

NEWS FROM THE FORUM

The Newsletter of the Dunkirk & Lenton Partnership Forum No.16: January 2002

Landlords to Face 'Fitness Test'?

The government's Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DTLR) has put out a consultation paper, 'Selective Licensing of Private Landlords', that could have a big impact on our area.

This Paper is important for us because of the large numbers of student houses in Dunkirk and Lenton. Licensing landlords would make it easier for the quality and the numbers of student houses to be controlled. Students would benefit because licensed landlords would have to meet certain standards; good landlords would be seen as such and would be supported by the City Council; and controls would help maintain a balanced community and improve the environment.

The Paper's scheme is aimed at low-demand areas where property prices have dropped and there are more houses to rent than people to fill them. This is not entirely relevant to Dunkirk and Lenton, with its high demand for housing and rising house prices. However, the Paper allows the Secretary of State to 'consider a case for licensing in special circumstances if compelling reasons were advanced'. We might be able to argue that the shift in the balance of the community and the impact on the environment make these 'special circumstances'. If this were the case, landlords would have to meet 'fit and proper person' tests, checked by the City Council. The Council would be able to reassure tenants that they lived in suitable and well-managed housing, and support landlords in dealing with tenants.

Previous plans to control Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) have not included most student houses because a court ruling decided that students who share facilities and sign similar tenancy agreements are one household, and do not count as 'multiple occupants'. The DTLR's Paper allows licensing to be separate from schemes to control HMOs, with the landlord licensed rather than the house, so it could include shared houses currently not seen as HMOs.

The Paper also describes a new category of HMO – 'two-storey houses occupied by more than two unrelated people.' This would mean that many houses in our area could be subject to the stricter HMO regulations despite the legal rulings.

There is no guarantee that the proposals will become law, or that licensing would be introduced in our area. Even if the proposals do go ahead, it would take years to have an effect. But the proposals do highlight concerns felt by many people, in other cities as well as in our area, at the rise

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Dunkirk and Lenton
Partnership Forum

Annual General Meeting

7pm, Wednesday 23
January 2002

Lenton Community Centre,
Willoughby Street, Lenton
All welcome

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in student houses in one area leading to an imbalance in the community. The issue is not whether an area is being 'overrun' by students – students do have a lot to offer – but how a community can sustain itself when there is a decline in the standard of housing, when the age and social balance becomes skewed towards one group, and when vacations leave streets eerily empty as students go home. Controls that maintain the standard of housing and curtail some of the profiteering by some landlords at the expense of tenants and the wider community, can only be welcome to all who have an interest in the future of Dunkirk and Lenton.

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Linking Up:

News from Lenton Care Link

BT Community Connections

Lenton Care Link has been awarded an Internet ready computer from BT under a scheme donating hundreds of computers to community groups throughout the country.

Admin and Finance officer Miriam Hale, who made the successful application said, "The computer will be used by members and volunteers for Internet shopping, research and emailing. The staff will also use it to research funding opportunities. We are setting up a Lenton Care Link website, so watch this space."

Looking to the Future

The team is preparing applications for funding to strengthen and expand their services.

Team Leader Nicky Carless explained, "We have been funded for the past three years by the National Lottery Community Fund and our services have become essential to the elderly, vulnerable and isolated people whom we support. We are now looking to develop the services we provide. We have already consulted the people who currently use our services but we are interested in hearing other views as to how we can support the communities of Lenton and Dunkirk."

Ideas so far include a voluntary transport scheme, establishing a food co-operative, and employing a driver/gardener/handyperson to provide practical support for elderly or disabled people on a low income.

If you have any views or ideas about what you would like to see us doing, please contact the Lenton Care Link office on 9412499.

Community Links

Lenton Care Link continues to develop links between different sections of the community.

Members of the Over-60's clubs welcomed local schoolchildren who brought gifts and sang songs for Harvest Festival. In return, Thursday Club members made sock puppets for Lenton Primary School. The puppets will be used to help young children with literacy.

Co-ordinator Diane Maloy said, "Society often thinks of older people as passive recipients of help, but they have a valuable part to play in the community." Callum Collard, aged 6 added, "Me and my friends think the puppets are great!"

Meanwhile, members of all three lunch clubs celebrated Diwali in style with a trip to Leicester and a party at Unity House. Organiser Gurcharan Kaur said, "It was great to see people from all races and cultures enjoying themselves together, especially in these troubled times."

The Asian Lunch Club meets on Wednesdays at Unity House. For further details, contact Gurcharan on 9412499

Job Vacancy

Lenton Care Link requires a DRIVER to work 12 hours per week (Mons & Thurs), picking up and dropping off the elderly and disabled people who use our lunch clubs.

Duties include picking up the Nottingham Community Transport 16-seater minibus from the depot in Sherwood and applicants must hold, or be prepared to take, the NCT test.

The job would suit someone who is recently retired, perhaps, but applicants should be physically fit.

Further details and an application form are available from the Lenton Care Link office. Telephone 9412499

Friends Like These

Simon Gladwin, Parks Development Officer with the City Council, is looking to set up a friends group to enable local people to get involved in the management and future development of Lenton Recreation Ground. Any individual or organisation that regularly uses or has an interest in the Recreation Ground is invited to attend the first meeting of the friends group, which will be held in January 2002 (date to be confirmed).

This is a chance for anyone living in the Lenton area to express how they would like their park to develop.

If you are interested in joining the friends group or would like more information please contact Simon Gladwin on 9152012.

Radford and Lenton Toy Library

All welcome to borrow toys for their children

Unity House, Church Street, Lenton

Monday 10am – 12.30pm

Friday 10am – 12.30pm

Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk

Wednesday 10.15am – 11.15am

Garden Street Family Centre, Garden Street, Radford

Thursday 1.30pm – 2.30pm

All Souls Community Centre, Ilkeston Road

Friday 10.30am – 11.30am

20 pence per toy, £1 for life membership

Thanks For Our Computer

Unity House's Story Club has been enjoying the use of a new computer, funded by a grant from Carnival – the student fundraising group from the University of Nottingham.

The gift has enabled Unity House to buy a computer, available for public use during the Friday morning 'drop in' as well as by various children's groups based there.

Story Club, which is a club to encourage children to develop their reading skills, also owes its thanks and existence to the students who provide one to one help to the children. It is good to remember the positive contribution to our community that students do make.

TRAD:

Tenants' and Residents' Association of Dunkirk

TRAD's second Annual General Meeting will be held at Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk on Monday 11 February 2002 at 7pm.

Yes, we have now completed two years as a Tenants and Residents Association. We hope our efforts as volunteers have helped to make Dunkirk a tidier, cleaner and healthier area of the city. Sometimes we wonder if it has all been worthwhile, but we look around and realise, yes, it has been. If everyone pulls together we can make Dunkirk the very best area in the city.

So come on, lads and lasses of all ages, help is required! Tins in the bin, pizza and crisp packets too, then dustbins out of sight. Let it just be leaves flying around, not bits of paper and rubbish. See what a difference it makes! We don't need flowers in our gardens (though they would look nice) to make us feel like winners – we know we are winners, and Dunkirk will always be the 'blooming' best!

If you live in Dunkirk please join us – no fees, no ties and you are already a member.

Royalty Drops Into Lenton

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra visited The Ear Foundation's Lenton premises in September to open the new Children's Cochlear Implant Centre. She was met by Chief Executive Brian Archbold and guests and supporters.

The Ear Foundation brought cochlear implantation for deaf children to the UK in 1989, and is internationally recognised for this innovative work. About 350 children have received implants in Nottingham, making this one of the largest centres in the world. The majority of these children are now able to hear and speak in a way not thought possible previously, opening up opportunities in education and later employment.

Facilities at the Sherwin Road centre include those for the deaf/blind, for deaf children to explore music, and for very young deaf infants, now receiving implants for the first time. If you would like to know any more about this exciting and innovative work being carried out on your doorstep, or if you can help in any way, please telephone Brian Archbold or Maureen Charlton on 942 1985.

Another Burglary!

Only just after the Official Opening of its new premises, five young people were seen breaking into the Centre. They took some computer equipment, used by deaf teenagers to write newsletters for teenagers throughout the UK. It also held digital photographs taken during the Summer Schools held in Lenton.

After all their hard work, to lose all their work through this burglary is a huge disappointment for us all. The police have video surveillance tapes and evidence from the scene of the crime, so hopefully those responsible will soon be caught.

Unfortunately these break-ins have been expensive, as we have had to increase security through additional lighting, video surveillance cameras and grilles on the windows. The charity would have preferred to spend this money on the deaf children and teenagers themselves!

The Lord Mayor's Award

Our Chief Executive, Brian Archbold, was invited to the Council House in March, as The Ear Foundation's new building category of The Lord Mayor's Award for Urban Design.

The Urban Design Award was introduced in 1987 to recognise and encourage good quality urban design. We are delighted to report that we won first prize in the New Building category. The Lord Mayor visited The Ear Foundation and was delighted to learn of the work being carried out in his own city.

Churches Together in Lenton

If you visit the Three Wheatsheaves, you may sometimes see a group huddled around a table trying to hear each other think! These are the ministers and representatives of the three Protestant churches in Lenton - Derby Road Methodist Church, Thomas Helwys Baptist Church, and the Anglican community of Holy Trinity and the Priory. We meet every few weeks to co-ordinate our activities, and to find ways to integrate with, and serve, the community.

Recent activities include the clean-up day in September, where teams of people targeted problem litter areas in Lenton. We would like this to become regular, and hope to encourage all residents to take care of the streets around where we live.

Thomas Helwys continues its 'Tommy's' drop-in club Monday to Wednesday from 12 til 2pm, with a Credit Union collection point on Wednesdays, and jacket potato cheese and beans for 40p each day!

The **Methodist Church** has ongoing problems with its building, and is hoping for funding for refurbishment to include an expansion of the Red Door Centre, offering help and support for students.

Holy Trinity and the Priory have a thriving programme of regular and one-off activities. Check out their website: www.holytrinitylenton.org.uk.

Include Your Story in the Next Issue

If your organisation would like to include an article in the next issue of the newsletter, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Or if you have an opinion about anything you have read in this newsletter, or about the local area, send us a letter and we will try to include it in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit letters and articles for reasons of space.

This newsletter comes out quarterly and is delivered to every

home and many businesses in the area. You could put a small advert in the newsletter and tell around 4000 households what you do. Prices start from as little as £15 for a 15cm square box, £25 for half a column, or from £40 for larger adverts. We also deliver flyers with the newsletter.

The next newsletter will be out in April 2002, and the provisional copy deadline is 1 March 2002.

Contact the Forum on 9419525 for more information.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

Wet But Fun in Hathersage

Lenton Primary School and Nursery

The teacher's view: Mrs McKinlay

A cold and wet Friday morning saw 27 excited children and 5 adults off on a weekend trip to St Michael's Environmental Centre at Hathersage in Derbyshire. The weekend was packed with activities for the children as well as the unusual prospect of spending two nights away from home with schoolfriends.

Rain continued throughout most of the morning and my memory of exploring the 'Blue John' caverns in Castleton will be of rain running down my hair and neck! The caves were very interesting with some wonderful stalactites and stalagmites. In the afternoon, the wet weather cleared up and we took a short walk to look at the broken road just above Castleton. The views were quite spectacular.

One of the most memorable activities was the 'night walk' on Friday evening. It was a dry evening with a beautiful starry sky. The sounds of the night were quite eerie and spooky, especially as we were at the end of October!

Walks, orienteering, karaoke, quizzes, cooking, dormitories, mud and dogs are all part of the experiences that we enjoyed, with many children looking forward to the next trip!

The pupil's view: Andrew Nuttall, aged 10

We stayed at St Michael's Environmental Study Centre. It was strange because we weren't used

to sleeping in dormitories together. My dormitory was called 'Win Hill' and me and Scot were in it.

We went for a very long and tiring walk on Saturday. We went to an old Catholic church and played a game where the soldiers had to find the priests. We went for a walk through open moorland and chased some sheep through the bracken. I never knew that sheep could run so fast.

When we were almost back at Hathersage, we had to get across a bog. James tried to jump over it and succeeded, minus one boot. Then a farmer showed us a way around.

Sunday was best because we went Orienteering. We were given a map and had to find some stamps and stamp the right box on a card. Then we went back for a different map. All in all we had a great time and it was a fantastic trip.

Busy-ness as Usual at Dunkirk School

It has been a very busy term at Dunkirk Primary and Nursery School, with an endless list of things experienced by the children.

The Key Stage One children had a day trip to Twycross Zoo, kindly provided by 'Kontakt', a charitable organisation from the University. The children had a great time watching the animals and made a 'Big Book' about everything they discovered.

Key Stage Two went to Perlethorpe Environment Education Centre for a day of team building, den building and orienteering. The enthusiasm was so strong that they did these activities again a few weeks later at

Wollaton Park. Another very tiring but successful day!

We received glowing praise from the organisers of both trips, who said how wonderfully behaved and enthusiastic our Dunkirk children are.

You may have seen many of our children in the *Evening Post*, sharing their thoughts about Remembrance Day. The children were very aware and thoughtful. All the children showed their sensitivity by making some wonderful cards to 'celebrate' World Peace Day on 18 September.

We had an action packed week to celebrate Black History Month. The children were mesmerised by story

telling, songs, dance and 'hands on' workshops. And in the run up to Christmas were the discos, parties and not least the Christmas show – all a lot of fun.

Aerobics

It's fun, it's free!
Thursdays from 1.30pm (in term-time) at Dunkirk School
Childcare will be provided

Computer Skills

A basic course leading to accreditation starting in January

For more information, contact Carol at the school on 9153273 (all day Thursday or Friday to 2pm).

'Love in a Box' from Edna G

Edna G Olds Primary School

Back in September, our Year 4 children visited a life size replica of the trams coming to Nottingham in a couple of years. It was a chance for the children to find out what a tram is, as many had never seen one before. The children were excited and impressed by what they saw.

The school and nursery children collected shoeboxes full of presents for children all over the world as part of the 'Operation Christmas Child' campaign. We collected over 50 shoeboxes to be given to children in need. Many thanks to all those who donated a 'Love in a Box' to the appeal. Talking of children in need, we collected over £100 on 'Children In Need' day through activities such as a raffle, a non-uniform day and covering pictures of Pudsey Bear with coins!

After the tragic events of September 11, our Year Six children wrote cards expressing their feelings and thoughts about the events. The

cards were taken to a memorial near to the site of the Twin Towers in New York. A few weeks later, the children received a very moving letter from a New York resident who lives near to Ground Zero, thanking them for their efforts and thoughts.

Thanks to the Students Union and the 'Karnival' project, year 6 also visited the National Space Centre in Leicester, where the children role played at Mission Control and on board the space flight! We partly returned the favour to Karnival by entering their Sponsored Six a Side football tournament at the end of October. We didn't win but we did raise money for Karnival and we looked good in our smart new kit!

In November we were delighted to welcome Robina Parveen, our new Amber Worker. Robina will develop projects and activities for the community to get involved in. If you have any ideas, call Robina at school on 9156813.

Early Start at Edna G Olds Nursery

Early Start is based at our nursery and provides high quality care for 20 children from 7:45 am to 5:30pm all year round to allow parents to train or work. Places are available to working parents at £85 per week. Parents in receipt of working families tax credit can reclaim up to 70% of this cost back. Reduced places at £15 per week are available to parents undertaking employment training.

For more information about Early Start, please contact Maureen Rodgers at the Nursery on 9156899.

Finally, a plea for help! Several times last term, the milk for the nursery children and the youngest in school was stolen after it was delivered. Not only did the children go without milk, we also had to pay the dairy for milk we hadn't received! It seems that someone in our community is depriving our youngest children of their milk. If anyone knows anything or has seen anything suspicious, please phone us at school on 9156813.

POLICE & COUNCIL NEWS

Amnesty on Abandoned Cars

We appear to live in a throw-away culture that includes motor vehicles! Abandoned cars are unsightly, and are dangerous play areas for children.

The City Council have introduced an amnesty for people who want to scrap their car but have no way to do this. Contact the Highways Department on 9156666 to have your car taken away free of charge. You will need proof that you own the car, and it must be accessible from a public road.

If a vehicle is abandoned on a city street, contact the Highways Department and they will arrange for someone to look at it. If it is abandoned, a seven day notice will be served and they will arrange for it to be scrapped. If it is obviously scrap or is burnt out, the Council will arrange removal within 24 hours.

If the Police find an abandoned vehicle which is likely to attract anti-

social behaviour, the Council will arrange for the car to be towed away as soon as the Police have tried to trace the owner. The Department of the Environment runs a tow-away scheme for cars without tax.

Cycling on the Pavement

One of the complaints we receive most often is about people cycling on pavements. Many elderly people find it difficult to use pavements when cyclists are riding on them at speed. There is an excellent system of cycle paths around our area, and

footpaths are not always designed for cyclists to use! Please be aware of other users of the pavements, and remember that if you do cycle on pavements you could be fined. The bus lane leaving the City Centre is also a cycle path. If you feel that the cycle paths are in the wrong place, lobby your councillors!

Not all of the offenders are from the local area, the University or the QMC, but we hope that people reading this will stick to the proper routes!

Police Surgeries

Your local Community Police Officers hold regular surgeries.

PC Paul Moore: Dunkirk Community Centre, 6pm - 7pm, 2nd Tuesday in the month, joint with local councillors.

PC Mick Barratt: Lenton Community Centre, 5.30pm to 6.30pm on alternate Fridays.

News From the Councillors

Park Ward: CCTV Success

The government recently awarded Nottingham £2.7 million for CCTV cameras. In meetings with the Leader of the Council, we managed to make Lenton Flats Nottingham's top priority. A £1.4 million state of the art CCTV system will be installed in Lenton Flats, fifty per cent of the City's entire allocation. We believe that this will be very popular with residents.

Two years ago, we secured £1.2 million for new windows and external cleaning. Last year we got £750,000 for environmental improvements. The CCTV scheme will take recent spending on Lenton Flats to nearly £3.5 million. There will also be cameras in Church Square, and after consulting traders other improvements are taking place.

We have been campaigning for a Residents' Parking Scheme around the Lenton Drives. It has been an on/off fight with City Council officers. A year ago it looked good, six months

ago it did not. We are pleased to say we are making some progress again. *Cllr Dave Trimble and Cllr Zahoor Mir, representing Park Ward.*

Abbey Ward: Warm Front Grants

Abbey Ward Councillors are promoting the Warm Front Grant Scheme, providing grants for insulation and heating improvements for owner-occupiers and private tenants. Grants of up to £1000 are available for residents receiving income or disability related benefits, and up to £2000 for over 60's or families with children under 16 who receive benefits. All materials and installation work is provided free of charge to those who qualify.

For further details, contact your Councillors and they will let you have a leaflet about the scheme.

Cllr David Poole, tel 9424795 and Cllr Margaret Cobb, tel 9153110, representing Abbey Ward.

Meet Jeff Surgay

Based at the Meadows Housing Office but also working at Lenton Housing Office, I deal with the most serious cases of anti social behaviour and racial harassment. My duties include monitoring cases being dealt with by Estate Management Officers and supporting them when necessary. I also work with the police on drugs and gang-related issues.

I work with very knowledgeable housing staff and have over thirty years experience of investigations. I find out about problems in the area and send suitable cases to the Council's Legal Services Department. The Council will not tolerate anti social behaviour and, where appropriate, will take legal action to stop it.

I am currently looking at anti social behaviour involving teenagers in Penn Avenue and Church Square, looking at their needs as well as dealing with the problems caused.

Anti social behaviour should be reported to the Lenton Housing Office in Church Square, but I can be contacted on 9153717 should you wish to speak to me personally.

Jeff Surgay, Nuisance & Harassment Project Officer.

The Year We Didn't Lose the War

The Chairperson's Annual Report 2000–2001

During the early 1980s, when Nottingham University embraced the 'market economy', it abandoned any interest in the wellbeing of its off-campus students – what else explains its lack of interest in their accommodation, enabling bad landlords to make fat profits by squeezing as many students as possible into old, unsuitable housing? Had they had their way, the area's owner occupiers and council tenants would have gone and Dunkirk and Lenton would have been absorbed into an extended University campus.

This did not happen because some of us were bloody-minded. We were the 'Awkward Squad'. We stayed and we dug in – we didn't take the money and run. We joined forces with the students and argued for decent student accommodation and more family homes. Through the Forum, the community has argued

for a balanced community.

For the past ten years, we have been fighting a war that many think we are losing. However, I believe that, even though the Forum has lost staff and is about to lose some long-serving Executive Committee members (myself included), the people of Dunkirk and Lenton will, in 5–10 years time, look back and realise that 2001 was the year they didn't lose the war!

Why? For a start, from May 2003 we will have a ward called 'Dunkirk and Lenton' and our own city councillors. All three political parties have a chance of winning the new ward, which means local politicians will have a real interest in the area.

Proposed Government legislation will almost certainly place all three storey rented houses in a 'high risk' category leading to compulsory registration, which may make them uneconomic for private landlords. This coincides with more people wanting to live in, or close to, the city

centre. Dunkirk and Lenton is ideally placed to benefit from this change. With these changes will come more long-term residents with an interest in improving local amenities. The area could see a renaissance.

For the past five years, the Forum has provided a focal point where individuals and groups with a long-term interest in the area met and organised to save our neighbourhood. For the next five years the Forum needs to ensure that the changes local people want are actually realised. For this to happen new people need to become involved in the Forum as a whole and in its working groups.

There are many opportunities for becoming involved and there has never been a better time to join. Please give us your support. There is a place on the Executive Committee or on a working group for you - just attend the Forum Annual General Meeting at Lenton Community Centre at 7pm on 23 January 2002.

Robert Howard

Working Groups

Our Working Groups look at issues affecting local people. They are open to anyone who would like to get involved – contact the Forum on 9419525.

The **Health Working Group** will target health issues affecting the Asian communities at a mini conference. The group is working on creating a drop-in centre for people with mental health issues, sessions on smoking cessation, and health visitor sessions in Dunkirk. They are also putting together a directory of local organisations delivering health-related services.

The **Lifelong Learning** group is looking for funding to recruit a consultant, who will train local people to gather information on learning needs and attitudes. A report will outline what has been found, from which decisions can be made.

Reports from the **Children and Young People** group are going to Area

Seven Committee regarding funding for consultation and a survey of childcare and play provision in the area. The information gathered would help plan the next steps.

The **Housing, Environment and Community Safety** group continues to look at issues around crime, dumped cars, and safety throughout the community.

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Thank you

The Forum would like to say thank you and goodbye to three members of staff. Janet Clarke, our Partnership Development Co-Ordinator, did a sterling job establishing the Forum's team and office, and kick-starting much of the work carried out over the past couple of years. Anne Ovenden, our Administrative Officer, enabled the Forum office to run smoothly, kept the books and recorded our meetings. Clare Littleford, our Publicity and Information Officer, produced this newsletter and developed our website. We will miss their input and all their hard work and wish them all success in their new roles.

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News from Lenton Community Centre

Current Activities at Lenton Community Centre

Monday

9.30am – 12, 12.30 – 3pm: Fashion & Design Course for Women
10am – 12: Welfare Rights Session
7pm – 9pm: Choir Practice

Tuesday

9.30am – 12, 12.30 – 3pm: Fashion & Design Course for Women
11am – 2pm: Luncheon Club
6.30pm – 7.30pm (2nd Tuesday):
Councillors Surgery
7.30pm – 9.30pm (2nd Tuesday):
Park Labour Party
7pm – 9pm (Main Hall): Martial Arts

Wednesday

9.30am – 12, 12.30 – 3pm: Fashion & Design Course for Women
10am – 11.30pm: Park Day Club
(Carers and Toddlers)
3.30pm – 4.30pm: LICK Computer
Club & Internet Café (11s & under)
4.30pm – 6.30pm: Homework,
Computer & Internet Club (12 to
16 yrs)
7pm – 9pm: Choir Practice

Thursday

9.30am – 12, 12.30 – 3pm: Fashion
& Design Course for Women
1.45pm – 4.30pm: New Leaf (stop
smoking group)
7.15pm – 8.15pm: Swing Into
Shape (over 40's)

Friday

9.30am – 12, 12.30 – 3pm: Fashion
& Design Course for Women
10am – 11am: Musical Funtime:
Babies and Toddlers
2pm – 3pm: Musical Funtime: 3 to
5 years
5.30pm – 6.30pm: Credit Union
Collection Point
5.30pm – 6.30pm (fortnightly):
Police Surgery

Saturday

10am – 12: Little Stars Drama
Group (aged 8 to 14 years)

Sunday

11am – 2pm: Pentecostal Service
5pm – 7pm: Martial Arts

*The Centre also takes bookings
for parties, cultural celebrations,
clubs, public meetings, wedding
receptions etc. Ring for prices and
details on 0115 9412422.*

Out of School Activities Project

The Out of Schools Activities Project is now fully staffed with the new Project Assistant, Yvette Hail, appointed at the end of October. We look forward to a full programme of activities and events in the coming year.

Activities running currently are:
Pythons FC (5-11 yrs) Mons 3.30 – 5pm at Monty Hinds
LICK (Lenton Internet Café for Kids) (5-11 yrs) Weds 3.30 – 4.30pm at Lenton Community Centre
Cyber Café (12-16 yrs) Weds 4.45-6.15pm at Lenton Community Centre
Little Stars (8-14 yrs) Sats 10am-12 at Lenton Community Centre

An Open Day is planned for Saturday 26 January 2002 (keep an eye out for publicity). As always, we are looking for volunteers to help run these activities and training opportunities are available for free – if you've got some spare time, come in and see Nic or Yvette in the Community Centre on any weekday.

