

# NEWS FROM THE FORUM

The Newsletter of the Dunkirk & Lenton Partnership Forum No.14: July 2001

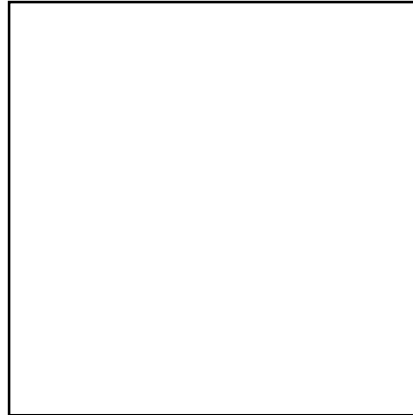
## Festival Fun for All

Saturday 2 June saw the first annual Community Festival for Dunkirk and Lenton, organised by the Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum.

Held on Lenton Recreation Ground, in Holy Trinity Church and at Unity House, the Festival was enjoyed by all ages. Lenton Local History Society's display was a big hit in Holy Trinity Church, accompanied by bell ringing and tours of the area. In Unity House, people enjoyed refreshments and browsed through displays and stalls.

On the park, a wild time was had by all, with a bouncy castle, face painting, and a chance to try circus skills such as plate spinning and stilt walking. Local Councillors and others got soaked in the stocks, and Lenton Community Shop's plate smashing stall proved popular. There were stalls from many local organisations, with games and items for sale, and plenty to keep everyone busy.

The Festival was opened by Hilda Dearn, who at 94 is thought to be the area's oldest resident. Local business Ralph Horsley Wedding Cars provided a chauffeur driven Rolls Royce so that Hilda arrived in style, and after she had cut the ribbon to open the Festival she was presented with bouquets of flowers donated by Lorna's Florists.



*Fun for all ages*

Hilda said, 'It was the thrill of a lifetime. I felt like royalty. I want to thank everyone who made the whole thing possible.'

Hilda attends Lunch Clubs run by Lenton Care Link, and stayed to help out at the Lenton Care Link stall. Lenton Care Link also ran a Volunteer's Week stall, celebrating volunteers' contributions to the area.

Other groups who helped make the day a success included Lenton Churches Together, Unity House, Lenton Community Association, Lenton Local History Society and the Police. The Forum would like to thank everyone who put so much work into the Festival, on the day itself and in the weeks leading up to the event.

The Forum has lots of photos of the day, and a display of these will be at the Forum public meeting at Lenton Community Centre on Wednesday 18 July at 7pm. More photos will be available in the Forum office, and we will order extra prints for people as a memento of the day.

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*Centre Page Pull Out:*  
**Community Manifesto**  
Let us know what you think about this

### Forum Public Meeting

**7pm, Wed 18 July**

Lenton Community Centre,  
Willoughby St, Lenton

Put your views about the area

#### **Invited Speaker:**

*From the City Council  
Development & Environment  
Services Department,*  
to talk about the Local Plan

#### **All Welcome**

Creche places available -  
telephone 9419525 to book a  
creche place or for more  
information

Next year, the Forum plans to hold a bigger and better Festival on Lenton Recreation Ground, and to start the ball rolling in Dunkirk with an event on Highfields Park. If you would like to get involved in organising either of these, or have any suggestions or comments following this year's Festival, please contact the Forum office on 9419525.

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# Linking Up

*News from Lenton Care Link*

Lenton Care Link will hold a garden fete and barbeque at Unity House on 18 August. They hope to raise funds for a holiday for some of the people who attend the Lunch Clubs.

Co-ordinator Diane Maloy said, 'Some people who come to the Lunch Clubs have not had a holiday for many years and quite a few require help to get around. We are taking volunteers with us to assist them and would like to offer subsidised places to our helpers.'

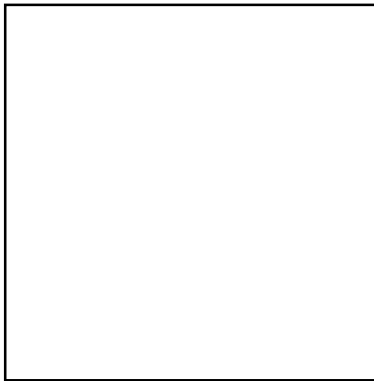
Around 15 service users, staff and volunteers will be able to enjoy the delights of sunny Blackpool in September if all goes well.

## Lenton Care Link On-line

Lenton Care Link plans to be part of The Beehive Community Network project, which offers every non-profit organisation in Notts the chance to build its own website.

## Multi-Cultural Evening

A Multi-Cultural Evening was held in May at Dunkirk Community Centre.



*Multi-Cultural Evening*

It was organised by Lenton Care Link's Asian Lunch Club Co-ordinator, Gurcharan Kaur Ghattora, to raise funds for trips and outings.

People from all ethnic groups enjoyed Bhangra dancing, Asian food, a children's fashion show and talent showcase. Gurcharan said, 'We hope to make this an annual event. The atmosphere was really friendly and everyone said how much they enjoyed themselves. It was a great family night out.'

The Asian Lunch Club meets at Unity House, Church Street every Wednesday. For more information about the Lunch Clubs or other services provided by Lenton Care Link, or if you would like to volunteer, please phone 9412499. The office is usually open until 3pm.

# Freedom Unlimited

Stuck for things for the kids to do over the summer? Why not try Unity House's Holiday Club, this year called Freedom Unlimited, running 6 to 12 August.

It's open to all 5 to 11 year olds who have not yet started senior school. For 9 to 11s there will be a two night camp in Derbyshire. Get your Registration Forms from Unity House, Church St, or ring 9787631.

Even if your kids aren't yet five, we can help keep them amused. Our Under Fives group will be open all summer, with a programme of

activities that will cope with your older children too. Come along and enjoy a range of activities - a detailed programme will be available in July but will probably include a trip, water play day and farm day.

Our 11-14s group is visiting Carsington Water on 28 July, and using the Transformer climbing wall on 21 July at Unity House. Signed permission slips are needed for both, which can be picked up at our Saturday evening club, open 7 and 21 July, 7-9p.m

Contact Unity House on 9787631.

## Radford and Lenton Toy Library

All welcome to borrow toys  
**Unity House**, Church St, Lenton  
 Monday 10am – 12.30pm  
 Friday 10am – 12.30pm  
**Dunkirk & Old Lenton Community Centre**, Montpelier Rd, Dunkirk  
 Wednesday 10.15am – 11.15am  
**Garden Street Family Centre**, Garden St, Radford  
 Thursday 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
**All Souls Community Centre**, Ilkeston Rd  
 Friday 10.30am – 11.30am  
*20 pence per toy, £1 for life membership*

**Volunteer needed** on Thursday mornings for a couple of hours, Southwold Primary, Kennington Rd, Radford, to run the toy library. Contact Jill Porter, All Souls Community Centre, Ilkeston Rd on 9781612.

## Nottingham Squash Club

Nottingham Squash Club invites all children to come and try something new. We run coaching sessions with qualified coaches for children of all ages and abilities.  
**Wed** 4pm – 5pm (mixed ability)  
**Sat** 9.30am – 10.45am (beginners)  
**Sat** 10.45am – 12 noon (improvers)

All equipment provided. Only £1 a session or free with this advert  
*Contact Zoe or Phil for more information on 9417022*  
 Nottingham Squash Rackets Club, Tattershall Drive, The Park, Nottingham NG7 1BX.

## Lenton Primary School & Nursery

### Safe and Sound

A Health and Safety Day, open to the community, with advice on health, chiropody, safety in the home, fire safety & more  
**Wed 11 July, 1.15pm - 4.15pm**  
 Tel 9151793 for more details

[www.dunkirkandlenton.co.uk](http://www.dunkirkandlenton.co.uk)

Our community online  
 Now under construction

## Inside Knowledge

I became a full time carer when my husband had a severe stroke two years ago. At first I felt very isolated. However, over time, I found out what help was available. I would like to pass on to anyone in my situation the contact numbers for organisations who have been very helpful to me and my husband.

**Community Stroke Service** 0115 9784561

**Trent Crossroads** – Caring for Carers 0115 9850700

Michael, **Prescription Service** Co-Ordinator, Lenton Care Link 07901 682779

**City Dial-A-Ride Community Transport** 0115 9691801

**Shopmobility Service** (Wheelchair Hire) Victoria Centre and Broadmarsh 0115 9153888

**Carers Federation** 0115 9858485

**Social Services Home Care**, contact general enquiries 0115 9155555

*Sheila, local resident*

Do you have inside knowledge of contacts for people facing a situation you have been in yourself? Pass us the details and allow others to benefit from your knowledge. Phone 0115 9419525, or write to the address on the front of this newsletter.

## Health Centres

At the Mini Health Conferences (see page 9), one issue raised was the lack of a health centre at the Dunkirk end of our area. Cripps Health Centre on the main university campus and Farndon Green Medical Centre in Wollaton are both keen to tell local people what facilities they offer.

### Cripps Health Centre

Cripps Health Centre is primarily aimed at students, but is open to people

connected to the University, such as staff or students' families. Services include family planning, cervical smears, maternity care, travel vaccinations, minor surgery and specialist clinics such as psychiatry, physiotherapy and the Counselling Service.

Contact Cripps Health Centre, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2QW, on 0115 9501654.

### Farndon Green Medical Centre

Farndon Green's services include 24 hour medical advice, family planning, Practice Nurses who can help with minor injuries and a full travel vaccination service. Most vaccines are held in stock and are free.

Students can choose where to register for a doctor – for Jubilee Campus, Farndon Green is the closest Health Centre. Contact the centre for details. Farndon Green Medical Centre, 1 Farndon Green, Wollaton Park, Nottingham NG8 1DU, tel (0115) 9288666.

Lenton Tropical Foods advert

# Dunkirk Delights

It has been another busy term at Dunkirk Primary and Nursery School. KS2 and KS1 both visited Southwell Minster for Time Travelling, and were complimented on their excellent attitude and behaviour.

Our before and after school club (The Dunkirk Fun Club) has an ever-growing attendance. Children enjoy a full cooked breakfast in the morning and the sandwiches at tea time always disappear quickly! The club is open from 8am to 9am and from 3.30pm to 6pm.

Our mock election on 7 June delivered a landslide victory for Abigail Ringrose, whose manifesto included

laptops for every child, a trip a week, PE (especially cricket) daily, and school to start at 10am not 9am – hence being called 'The Ten O'clock Party'.

Watch out for our oldest children on 'Who's Clues' on CITV, as they provided all the links for this new programme. The film crew were here for a day and it was fascinating to be part of making a TV programme.

Once again our children hit the press and TV news when a class went to the QMC to take part in National Nurses Day. The children had plastercasts placed on their

arms and their blood pressure taken. The nurses organised a superb day that will live in the children's memories for a long time.

We look forward to our end of term activities, and hopefully some hot weather!



*Dunkirk Fun Club at the Festival*

## Goodbye from Rob Wood

*A word from Rob Wood, Head Teacher, Lenton Primary School and Nursery*

At the end of July I shall be leaving my position as Head Teacher at Lenton Primary School and Nursery to take up another post in Derby.

In the five years I have been Head at Lenton there have been many changes, including big improvements in our children's test results and environmental developments.

The school's community role has given me pleasure and satisfaction. Urdu and Arabic schools use the building on Saturdays, we have close associations with local churches and we take children out to support the

community. We established adult education classes including computer training, and some residents have found full-time employment with skills learned in our school.

At Forum meetings I am always struck by this area's sense of identity and the responsibility which residents feel they have for it. I hope I have gone some way to teaching our children that this is their community and that they can make a contribution to its future.

That future is bright, and although I will not be a part of it from September I will look back with affection at my time spent in Lenton.

## Time Travellers

Children from Edna G Olds Primary School and Lenton Primary School visited Lenton Priory Church on two day trips in May.

The days included workshops and activities and Church members dressed in costume to act as guides.

A lot of history is attached to the Priory Church of St Anthony. Lenton Priory was an important monastery in its time, and the Priory Church is built on part of the Priory's site.

Time Travellers tells the story of Christianity through the church building, looking at Mediaeval and Victorian times. The children saw photographs of the area in years gone by and discovered where the churches had been throughout that time. They also had the chance to dress up in Victorian costumes.

*Fiona Whelpton*

## An Extra-Sensory Experience

Children at Edna G Olds Nursery, Lenton, have the opportunity to play in a specially created 'light room'.

Staff and parents darkened the room using drapes and hung reflective materials and mobiles on walls and ceiling. With an overhead projector, the room uses screen, oil, pattern and photo slides to produce an exciting atmosphere, enhanced

by mood music. One surface is covered with CD's (received through the post or free from supermarkets) to make an attractive reflective surface. If you have any you want to get rid of, the nursery can use them!

The room can be relaxing or stimulating for both children and staff! The children play with light, making patterns, looking at colours,

reflections and shiny surfaces and creating shadows. The room stimulates language and conversation, enhances vocabulary, introduces scientific concepts about light, colour and shape, and inspires creative activities – as well as giving the children something else to enjoy.

## Community Fund Brings Joy

In May we heard the good news that the Community Fund, formerly the National Lottery Charities Board, has awarded £59,639 to fund a full-time Project Leader and part-time Assistant for the Out of School Activities Project for two years.

Our motto should be 'If at first you don't succeed, try again!' A previous bid was rejected in October. The City Council's Area 7 Committee gave interim funding while we made changes to our bid. We re-submitted it. Our success is all the sweeter after our previous disappointment and the subsequent hard work by our workers and committee.

We feel there is still a need for this project, as there is little provision for children and young people out of school hours in this area.

As well as sports and leisure activities, there will still be an

emphasis on homework support. This helps develop full potential, especially where English is a second language. We will develop our Internet facilities and extend the age range up to sixteen. More activities for girls will enable them to identify a wider range of life choices. We plan to develop a mentoring network and hope that the project will be established long term by the end of the next two years.

We were sorry that Ros Forsey left the project at the end of April, and we thank her for all her hard work.

We will recruit a new Project Leader as soon as possible. Happily, our Project Assistant, Nicola Robinson, is still in post (Acting Leader for this temporary period).

Look out for details of exciting activities in the Autumn! Currently, the Out of School Activities Project run a variety of clubs. These are:

Pythons Football Session Mondays, 3.30 – 5.00pm at Monty Hinds

LICK Computer Club, Mondays, 3.45 – 5.45pm at Lenton Community Centre

We are also running a Summer Playscheme. The dates for this are:

23 – 26 July

13 – 16 August

28 – 31 August

If you have any spare time, we are always looking for volunteers. Training is available. Contact Nicola on 9412422 or pop into Lenton Community Centre for a chat.

PMS advert

## Maid Marion Relunched

As you may have read in the *Nottingham Evening Post*, the Maid Marion launch is back on Highfields Lake.

Many of you will remember the boat which sailed around the lake from the early 1930's up to 1998 when it was scuppered by vandals. After reading that the City Council couldn't afford to repair the boat, former local resident Richard Kemp stepped in and paid for the restoration project.

It was with great excitement that some residents of Dunkirk responded to an invitation from the Highfields Park Users Consultative Group to be the first passengers to board the beautiful newly-refurbished boat.

As the sun glistened across the lake, nine members of the local community re-lived their childhood with a trip around the boating lake. Betty Sheldon, Glenys Randall and Betty Brown all recalled school trips to Highfields Park in the 1930's, when a whole class full of excited children from Dunkirk Primary School would pile onto Maid Marion for their trip around the lake. Vera Tyers, another resident, could remember queuing for a trip on the boat as a



*Maid Marion back in the water*

Bank Holiday treat. Patrick Randall, Sylvia Bruce, Ruth Poole and Brian Jones were other residents who recalled having been on the boat in their childhood.

The local residents were joined for this first trip by their Councillors David Poole and Margaret Cobb. There were

also two representatives of the next generation of local residents, James and Caitlin, along for their first trip on the boat.

Everyone agreed it was wonderful to have the boat back on the lake and expressed their heartfelt thanks to Richard Kemp who made it all possible.

## Bulb Planting



Volunteers got their hands dirty planting 300 Millennium Roses in rosebeds next to the putting green on Highfields Park.

The Highfields Park Users Consultative Group invited the volunteers to take part in the planting. The Forum is represented on the Consultative Group by Lesley Fyffe and Ron Kirk.

### Include Your Story

If your organisation would like to include news or an article in this newsletter, we would be delighted to hear from you. Or if you have an opinion about the local area, send a letter and we will try to include it in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit letters or articles for reasons of space.

The copy deadline for the October issue is Mon 20 August 2001. Contact Clare Littleford on 941 9525 to discuss items you would like to include, email us at [forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk](mailto:forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk), or write to *News From the Forum*, c/o Lenton Leisure Centre, Willoughby Street, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 1RQ.

### Sell Yourself Through Us!

This newsletter comes out quarterly and is delivered to every home and most businesses in the area. If you provide services locally or run a shop or food outlet, you could place an advert in the newsletter and tell nearly 4000 households what you do.

The next issue will come out in October and the deadline to place an advert in that issue is Monday 20 August. Prices start from £15 for a 15cm square box, £25 for half a column, or from £40 for larger adverts. We also deliver flyers with the newsletter.

Contact Clare Littleford on 941 9525 for more details.

## Community Police

### Cycling on the Pavement

One major complaint received by the police is cycling on the pavements. Cyclists still cycle on the pavement even when there is a cycle path on the road.

We do understand that cyclists feel safer on the footpath than risking life and limb on busy roads. However, there is a cycle path network running either via bus lanes or near the roads.

Please remember that footpaths are only for pedestrians. Cycling on the pavements is dangerous for pedestrians, and is also against the law. Many of these cyclists don't live in this area, but some do, and anyone caught doing this could be fined.

### Police Contact Surgeries

**PC Paul Moore** holds a joint surgery with the local Councillors at Dunkirk Community Centre, 6pm – 7pm on the second Tuesday in the month. There might be times when he can't attend, but he can be

contacted for non-urgent matters on 8445942, where there is voicemail.

**PC Mick Barratt** holds a surgery at Lenton Community Centre every other Friday from 5.30 to 6.30pm. Check with the community centre for dates on 9412422, or phone 9482999 and ask for PC 1711 Barratt at Canning Circus police station.

### CPR Introductory Courses

Coronary Heart Disease causes almost 115,000 deaths each year in England. Every year around 3900 people die in Nottingham from circulatory or heart disease.

*Would you know what to do?*

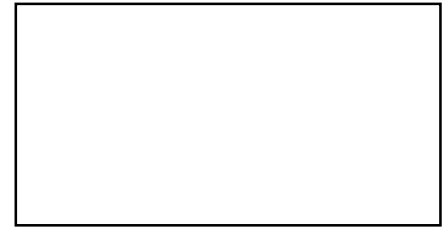
*Can you perform Rescue Breathing?*

*Could you do Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation?*

*Would you like to learn?*

We plan to hold free 2 hour introductory sessions in CPR at the Dunkirk Community Centre. Contact PC 454 Moore at Canning Circus Police Station on 8445941 for dates.

## Flyposting



In recent months, flyposting in the area became epidemic. Local people joined the police and the Council in taking posters down as they appeared. The City Council cleaned posters up and the police wrote to clubs, with a positive response from most.

Stapling posters to trees damages trees that are part of our area's character. The Forum and the Students' Union wants to discourage people from sticking posters to trees and lamp posts. If you see any posters, please take them down and hand them in to the Forum office.

The police want to remind everyone that flyposting is against the law - the City Council does prosecute, and the police are taking action.

PD Rees Advert

# Meet the Housing Officers

**Ros White, Area Contract Manager**  
Ros joined the City Council in January 1999 as Area Contract Manager for Radford and moved to The Meadows in February 2000.

Ros has worked in housing since 1990. She gained a degree in Housing Studies and a Diploma in Management and lectures at Basford Hall College on the BTEC Housing Studies course.

Based at The Meadows District Housing Office, Ros is also responsible for the Lenton and Victoria Centre housing offices. Her other duties are to develop a business plan for the area, to secure funding for projects, to liaise with councillors, to report to Area Committee, to support partnerships and tenant and resident groups and to monitor security.

Ros can be contacted on 9153709 or at The Meadows District Housing Office, 10/11 Blackstone Walk, The Meadows, Nottingham

**Bernadette Lawley, Neighbourhood Housing Manager**

Bernadette came to Lenton as Neighbourhood Housing Manager in March 2000. She has worked for the Housing Department around the city since 1992, including at Lenton as an Estate Management Officer.

Bernadette runs the Housing Office and is responsible for housing services in Lenton. The area managed by Lenton Housing Office includes Willoughby Street/Maxwell Close, Narrowmarsh (behind Broadmarsh Centre), Brightmoor Street/Court, and Cartergate, next to the Ice Arena.

Bernadette works closely with groups like the Forum, Lenton Community Association, the Church Square Working Group and the Narrowmarsh Tenants and Residents group. Contact her on 9153740 or at Lenton Housing Office, 5-6 Church Square, Lenton, Nottingham.

# Community Reps on Area 7

Local people can get involved in Area Committees. In Area 7, Community Representatives sit on the committee to represent other groups in their ward; they have a vote on all except financial matters. Other Community umbrella groups in Area 7 select them.

This happens at a day where organisations such as Community Associations, Tenants and Residents groups and Partnerships review how things work – for example, ensuring information gets to all organisations. The groups split into wards and decide which organisation will select a representative for the next year.

The Community Representative feeds information and issues into Area 7 Committee and takes information back to their own and other groups. The group they represent must be properly constituted and adhere to the City Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

Each ward, Abbey, Bridge and Park, has 4 representatives, plus space for under-represented or City-wide groups. Park and Abbey wards are represented by Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum, Lenton Community Association, Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association, Park Residents' Association, Narrowmarsh Tenants Association, University of Nottingham Students Union and Wollaton Park Community Association.

Other organisations, such as Health, Housing or Police, are also invited to meetings so that the Area can be looked at strategically. Local Community Representatives can feed concerns or issues to these agencies.

If Community Representatives are unable to attend a meeting they can send someone else by informing the Committee section at least 24 hours before the meeting who will be attending. Area Committee meetings are open to the public, but they do not have the right to speak.

If you would like further information about Area Community Representatives or about Area 7 Focus working, phone 9155249.

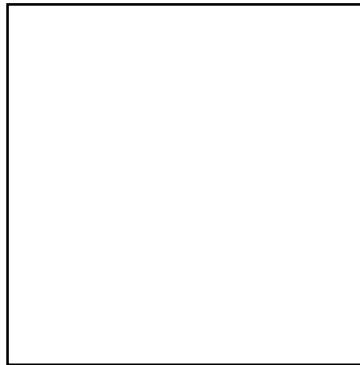
## A Word From the Councillors

*We invited the Councillors from Park and Abbey wards to contribute to News From the Forum. In this issue, we hear from the Park ward Councillors:*

We would like to thank the Forum for the chance to contribute to your newsletter and to congratulate the Forum for the work carried out since its inception. The last newsletter was excellent and was a credit to the quality of staff employed by the Forum.

We have had success in the improvements to Lenton Flats. The flats had new windows and external cleaning followed by redecoration and environmental works - all part of £2 million of investment. We have not finished there - we hope to get Home Office money for CCTV, which will also cover Church Square shopping precinct. One note of sadness was the ending of the Lenton Flats Residents Group - we wish them all well.

Over the last two years we have been fighting for a residents parking scheme for Harlaxton, Rolleston and



*Dave Trimble in the stocks*

Allington Drives, Welby Avenue and Derby and Park Roads. We believed we were successful but Council officers seem to be backtracking. We have not finished fighting and have made our views clear. If you are not happy with this, phone the Team Leader, Ian Chatfield on 9155083 and tell him your views.

Finally, we enjoyed the Festival on 2 June – even when we were soaked to the skin in the stocks!

*Dave Trimble and Zahoor Mir, Councillors for Park Ward.*

## Working Groups

### Housing, Environment and Community Safety

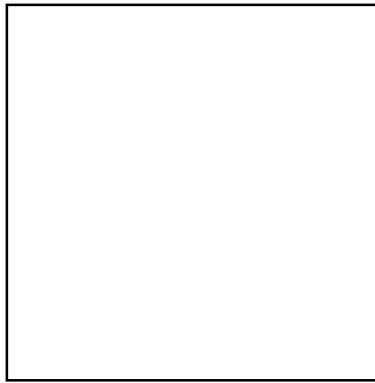
This group has been looking at parking, lighting, rubbish, wheelie bins and issues relating to Church Square. Flyposting will be discussed at a future meeting. The next HEC meeting will be on Wednesday 18 July, 2pm, at Lenton Community Centre. Let us know of problems or issues by ringing the Forum on 9419525.

### Education Working Group

There will be a meeting on Thurs 28 June at 12.30pm at Lenton Community Centre to start a lifelong learning strategy for the area. Working with Area 7 Committee, the meeting will include those who deliver local services. The next stage is to gather information from the community.

### Health

Mini Health Conferences were held in the area in May, one in Lenton and one in Dunkirk. Both were well attended by service providers and service users. The



*Mini Health Conference*

group will develop an action plan from contributions made on the days. They will meet quarterly to discuss strategic health issues. The Health Working Group will still meet monthly to deliver the action plan.

*The next Health Working Group meetings will be held on:*

Thursday 28 June, 10.30am, at Lenton Community Centre

Monday 23 July 10.30am, at Dunkirk & Old Lenton Community Centre

*Quarterly Health Conferences will be on:*

Thursday 6 September in Lenton

Thursday 20 September in Dunkirk

### Community Manifesto

We hope you can take the time to read the Community Manifesto

enclosed in this newsletter and give us your views. This is only a draft and we want the final version to reflect local people's priorities. You can phone us on 9419525, email us on [forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk](mailto:forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk), or write or visit us c/o Lenton Leisure Centre, Willoughby Street, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 1RQ.

### Supporting Community and Voluntary Organisations

We would like information from local community and voluntary organisations on how best the Forum can support them and their work. Initial discussions have been around setting up a resource facility for funding, training materials and volunteering. If you have any views or ideas we would welcome them.

### Forum Executive Committee

In October we hold our Annual General Meeting and will elect the Executive Committee for next year. We would like to encourage anyone who is interested to talk to us about what is involved, and to stand for election to the Executive Committee.

## 'A Worthwhile Challenge'

Margaret Carruthers, the Forum's Projects Officer, has been steaming ahead providing advice and support for people looking for work.

This support has proved helpful to a number of people, as one resident who has spoken to Margaret told *News From the Forum*.

*'After an initial chat I felt that the guidance and advice I received was tailored to my individual needs. Here I*

*feel like the only customer, not one of hundreds all clamouring for attention.*

*'I like the one to one approach because it is much easier to find and fix any problems with job seeking skills - problems that you might not want to admit in a group situation like a job club. The one on one approach also makes you face up to areas where you need to improve your skills, like interview technique and makes it possible to role*

*play through an interview scenario several times applying suggested 'tips and tricks' straight away. It's challenging but it's worth it!'*

If you would like to talk to Margaret in confidence about jobs or training, contact the Forum office on 9419525 to arrange an appointment, write to Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum, c/o Lenton Leisure Centre, Willoughby St, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 1RQ, email [mcarruthers@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk](mailto:mcarruthers@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk)

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### Mature Connections

Mature Connections promotes and develops working and learning opportunities for mature people.

**Call the information line**

8.30am-6.30pm Mon to Fri

**Freephone 0800 6520244**



# HEART HEART

News from Lenton Community Centre

## Poetic Evening

The poetry evening organised by the Community Association at the end of May was a first for us, and was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

The poems were very varied – old favourites such as ‘The Listeners’, thoughtful modern poems by Wendy Cope, a sixth century poem by St Columba, a moving poem by the Russian poet Yevtushenko, and much more. The atmosphere, enhanced by flowers and music, was relaxed, and interesting discussions were generated by some of the poems.

The Community Centre provides a pleasant venue for such an occasion. Maybe you can think of an activity which you would enjoy holding or attending here in the heart of the community?

Other activities at the Centre continue to be varied. The initiative New Leaf, which helps those who wish to quit smoking, is proving helpful to a number of people. It is held on Thursday mornings, and appointments can be made by phoning the Centre.

## New Look for Community Shop

The inside of the Community Shop has been re-organised. It now looks brighter and more spacious.

If you haven't seen it yet, come and have a look around. There is always something new to see and buy, besides the splendid range of fashion items, toys, books and household goods. Just at present there's a good line in vintage sewing machines and bicycles, and an organ in excellent condition.

In response to the last Forum Newsletter, we gained a volunteer who is now working in the shop, and there are still opportunities here for anyone

else who would like to join the team.

The Community Shop is on Osmaston Street, just off Lenton Boulevard, telephone 9509545.

## Current Activities at Lenton Community Centre

### Monday

Welfare Rights Session 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Girls Afterschool Club 4.15–6.15pm

Choir Practice 7.00 – 9.00pm

Games Workshop Italia 7.30 – 9.00pm

### Tuesday

Luncheon Club 11.00am – 2.00pm  
Councillors Surgery (2nd Tues) 6.30 – 7.30pm

Park Labour Party (2nd Tues) 7.30 – 9.30pm

Martial Arts 7.00 – 10.00pm

### Wednesday

Park Day Club (carers & toddlers) 10.00 – 11.30am

LICK Computer Club & Internet Café (11's & under) 3.30 – 4.30pm

Homework, Computer & Internet Club (11-16 yrs) 4.30 – 6.30pm

Choir Practice 7.00 – 8.15pm

### Thursday

New Leaf stop smoking group 9.30am-1.30pm

Lenton Parents & Toddlers 10.00 – 11.30am

Swing Into Shape 7.15 – 8.15pm

### Friday

Musical Funtime: Babies & Toddlers 10.00 – 11.00am

Musical Funtime: 3 yrs – 5 yrs 2.00 – 3.00pm

Credit Union Collection Point 5.30 – 6.30pm

Police Surgery (fortnightly) 5.30 – 6.30pm

Muslim Welfare House 7.30 – 10.00pm

### Sunday

Pentecostal Service 11.00am – 2.00pm

Martial Arts 5.00 – 7.00pm

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

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