



Spring  
Newsletter  
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# Mapperley Park Residents' Association

Dear Mapperley Park Residents,

## From the Chairman

Welcome to the Mapperley Park Residents Association Spring 2021 newsletter.

I hope you have managed to stay well over what has felt like a very long winter.

The MPRA committee continues to meet remotely and we had a positive meeting with our councillors in February. We discussed trees (management and replacement), leaf and brown bin collections and the worsening pothole problem on our roads. We will follow up on actions with Rosemary Healy, Lesley Ayoola and Sajid Mohammed and they will be invited to our AGM (see details below.)

I am very grateful for the wonderful support and work undertaken by the MPRA committee: Howard Davies, Elizabeth Sanders, Cherry Burgess, Bee Sanghera, Kerry Turner, Laura Archer, Mike Reade, Alisdair Butler and June Greenway. June is supported by Lin, June, Lynne and Francis, aka the Roundabout Ladies.

My thanks go to all for their commitment to helping the Association continue its work with our community and our environment. I'd also like to thank all Mapperley Park residents who have volunteered over the past year to help in this challenging period.

Membership remains static, we have around 200 paid up members. Thank you to those who have paid their £5 annual subscription. For others who feel able, we would encourage paid up membership as this is our main source of annual income. We have decided not to renew our Privilege Card for the time being and I hope I reflect a majority view by saying that, as shops and local businesses reopen, we should all be trying to support them in the best way possible and not by asking for discounts. I hope that members can see some of the ways that we as MPRA are supporting the Mapperley Park community through the content of this newsletter.

Our Facebook page has grown significantly in popularity and now has 550 members. It is a hugely valuable source of community engagement, information and support.



There have been several planning applications over the past year that the committee has worked on with residents.

Social activities have been a challenge of late but Bee arranged a very enjoyable online Wine Tasting evening for paid up members in February and we are hopeful that we may be able to organise an outdoor social event in the coming months.



The committee has decided to donate the proceeds from the newsletter to local charities and over the winter we gave £500 of food to Hope Nottingham, a Foodbank that is based at Sherwood Methodist Church on Mansfield Road. Colin Wignall has passed on his thanks and reminds us all that he is at the Church every Wednesday morning for any donations which are most welcome and needed.

Proceeds from this issue of the newsletter will be shared between Framework (supporting homelessness in our city) and the Nottinghamshire Hospice.



I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Spring and Summer.

Sue Clague, Chairman

## AGM

As we cannot, once again, meet in person this year for our AGM, we have decided that we will hold a virtual meeting via Zoom.

The AGM will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome and joining instructions will be posted on Facebook and [www.Mapperleypark.org](http://www.Mapperleypark.org) nearer the time.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

## Sports in Mapperley Park

With the weather improving and the days getting longer, some of us might be looking to dust off our sports shoes and stretch our legs. Mapperley Park has much to be proud of, boasting 2 tennis clubs, a Cricket club and a Badminton club; we are spoilt for choice:

### *Magdala Tennis Club*

Has three all-weather artificial grass courts and two hard courts, all floodlit, making it possible to play all year round. All courts have been refurbished this Spring. The clubhouse has changing facilities & showers, a refreshment bar as well as a veranda to watch play. Ladies / mens and mixed teams play in the Notts LTA Summer Leagues, as well as Winter indoor leagues at the Nottingham Tennis Centre.

Coaching is run by Inspire2Coach Tennis with sessions for both juniors and adults with adult beginners and improvers sessions. Full details of all coaching: <https://magdala.i2cplaytennis.co.uk/Coaching>

Magdala offers a range of memberships including a trial membership available per household or for individuals. Please contact the club by email: [info@magdalatennis.org.uk](mailto:info@magdalatennis.org.uk)





### *Mapperley Park Tennis Club*



Has four hard courts, all floodlit, making play possible all year round. There is also a mini court and practice wall available. The clubhouse has changing rooms, a kitchen area, and comfortable seating, with an adjacent patio area.

MPTC offers team and social play, with teams in the Summer and Winter Notts leagues. There is

also junior and adult coaching, cardio tennis and pickleball - a cross between tennis and table-tennis – which are offered by coaches Simon McBride & Rachel Kirk.

A range of memberships are available. Contact the club directly on [mp.tc@racketeer.idps.co.uk](mailto:mp.tc@racketeer.idps.co.uk)

### *Cavaliers & Carrington CC*



A community cricket club located off Esher Grove.

Playing facilities at the Carrington Oval include 2 artificial nets, artificial match play, wicket, score box, changing facilities and covers.

Open to all abilities. For membership, please contact the Treasurer via the website <https://cavsandcarrington.play-cricket.com/home>.

### *Mapperley Park Badminton Club*



Apparently the biggest club north side of the Trent! Twelve teams compete from Premier through to Division 4 in the Nottinghamshire league. They also have a great youth system with their own junior club (Nottingham Academy) and a strong affiliation with Carlton Forum Foxes.

They are based at Mapperley Sports Village and also use Arnold Hill Academy match play.

If interested in joining please contact: Mapperley Park Badminton Club, Mapperley Sports Village, Ransom Drive. Nottingham or [andymshaw82@gmail.com](mailto:andymshaw82@gmail.com).

Bee Sanghera, Social Secretary





## Social Media spotlight

It doesn't feel as if six months have passed - and yet here we are, celebrating the gorgeous tulips in the sunny roundabout at the top of Mapperley Hall drive. Going into lockdown again towards the end of 2020 meant that our Facebook group remained an important means of spreading community spirit and activity.

We continue to have a very positive response to our page, and this is largely marked by an increase in members. In six months, we have grown from 462 to 548 members. 492 of this number are regularly active in one way or another. Our most popular days for community interaction are on a Monday and over the weekends, and our popular times to engage with each other are between 11am – 2pm and 7pm – 10pm. What engages us most are still matters of community interest: garden waste bins, potholes, trees, offers of goods,

and requests for general advice. There has also been a fair amount of concern over security. We still have a good mix of men and women who interact regularly with the Facebook group and of all age ranges, but the 35 – 55 year old age group remains those who most regularly engage.

We continue to hold several, regular virtual events, including #SmallBusinessSunday and #SuperSaleSaturday, and we have had such fun in trying to entertain our little people. To this end we have held: The Halloween Trail, The Winter Windowland Trail, The Christmas Jingle and The Big Neighbourhood Easter Egg Hunt. Each of these has continued to generate a great response and engagement from our community, so we really should thank everyone for their

positive spirit during these bleak times.

As always, please do not hesitate to make suggestions to the admins about anything that you would like to see happen through the group, we would be happy to see how we can accommodate the requests.

Kerry Turner, Social Media Secretary







## Vaccinating at Forest Rec

A report from the sharp end!

I have been working in the NHS for 40 years and thought I'd seen it all. In late October, well into managing the Covid 'second wave', we heard credible rumours about new vaccines with exotic storage requirements (-70c!) and elaborate military code names. Incredibly, we were told that we should be prepared to start administering them in December – less than 9 months after the initial Covid lockdown.

In a few short weeks, vaccination sites across Nottinghamshire had to be identified, evaluated, procured, cleaned, prepared, equipped, connected and staffed. The staff had to be identified, recruited and trained – to deliver vaccines and use training and IT systems that hadn't even been developed yet.

Over 2,000 staff and volunteers answered the call, joining the core NHS staff setting up the vaccination centres, including a good number of our fellow Mapperley Parkers. A chance to wear scrubs again for the first time in 30 years!

What a journey it has been – to see some facilities developed from scratch in less than two weeks. You may have noticed the Portacabins at the top of the Forest Park & Ride car park? When we first arrived at the Forest Rec site for our 'hands on' IT training the tables had not yet been delivered and there was no water on tap. Two days later the site went live and two days after that more than 600 people a day were receiving their first dose of vaccine.

Every vaccine has to be accounted for, with very strict and short limits on storage, and no wastage allowed. There are facilities on hand to cope with medical emergencies. IT systems track each appointment and identify each patient; vaccine details are recorded centrally as well as being sent to your GP record – all of this occurring in real time. It generally works like a well-oiled machine.

But it is the people that make all this happen. Fantastic staff from all walks of life – nurses from the hospital, military staff and first responders, dentists, retired nurses and medics, airline cabin crew – all working with a common purpose. Together with the police, security staff and cleaners who keep us all safe. And, behind the scenes, managers who have worked seven days a week since December to organise it all.

It has been a remarkable collective effort, and wonderful to be a small part of it – it will certainly save lives and hopefully help us chart a route out of this pandemic.

Dr Ian Trimble

## Trees

After I attended the recent MPRA meeting, it was suggested that I try to explain how the council manages tree issues and what duties the 'tree' officers undertake.

My name is Alex Begg, and I am one of three City Council 'operational' Tree Officers. My primary role is to manage the duty of care due to residents, businesses, and visitors, against injury and damage from the council-owned trees. In day-to-day terms, this means I am often inspecting trees and dealing with tree enquiries from citizens and businesses. Alongside this primary role, I help fulfil the other objectives of the Urban Forest Strategy which aims to maintain and improve canopy cover and the vitality of the tree stock. This includes trying to implement replacement planting of trees where possible. More information about the Tree Services team can be found here:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/trees>

My colleague, the 'planning' Tree Officer, works within the Planning directorate and is responsible, alongside other planning colleagues, for the assessment of development applications involving trees; assessing applications to undertake works to trees with Tree Preservation Order; or applications to undertake works to any tree growing in a Conservation Area such as Mapperley Park, that is greater than 75mm in diameter at 1.5m above the ground level



(the diameter at breast height or 'dbh'). More information can be found at the City Council's webpage:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/treepreservation>

Generally, all works to trees in a Conservation Area by citizens or those employed by them, will require you to give prior notice to the Council, six weeks in advance. The Council on receipt of your notice, will determine if your proposed works are acceptable. If we do not think that the proposed work is acceptable, we will discuss the work with you and try to agree upon an alternative specification. If an agreement cannot be reached, we may respond by making a Tree Preservation Order. If a Tree Preservation Order is made, you cannot proceed with any work unless you have applied for and been granted permission, as described above.

The Council is aware that its resources to undertake neighbourly 'discretionary' works to its trees are very much reduced. This is sometimes an issue where trees are growing over our neighbours' boundaries or their homes. As such, we are making citizens aware of their common law rights to 'abate a legal nuisance' by reducing the length of branches of the council's trees where this is appropriate in the Conservation Area. More information can be found: <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/trees/commonlawrights>

Occasionally citizens commence tree work in a Conservation Area without giving the proper required notice. Giving notice is a legal requirement and the Planning Enforcement Team can be contacted to verify that works have the required consent.

Alex Begg, Tree Officer T: 0115 8762725 M: 07538 225011

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## Dorothy Whipple

During their Lockdown walks, many people may have spotted the Blue Plaque on 35 Ebers Road, Mapperley Park. The money for the plaque was raised through a Crowdfunding campaign supported by Bromley House Library and the Nottingham Women's History Group. It was unveiled in September 2020 to commemorate novelist Dorothy Whipple's 13-year stay in Nottingham, during which she wrote seven books, including her first published novel, *Young Anne*. Born in 1893, Dorothy came to Nottingham to live in the house from 1926 – 1939 with her much older husband who was Nottingham City's first Director of Education.

Her novels were often inspired by places around Nottinghamshire, such as Newstead Abbey, and were tales of local life, including in Mapperley Park, at the time of her writing. She described living in Ebers Road as "the fullest years of my life" and was really sorry to leave. The books were very popular between the wars but seemed to fall out-of-favour after her death in 1966, despite recognition by JB Priestley who had called her the Jane Austin of the twentieth century.



In recent times, the publishers Persephone Books have brought Whipple's work back into circulation and popularity. They have re-issued all her novels; *The Priory* and *They Were Sisters* each having sold well over 17,000 copies by mid 2020.

I am a great fan of Dorothy's writing and have a complete set of the Persephone editions. My personal favourites are *High Wages* and *Every Good Deed and Other Stories*, but all her books are highly recommended, and I have successfully

introduced friends in Mapperley Park to her work. Bromley House Library have most of her work in stock. If you haven't read Dorothy Whipple yet, please try, I doubt you will be disappointed.

Laura Archer, Mapperley Park resident



## Planting and green spaces

Once again our wonderful team, led by June, have planted, weeded and watered the roundabout. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work but the results are fantastic!



## Contacts

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**Planting & Trees** – *June Greenway*

**Mapperley Park News Advisor** -

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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 and Marketing. Contact via [info@mapperleypark.org](mailto:info@mapperleypark.org).





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