great supporter of the MPRA Stump Up campaign, the green canopy does require considerable work and attention.

Part of our annual Mapperley Park autumnal cycle involves clearing all the leaves from our gardens, but they are also a problem on the pavements outside our houses. This is a big job for all, particularly as some of us grow older. Last year the load of leaves to be shifted felt larger and heavier than ever, perhaps because it was a wet Autumn and the physical challenge was more noticeable. The effect on me was a repetitive strain injury on my wrist, an associated loss of power and an early end to the tennis season coupled with expensive trips to the physio. Does this sound familiar? I hope not-and I would admit that my technique was poor (the leaf-shifting not the tennis!).

I move to my main point: that is, the leaves covering the pavements and roads outside our property boundaries. I am fortunate in having a neighbour who every year moves masses of leaves from our parallel pavements onto his compost heap, but for most residents it's a matter for individual house owners to clear their frontage. Moreover, brown bins have limited space; not all residents have room for garden compost heaps; and some may see it solely as the Council's responsibility to deal with leaf clearance from public thoroughfares.

Personally, I felt the roads were cleared reasonably well last Autumn, but the paths did not get the attention of previous years. It quickly becomes a matter of health and safety if mud and green slime begin to develop underneath wet leaves that are left to accumulate and rot, as some of us—including myself—may have found out to our cost. A slight pull from the dog while out for a walk last November, and BANG! I fell straight onto my shoulder, with an operation and a year of rehabilitation to follow. Ironically, the paths were cleared later that very same day, but it was too late for me and maybe a few others who like to promenade in Mapperley Park.

This article invites an informed and productive debate with Councillors and their officials on how leaf-clearing responsibilities might be better shared. In Edmonton, Canada where my sister lives, the clearing of front pavements is the householder's responsibility—and that includes heavy and icy snow in often sub-zero temperatures. [The Newsletter Editor, who grew up shovelling snow in Toronto winters, can very much confirm this!]. What should we all do to prevent accidents? How much are we individually responsible for the pavements outside our houses? Might the City look at better use of specialist equipment and other sources of labour (in the past, for example, Community Payback offenders removed the green slime)? Perhaps priorities have changed in the present economic circumstances, but some form of partnership approach does seem the best way forward. Constructive views and thoughts from all interested parties would be much appreciated before the MPRA contacts the Councillors in order to discuss how best to deal with the annual leaf fall. Please respond to: info@mapperleypark.org.



A Sloping Garden in Mapperley Park

When we moved into Mapperley Park in 1994 we inherited a large overgrown sloping garden, a ramshackle unusable greenhouse and a fox's earth. The descending set of ponds had a leaking watercourse, and the patio was tired.



BEFORE...

Nothing much changed during the next ten years until we happened by chance upon a

garden designer who viewed the slopes as an interesting challenge. His brief was to design a low maintenance garden on a number of different levels. We also wanted plenty of places where we could sit and relax.

In 2006 the transformation started with the patio. The original brick outhouses became hardcore. A reflection pond, a parterre, and a new greenhouse were built.



As the planting has matured, we now have a garden to enjoy throughout the year, and by visitors on past Mapperley Park Open Gardens days!

Doug and Vicki Black, Richmond Drive



A Message from the Ukranian Cultural Centre

Unbelievably, we are now over a year into the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia, and countless war crimes remain undiscovered until Mariupol and other cities become liberated. I am sure that most of us are aware that men, women and children in Ukraine are needlessly dying every day in order to save democracy, liberty and freedom of speech which we in the West hold dear and probably take for granted. Their war is indeed our war as well.

As the Branch Chair of the Nottingham Ukrainian Cultural Centre I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Mapperley Park for their overwhelming and continued support. Ukraine and the refugees arriving locally are forever indebted to your generosity in this dark time, and your help throws light into their lives and, with hope, makes all this madness tolerable for them. The Ukrainian Cultural Centre will continue with its support of the refugees for however long it is needed.



We are planning a musical fundraiser for the 19th of May, and hope to have an auction at the end, with proceeds going towards our Help Ukraine fund. If anybody in Mapperley Park could contribute a gift personally, or something from their work that could be auctioned off, it would be very much appreciated. Times are hard for many people at the moment but the Great British Public have shown time and again how compassionate and generous they are when it really counts, and for that the Nottingham Ukrainian Cultural Centre would like to thank you.

Michael Holod / Branch Chair Nottingham Ukrainian Cultural Centre

Nottingham Arts Society



Interested in art? Enjoy visiting art galleries and exhibitions? The Arts Society meets at the Broadway Cinema on the second Wednesday of each month from October to June. There are two repeated lectures at the meetings, each one hour long, at 10.30 and 12.30. Lecturers are international experts chosen from a list provided by the national Arts

Society. We also offer study days, courses, visits, and the opportunity to volunteer for heritage projects.

Here are the lectures for April, May and June:

12 April 2023 Andrew Prince "The Glamour Years: Jewellery and Fashion from 1929 to 1959". How the Great Depression and the World War II had an impact on fashion and jewellery design with the rise of Hollywood. From Marlene Dietrich to Grace Kelly, a guide through the various screen goddesses and how they were portrayed.

10 May 2023 Lars Tharp "Oh I'd never sell it – other stuff and nonsense from the Antiques Roadshow". Behind-the-scenes answers to many questions which spring to mind on this popular TV show.

14 June 2023 Jacky Klein "What Makes a Masterpiece?" Mona Lisa; Birth of Venus; Waterlilies; Starry Night – how did they rise above the rest to become masterpieces? From money and taste to intrigue and power, warfare and sheer good luck, we explore what makes an artwork a masterpiece.

Membership is by annual subscription (£48 in 2022-23). Members can bring a guest to a lecture for £6.

If you are interested then visit our website www.theartssociety-nottingham.org

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Paul Boston Sports Therapist (BSc, Dip PT, DNS.ET)



MAPPERLEY PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION 2023 Membership Form

Membership is open to all residents of the Mapperley Park and Alexandra Park Conservation Area. The annual membership fee is £10 per household and runs from 1 January each year.

I, the undersigned, would like to join / rejoin (delete as appropriate) the MPRA for 2023.

Name:
Address:
Email:
I consent to the information provided above being stored electronically and used for the purposes of administering and contacting me about my membership, making me aware of relevant news and information about Mapperley Park, and to receive MPRA publications and invites to MPRA events.
Signed:

- Cash or cheque (payable to 'MPRA' can be dropped off with this membership form to: 2 Alverstone Road, Mapperley Park NG3 5DQ; or scanned/photographed and emailed to info@mapperleypark.org
- BACS payment can be made to Sort Code 20-63-25, A/C 10609080. It is useful to set up a Standing Order on 1 Jan. each year for £10. Please quote your surname and postcode in the reference field.

Many thanks. We look forward to welcoming new members, and appreciate the support of those who wish to continue as members of the MPRA!



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