



LET'S PARTY!



Join us for a right Royal knees-up to celebrate **Her Majesty the Queen's** Platinum Jubilee

At Carrington Cricket Ground, Esher Grove

Sunday 5th June from 1 – 6pm

Open to all residents of Mapperley Park

More details inside 



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Mapperley Park Residents' Association

Dear Mapperley Park Residents,

From the Chair

Welcome to the Mapperley Park Residents' Association Spring 2022 newsletter. As I write this the sun is shining and Spring has truly arrived.

I hope you enjoy this edition despite the challenging times that we are experiencing. As you know we donate any profit from this publication to charity and this time we will be supporting the Nottingham Ukrainian Centre's emergency appeal fund. The centre is a close neighbour of ours on Mansfield Road and it is important that we support their work at such a difficult time. www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine

The MPRA committee has continued to meet remotely and the team has been busy working on behalf of our community. Thank you to Howard Davies, Elizabeth Sanders, Kerry Turner, Laura Archer, Leena Schroder, Mike Reade, June Greenway, and Bee Sanghera.

Our paid-up membership remains static at around 220 households. Thanks to all who have paid their annual 2022, £5 subscription but can I please ask for more residents to pay this small fee? It is our only source of income and in addition to free social events, planning advice and roundabout maintenance, we hope to raise the profile of tree replacement over the coming year with a jointly funded programme between MPRA, Nottingham City Council and potential sponsors. To help us with this initiative we are delighted that David Podesta has re-joined the committee and he will be leading the work.

Information on how to pay your membership fee can be found on our website <https://mapperleypark.org>. Alternatively, please fill in the membership form at the back of this newsletter and return it with your £5 to the address provided.

I would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting which will be held at Magdala Tennis Club on Wednesday 18th May at 7pm. You are most welcome to join us and hear more about the work of the committee over the past year and stay for a drink after the meeting with neighbours and friends.

We are planning to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style with a family community picnic on Sunday 5th June from 1 to 6pm. There will be something for everyone and more details can be found in the newsletter. We are grateful to the Carrington and Cavaliers Cricket Club for their generous offer to host the event at their ground and also to our councillors Sajid Mohammed, Rosemary Healy and Leslie Ayoola for their support with arrangements. The event will be ticketed and free for residents of Mapperley Park.

Enjoy the warmer weather and I look forward to seeing you on June 5th if not before.

Enjoy the Newsletter

Sue Clague, Chair



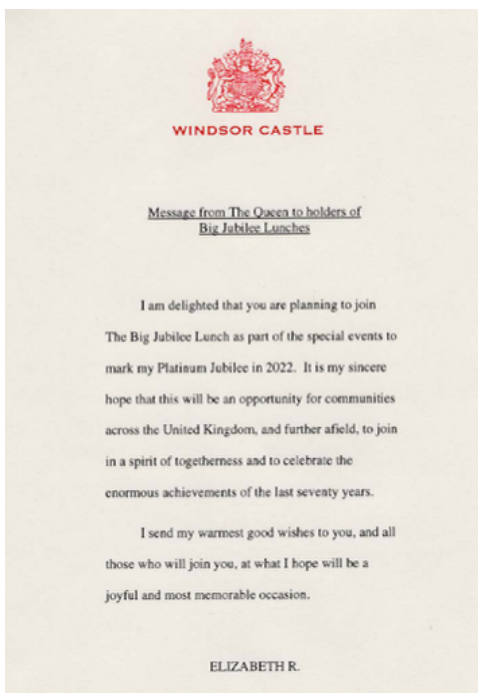
Jubilee Event

Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is a once in a lifetime event and we in Mapperley Park intend to celebrate it in style!!

The MPRA have organised an amazing Jubilee weekend event that is FREE to all Mapperley Park residents. The party will be held on Carrington Cricket Ground on Esher Grove on Sunday 5th June starting at 1pm.

In order that we have an idea of numbers, you will need a ticket to come along (only one per household needed) but simply use this link to get yours - <https://bit.ly/MPRAPlatinumJubilee>. (Link is case sensitive)

Tickets are limited so sign up early!



*A royal visit to Nottingham in 1977 saw
Her Majesty visit Carrington.*

Her Majesty and Prince Phillip may not be here in person this time but 45 years later, we can definitely do them proud.

After the past couple of tough years, we need a party more than ever and how wonderful will it be to reconnect with friends and neighbours in the area?

There will be something for everybody on the day. There will be food and drink on sale from beer and wine tents, fantastic food from local providers, live soul music from Married to the Mob, a cracking DJ, a host of inflatables and a variety of stalls to cater for every need!

Children under 10 are invited to dress up as Kings and Queens on the day and we shall have a parade of them in their finery. Curtseys and bows to their Majesties are optional!

We shall, of course, have the National Anthem sung live at 3pm and expect you all to be in fine voice.



We are getting excited already! (Sue, Kerry and Siobhan, your organising committee)



A big thank you to our stallholders and sponsors!

We would not be able to put on our Jubilee event without our sponsors and stallholders. We thank FHP for their continued support and kind offer to sponsor the Jubilee event. Here's a selection of stall holders that have signed up for the day. We also have a great selection of arts and crafts, plants, and jewellery stalls. All small businesses have had an incredibly tough time over the last 24 months, so this is a great opportunity to come and support them.



Brigitte Bordeaux opened in December 2018 in the premises of a former antique shop on Mansfield Road in Sherwood. Brigitte Bordeaux is both a shop and a bar, which now has a fantastic outside seating area. It holds regular wine tasting events, has an online shop and delivery service and now also runs a wine club for local wine enthusiasts. For more details about the business, its events and wine club, visit www.brigittebordeauxwine.co.uk or pop in to say 'hi!'

Vicki Black's **Black Arrow Designs** makes an array of fused glass decorative items for the home and garden. All proceeds from the Jubilee Event will go to Nottingham Young Musician of the Year.



Founded back in 2006 by keen home-brewers Ken, Bob and Nick, the Magpie Brewery soon established itself as a solid traditional real ale brewery, known for its crisp dry finish style. Magpie certainly isn't the fledgling it once was, with the addition of two pubs, **Barrel Drop** and **Doctor's Orders**, where you can experience their great ales and the best of independent brews from near and far.

Nottingham's best butchers? Customers certainly rave about the quality of the meat at **A Wright & Son**, the friendly old-school service, and the best sausage rolls ever!

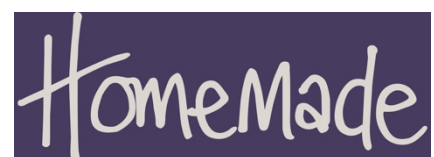


Lavender Room is located in the picturesque village of Hoby, offering contemporary ladies' fashion and jewellery. Open all day Saturday & any other time by appointment.



Situated in the old 1920s NatWest bank on the junction between Mansfield Road and Hucknall Road in Mapperley Park, **Masala Junction** offers both home style and modern Indian dining in a building full of history and character. With 25 years' experience and a string of award-winning restaurants behind the family, it's no surprise Masala Junction won many accolades, including Best Independent Neighbourhood Venue at the last Nottingham Bar & Restaurant Awards. Takeaway with free delivery within a 2-mile radius and Collection are also available on 0115 962 2366. Masala Junction are currently offering our readers 10% off for Collections only.

Homemade, serving locally sourced goodness since 2005. Delicious food in beautiful park surroundings. Find them at the Forest Recreation Ground.





Mapperley Park Open Gardens: The future

It was particularly fitting that the meeting to start a new chapter of the Mapperley Park Open Gardens (MPOG) group was on a bright and sunny day. More than twenty interested people came together to work towards ensuring that this popular and lucrative (for our charities) event continued in a traditional, and new direction.

MPOG has had a stalwart committee who have worked extremely hard at bringing us beautiful gardens for onwads of a decade or more. However, life brings us many changes, and the committee had put out a request for assistance from anyone who may have been interested in taking MPOG to the next level. The response was surprisingly and overwhelmingly positive and a new committee will see MPOG work towards the next event in 2023.

We're delighted that Malcolm Bescoby will remain as treasurer, and that Charlotte Caulton-Scott will take on the position as Chair. Long standing members of the committee have offered advice and assistance, so we're really looking forward to the next open gardens event. At least fifteen of the meeting participants offered their gardens, with a vow to get cracking and a commitment to making their gardens as beautiful as they could, in time for the next event.

It was even more exciting to hear the different ideas for the day. Opening just the front gardens for some houses was an option, as were art displays, craft, food and drink, and plant sales, a tombola, a raffle (where someone could win, for example, a session with an interior decorator), a wandering celebrity (pay a £ for a signature!), a storyteller, different music options and an opportunity to have a family photograph taken in a glorious garden.

Charlotte is always keen to hear from people who would like to join the committee, offer assistance, or open their gardens. Please join the MPOG Facebook group, 'like' the page and follow what's happening on the website.

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Kerry Turner, Committee Member for Web & Social Media

Mapperley Park Open Gardens: A retrospective

The first Mapperley Park Open Gardens was held in 2008 and subsequently biannually until COVID interrupted life in 2020.

These six events raised £43,000 which has been distributed to charities: some local, some national and one as far away as Kenya. (This was a family connection of a very supportive garden opener.)

Each year, three charities have shared the monies. For example: Nottingham Hospice, Maggie's, Family Care, Music for Everyone, Motor Neurone Disease, and charities for abused children and for autistic children.



Garden photos courtesy of Jo Welch - <http://jokatywelch.photography/>



Each time about 14 to 15 gardens have opened. This has only been possible through the amazing kindness, enthusiasm, and hard work of the owners. In addition, the Committee organised many volunteers to help both before, during and after the actual events and everyone has been tired but fulfilled at the end of the day.

The diversity of the gardens has been truly amazing and included a physic garden, a mown labyrinth, and a local history exhibition within a garden. The variety of entertainment on offer, the quality and diversity of the refreshments and the items for sale were always quite astonishing.



On two occasions, a minibus travelled through Mapperley Park with temporary bus stops marked on the very informative leaflets to help visitors travel around. The gardens have all been presented with safety in mind and assessments duly completed before opening.

A popular garden has always been that of Michael Blood and Malcolm Bescoby. In 1985, as part of the National Garden scheme, they started to open their garden, together with the garden next door which they looked after. This proved so popular with visitors from far and wide that Michael and Malcolm then suggested the Mapperley Park Open Garden idea to Malcolm and Sheila Reece and thus MPOG was born.

At the 2012 Open Gardens, the queue of eager visitors to see Michael and Malcolm's Garden practically blocked Mapperley Hall Drive. In 2016, their garden won a national competition run by the Daily Mail which was judged by Monty Don. More recently, in 2017 Alan Titchmarsh visited the garden for part of a TV show about Nottingham. He has subsequently chosen the garden as one of his favourites in a further programme.

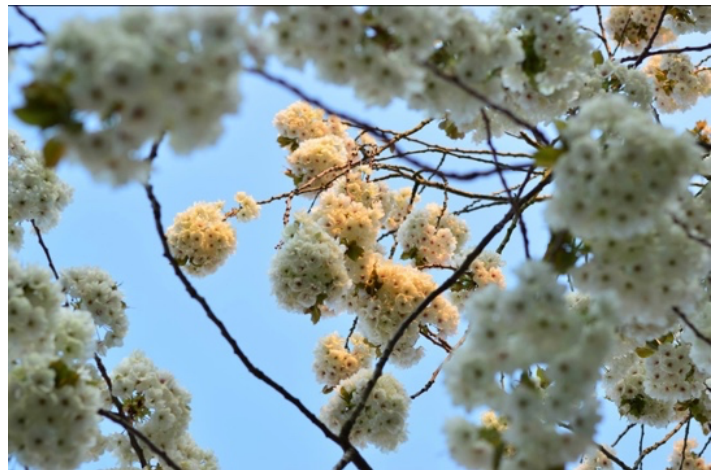
The garden has recently been transformed into a fusion of Indian, Italian, and Islamic themes which will be revealed at the next Open Gardens.

A notable feature of the garden is four mature Tree Ferns, standing in raised beds which are covered in Moroccan tiles, all surrounded by ornate railings in a grapevine design.

A 300-year-old olive tree has pride of place with many varieties of hostas; there are also plenty of architectural features and statues.

Altogether, the garden is a joy to the eye.

Laura Archer, Committee Member for Private Road





From our MP

First, I wanted to thank the Mapperley Park Residents Association for giving me the opportunity to introduce myself in your newsletter. Mapperley Park is a beautiful part of our city, and I am glad to see residents coming together to build connections and give a voice to people on local matters.



As you can imagine, Parliament has been busy recently. Mapperley Park residents have reached out to me to voice their concerns about Putin's invasion of Ukraine. Since its beginning, I have been in close contact with the Ukrainian Cultural Centre on Mansfield Road to support our local Ukrainian community as much as we can. My office is also helping those who seek to bring their family members to Nottingham or wish to take part in the Homes for Ukraine sponsorship scheme. I am aware of the delays that constituents are encountering with both schemes, and I am keeping up the pressure on the government to sort this out quickly.

Another area of work has been around the strain that our health services are currently under. Together with other MPs and campaigners I handed in a petition at Downing Street which demands more funding for the NHS. I have been in close contact with the local Clinical Commissioning Group about the

pressures they are experiencing, and I continue to meet with Nottingham University Hospital to push for progress to improve its maternity services.

I'm sure many of you will also be concerned about the growing cost-of-living crisis, which will be particularly devastating for those on low-incomes. I've spoken out in support of a windfall tax on oil and gas producers to help pay for escalating energy bills, and for the minimum wage and Universal Credit to be increased. I will continue to put pressure on the government to go much further in the support it is providing.

It's been a great honour to represent Nottingham East in Parliament since 2019. My team is always ready to help you, so should you have any issues please don't hesitate to contact us, and I look forward to meeting you soon!

Nadia Whittome MP

Boat Race success for Mapperley Park resident

Tobias Schröder, whom we featured in last Autumn's newsletter, was the successful captain of the Oxford University boat in this year's Boat Race, claiming victory for his crew after 2 unsuccessful attempts in previous years.

In a commanding performance, the Oxford boat was ahead from the start and never looked like getting caught. The crew is being heralded as one of the strongest boat crews of all time.

Many congratulations Tobias!





Another 10 years of Mapperley Park News(letter)

Unbelievably, a further 10 years have passed since the last street party and how much has changed since then! One constant, however, has been the Mapperley Park News and now Newsletter. How many of these issues do you remember?



The Kanneh-Masons 2021-2022

For all musicians, the years 2020-2021 have been very challenging, and many of the challenges persist. As a family of musicians, we faced a devastating lockdown, with concerts, music engagements, music studies, courses, and travel - both local and global - suddenly wiped from the calendar. Added to this, the destructive consequences of Brexit for musicians, making it often impossible for individuals and orchestras to perform in Europe, have made the future a very different landscape for us all.

We are very aware that becoming musicians has always been dependent on support, kindness and structures within the community and the city that have helped us along the way, and those support networks have kept us going. The Facebook Lives we played as a family throughout the first lockdown in 2020, and the wonderful Klesmer performers with Vicky Manderson in summery Mapperley Park were expressions of our connection with our neighbours, our city, and our audiences.



A great highlight for us was June 2021, when the family were back in The Royal Concert Hall for our first post-lockdown classical music concerts. Still socially distanced, this was a celebratory and highly emotional day, playing two concerts and connecting, face-to-face with people longing to hear live music again.



Braimah (violin), Aminata (violin), Konya piano and violin), Mariatu (cello), Isata (piano), Sheku (cello), Jeneba (piano and cello)

The world of music is beginning to open up, and many of us are travelling where we can to perform and reconnect in person with audiences, orchestras, and ensembles. Isata, Sheku and Braimah have been travelling across Western and Eastern Europe, to the USA and Canada. We have been playing concerts around the U.K. and going into schools to play and talk to children who have lost so much music and music education over the last two years.

An apt illustration of the times we live in, the limitations being imposed on music performance and education, the suffering of artists and populations worldwide under economic and political repression, comes with Sheku's current tour of the second Shostakovich cello concerto. This is a deep and moving lament, packed with sombre chords and unrelenting protest between orchestra and solo cello, written out of Shostakovich's experiences of terror under the Stalinist regime in Russia.

There have been moments of great joy and togetherness for the family, and we continue to find new sources of creativity and expression. Appearing as a family on *Strictly Come Dancing* in Autumn 2020, the BBC1 *Imagine* lockdown documentary, 'This House is Full of Music', featuring Mapperley Park, and the BBC2 'Christmas with the Kanneh-Masons', were all highlights for us.



In addition, Isata and Sheku are publishing compositions and arrangements, including Sheku's book, 'The Sheku Kanneh-Mason Cello Collection' with Faber, and more publications to come for Isata and Sheku. The Kanneh-Mason 'Carnival' CD with Michael Morpurgo came out at the end of 2020, Isata's CD, 'Summertime', and Isata and Sheku's CD, 'Muse' in 2021.

Another highlight has been the publication of Kadiatu's paperback version of, 'The House of Music: Raising the Kanneh-Masons', with the extra chapter on the experiences of the pandemic for us and what it was like being in a house of ten people, unwell with the first wave of Covid and filling the house with music!

Music lives on for us, with many concerts and tours to come in 2022- including to the Caribbean, to Australia, to Europe and to the USA and Canada. There are recordings and publications (TBA) and, of course, connections with schools and schoolchildren, who are the future of music. And there is a wonderful musical future to come!

Kadie Kanneh-Mason

Our Green Canopy

We are hugely fortunate in Mapperley Park to have such a strong green canopy. Our access to such a variety of wonderful specimen trees surely makes us a contender for the best residential environment in Nottingham.

However, there is always more we can do and as a starter, the MPRA in conjunction with the City Council are thinking ambitiously with the aim to replace all vacant street tree pits and stumps. Wouldn't that be a nice way of recognising Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne and something that will definitely last for at least a further 70 years.

The MPRA has committed to providing some funds for this initiative – it isn't cheap at c. £500 per tree – and the Council will also help us access additional funding under the governments levelling up campaign and the Streets for People project. For individuals or local businesses, there are also sponsorship opportunities with commemorative plaques being considered.

If you are supportive of this initiative, please do let us know at info@mapperleypark.org as proactive community support will be key to getting funds from the council and we will need to order trees ASAP for planting in the winter of 2022/23 because tree supply is an issue.

David Podesta, Committee Member for Trees

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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.



Mapperley Park Residents' Association

2022 Membership Form

Membership is open to all residents of the Mapperley Park and Alexandra Park Conservation Area. The annual membership fee is £5 per household and runs from 1 January each year.

I, the undersigned, would like to join / rejoin (delete as appropriate) the MPRA for 2022.

Name:

Address:

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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:

Date:

Application & Payment details

The steps to join are:

- 1) Fill in this form and drop off at 2 Alverstone Road, Mapperley Park NG3 5DQ
- 2) Payment
 - Cash or cheque (payable to 'MPRA') payment, which can be dropped off with your membership form; or
 - A BACS payment, which can be made to sort code 20-63-25, a/c 10609080. It is quite useful to set up a standing order on 1 Jan each year for this £5. Please quote your surname and postcode in the reference field.

Many thanks...we are looking forward to having you as a member!

If you want to sell your property in Mapperley Park, you should be talking to the experts.

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Jane Dixon and I are dedicated personal property consultants, and specialise in the Mapperley Park area, one the most aspirational areas to live.



As your personal property consultants, we will offer you a bespoke property appraisal and consultation to discuss the best way to get your property ready for market, embracing new technology plus professional photography and video tours. What's more, we'll keep you fully in the picture right up to moment the sale of your property is complete.

Working with me and the team here at FHP Living is simply the best way to sell your property in Mapperley Park. Talk to us today and your personal property consultants, myself (Jason Cook) and Jane Dixon will find the perfect route to finding you the ideal buyer.

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