

# NEWS FROM THE FORUM

The Newsletter of the Dunkirk & Lenton Partnership Forum No.11 October 2000

## It's official! We're a community!

**For a long time now, Dunkirk and Lenton have been divided between two different electoral wards, and that has made it difficult to show the needs of the whole community to the City Council and other official bodies.**

But all of this is now set to change. The City Council drew up plans to alter the ward boundaries in June last year, and the Forum looked at the plans and put forward our own suggestions to the Local Government Commission, the people who decide what ward boundaries will be adopted.

We suggested a number of changes to the City Council's plans, including creating one ward for Dunkirk and Lenton to allow better representation of the community as a whole.

In August, the Government accepted the Local Government Commission's recommendations, which means that from

2003 we will all be in Dunkirk and Lenton Ward, and our councillors will represent only our community – we will no longer have to share them with parts of Wollaton and The Park.

But this change is not only good news in terms of City Council representation. When we have our own ward, we will be able to collect information about our area much more accurately than before. At present, for example, the statistics for Lenton also include the people who live in The Park, and this distorts the picture of things such as poverty and unemployment, and what services and provisions are needed in this area.

The changes could mean that we are able to get more funding to regenerate and improve the community, and that is good news for everyone in the area.

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### Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm Wed 11 October  
Dunkirk and Old Lenton  
Community Centre  
Montpelier Road, Dunkirk

Put your opinions for our priorities over the next year.

Elect the new Executive Committee – see page 8 for more details.

Transport from Lenton and Creche available – tel 941 9525 to book your place or for more information.

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## News From Dunkirk Fire Station

**Thank you to all those who attended our Station Open Day – with all the local support, we had a very successful day.**

### Fireworks

You are probably looking forward to Bonfire Night. Perhaps you're thinking of buying fireworks. We would like to remind you that without proper precautions, serious injuries can occur.

As an alternative to your own firework display, why not pop along to Dunkirk Fire Station on 4 November 2000? We have a very large bonfire supervised by professional firefighters and the kids will be enthralled by our £1000 firework display.

The night has been running for ten years and offers you, your friends and children a

very entertaining night along with the peace of mind of being in a safe environment. We will have a supervised area for children to light sparklers, food and refreshments will be on sale and there will be easily accessible toilets available. Find out more information from posters on the front of the fire station.

If you still want to have your own bonfire and firework display, then we urge you to be extremely careful. If you need any information on building and lighting bonfires, or on lighting fireworks, please contact our Fire Safety department on 942 1600.

### Fire Safety Campaign

By the time you have read this article you may well have seen the Fire Action Campaign on

television in which two children tragically die in a house fire. Part of our community fire safety work is to try to get the public to form a plan of escape before a fire happens. Fire kills, but you can prevent it.

### Make Your Plan – Get Out Alive.

Part of this plan is to make sure you have a working smoke alarm. If you don't, or if you know of anyone who has not got one, then contact Dunkirk Fire Station on 942 1600 and we will fit one free of charge.

If you have any other questions about fire safety, please contact us on the above number, and we will do our best to help.

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## Street Play in Lenton

**There were traditional street games galore at Lenton Recreation Ground during the school holidays.**

It was part of a street play initiative organised by the City Council and the URBAN project, based in Radford, Hyson Green, Forest Fields and New Basford.

More than fifty children took

part in a variety of traditional games, and it is hoped that the day will have encouraged more people to play games and sports on the Recreation Ground.

Parents also filled in 'Best Value' forms for the City Council to suggest activities and services they would like as well as to give their view of the day.

## New Leaf

**A service for smokers who wish to stop.**

New Leaf are starting a service at OSCAR in Church Square, Lenton on Monday mornings from 9 am to 12 noon.

To make an appointment to take advantage of this service, please contact OSCAR (the Organisation for Sickle Cell Anaemia Research) on 950 9511.

# LENTON COMMUNITY SHOP

## Lenton

### Community Shop

15 Osmaston St, Lenton  
Open Mon-Fri 9.30 - 4.30

*Help your local charity shop!*

**This shop is unique in putting profits back into the community, but without volunteers, it will close.**

#### *Volunteers needed*

- ★ to serve in the shop
- ★ to sort goods
- ★ to clean

As little as 2 or 3 hours per week could be helpful.

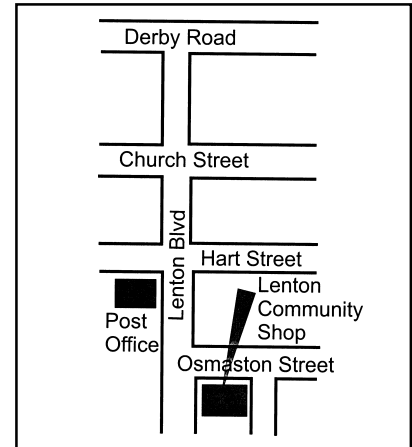
Phone Nancy (9168876), Mairi (9412422) or Jenny (9470005).

**The Community shop is managed by the Community Trust, a charity which exists to 'promote the welfare and improve the condition of life of the inhabitants of Lenton'.**

The shop contributes to the community in many ways. It sells low-cost quality clothing and other articles, recycles goods and so is environmentally useful, and will plough back its profits into the local community.

We are a little off the beaten track, but the map shows where to find us. Come and visit us!

At the AGM on 26 September, we hope to expand the Board of Trustees to include as wide a spectrum of the local community as possible. Although this date might well have passed by the



time you read this, we would like to hear from you if you are connected with a local concern which is not represented.

We hope to have representatives from local charities, faith communities, schools and businesses. Please contact Nancy (9168876), Mairi (9412422) or Jenny (9470005).

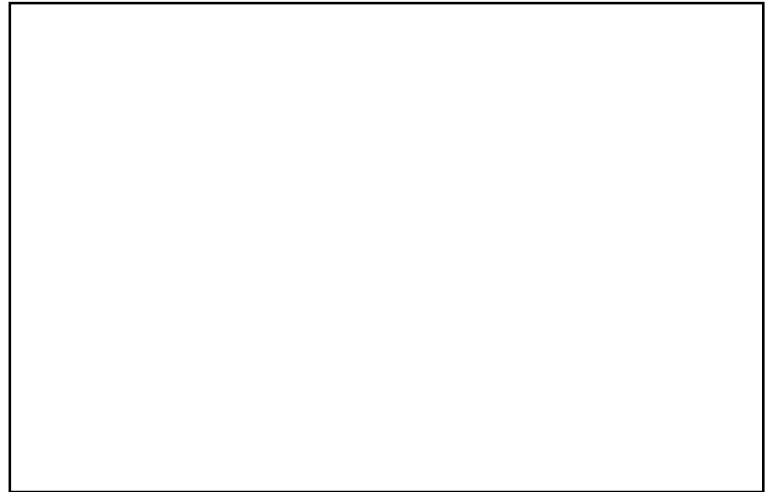
Lenton Tropical Food Ad

## All Change at Edna G Olds School

Edna G Olds Primary School has a new Head Teacher, Ms Lynda Noble, and a new Deputy Head Teacher, Mr Peter Dudgeon.

They are both looking forward to meeting people and working in the local community.

As you walk past the school, take a good look at the new decoration! A new fence has been erected which is worth examining. The children, staff and parents had a great time painting the fence to add a splash of colour to Church Street.



## Lenton Primary & Nursery School

### The First and Last Club

The First and Last Club continues to be popular, providing before and after school care by qualified and experienced staff.

The Club is open from 7.15am to 8.45am each weekday morning and from 3.20pm to 6.00pm each afternoon. Breakfast is included in the morning and activities for the children (aged 5 to 11 years) to enjoy include painting, drawing, collage, drama, cricket, football and even TV!

There are some vacancies at the club and further details can be obtained by calling in to see Lynne Faulkner at Lenton Primary on Lenton Boulevard or by ringing her during club hours on 915 1793.

### Boiling Away

New boilers are being installed at Lenton Primary School and Nursery as part of the Government's drive to improve school facilities.

At a cost of over £60,000 this is a further commitment by the Local Authority to the long-term future of the school.

### Adult Education Classes

Starting week beginning 11 September

#### Tuesdays

9.15-11.15am, Decorative Finishes (10 wks)

#### Wednesdays

9.15 - 11.15am, DIY (10 wks)  
7.00 - 9.00pm, Computers, IBT2 (30 wks)

7.00-9.00pm, Keep Fit (10 wks)

#### Thursdays

1.00 - 3.00pm, Computers, Web-wise (6 wks)

#### Fridays

9.15 -11.15am, Computers for Beginners, RSA CLAIT (30 wks)  
1.00 - 3.00 pm, Computers, Desk Top Publishing (30 wks)

**Courses are free to parents of Lenton Primary School. Remitted fees for those receiving benefits. Limited cost for all others.**

To register for any courses just turn up on the day or contact Mr Wood at the school.

All courses are provided in partnership with Lenton School and the People's College.

## Summer in Dunkirk

The pupils at Dunkirk Primary had a busy summer term.

There was a swimming gala at the university pool and a sports day at the school. The nursery school had a wonderful time at Farm Park in Sherwood Forest, while Key Stage 1 pupils had a teddy bears' picnic at Wollaton Hall. Key Stage 2 pupils kept up the activity with an orienteering exercise at Wollaton Hall.

The whole school celebrated The Wrong Trousers Day to raise money for the QMC, and visited the Sikh Gurdwara in Lenton as part of a study of the Sikh religion.

We are welcoming children from all over the world for the new school year, and this term will be very busy. The Life Education Centre van will visit as part of the school's participation in a Health Education programme. Our oldest children will also be involved in the DARE drugs awareness programme.

October is 'Black History Month', and the whole school will be involved in a celebration of this as we look at the issues involved.

## Nottingham Business Centres

**Nottingham Business and Technology Group have officially changed their name to 'Nottingham Business Centres'.**

Part of Nottingham City Council Design and Property Services, based at Lenton Boulevard and with other sites in St Anns, Bulwell and Broxtowe, Nottingham Business Centres provide managed workspace to start-up and expanding small businesses.

They provide businesses with offices or workshops without traditional leases, plus the benefits of property maintenance, site security and reception and meeting rooms, on a 28 day renewable licence.

Companies based at the sites include internet service providers, sandwich makers, welders and printers, all boosting the economy, providing jobs and helping to regenerate parts of the city.

Nottingham Business Centres, with over 200 units, are one of the largest providers of managed work space in the East Midlands. Flexible terms and value for money licence fees means that demand for these units is strong. Consequently, a new business centre has just been opened in Broxtowe, and various discounts are available.

Details from 0115 955 2107, fax 955 2108, [www.nbtg.co.uk](http://www.nbtg.co.uk)

## Sell Yourself Through The Forum!

**This newsletter comes out quarterly and is delivered to every home and most businesses in the area.**

If you provide services such as plumbing, gardening or academic support, or run a shop or food outlet, you could put a small ad in the newsletter and tell around 4000 households what you do.

The next issue will come out in January and the deadline to place an advert in that issue is 25 November.

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.

PD Rees Advert

# Simple Steps to Stop Crime

## Beat the Burglars

**Every 28.63 seconds, a house in the UK is burgled, according to the British Crime Survey.**

In one in five burglaries, they don't even use force – they get in through an open door or window. In sixty per cent of burglaries in houses, the burglars come in through a back door or window, and in only nine per cent of cases where something is stolen is property returned to the owner.

That means that we need to do everything we can to prevent burglars from hitting our homes. There are a few things you can do to protect your home from burglars:

- ★ Fit 5-lever mortice locks, BS 3621, to front and rear doors.
- ★ Fit a door chain to make it easier to speak to strangers without letting them in.
- ★ Check door hinges are sturdy and have strong, long screws.
- ★ Put window locks on all ground floor windows, and all upstairs windows within reach of flat roofs or drainpipes.
- ★ Use time switches to turn on lights and other appliances when you are out.
- ★ Fit exterior security lights and a burglar alarm system.
- ★ Fit a strong, lockable, high gate across a side passage, to make it harder for burglars to get to the back of your house.
- ★ Postcode your property.
- ★ Get insurance.
- ★ Keep valuable items out of sight.
- ★ Shut and lock all doors and windows when you go out.
- ★ If your house is empty for long periods, remove all valuables.

## Postcoding Property

Use an ultra-violet marking pen. Mark items with your post-code and the number of your house or flat, and do this every 6 months or so, as the pen will fade. Keep a record of your valuables.

## Burglar Alarms

Some security firms have been knocking on doors to offer security surveys and alarms. There are a lot on the market, providing similar services at very different prices. All reputable dealers will be registered with one of the following Independent Inspectorate Organisations:

**NACOSS:** National Approval Council for Security Systems

**SSAIB:** Security Systems and Alarm Inspectorate Board

**AISC:** Alarms Inspectorate and Security Council

**IAI:** Independent Alarm Inspectorate

**Integrity 2000.**

If you want a visit from a security company, make an appointment that suits you. Insist they phone with the name of the representative, and when that representative arrives, check their identity. Before you agree to have an alarm, check that you are happy with their answers to the following questions:

Are you satisfied with the company's address and credentials?

Have you seen proof of identity from the representative who is calling?

Is the company subject to an independent inspection process, and if so, by which organisation?

Is the alarm a required of your house insurance, and if so, is the company acceptable to your insurance company?

Can they give you a list of Police rules for people occupying buildings with alarms, and written confirmation that the company is currently acceptable to the local Police for transmitting signals from new installations?

Is the alarm to British Standard 4737 or BS7042 (High Security Systems), or for wire-free alarms, BS7699 Clause 6 as amended by NACOSS code of practice NACP12?

Will they include maintenance and monitoring?

Do they have a 24 hour call-out service and emergency attendance within 24 hours?

**Finally, before you order an alarm, get at least three quotes.**

# Simple Steps to Stop Crime

## Searching Wheelie Bins

**You might have heard that people have been going through wheelie bins during the night. Sometimes, the contents of bins have been strewn across the road, but in other cases, it has been more serious than this.**

Some people have taken credit card details from counterfoils, receipts and letters that they have found. They have then been able to use the details they have found to buy items over the phone.

When throwing away receipts or other papers containing credit card details, make sure that the details cannot be used by criminals. If you see something suspicious, phone the Police.

## Student Targets

Student houses are a particular target for burglaries, as there is often more of everything in one place. In addition to the general advice given

here, it is a good idea for students to remove valuable items from the houses during vacations, to take particular care with locking doors and windows, and to remember to keep a back-up copy of any work done on a computer at home - computers are very popular items to be stolen!

Personal safety is also important, particularly at night, so always tell a friend or housemate where you are going, order taxis out of earshot of other people, and avoid walking home alone in the dark.

## Contact Information

**For more information or advice about crime prevention**, contact Melanie Futer, the Crime Prevention Officer at Canning Circus Police Station, on 948 2999 ext 5550.

Or you can speak to the local Community Police Officers. **PC Paul Moore**, tel 948 2999 ext 5445. **PC Mick Barratt**, tel 948 2999 ext 5548.

## Annual General Meeting

### Elect the new Executive Committee

7.30 pm  
Wed 11 October 2000

Dunkirk and Old Lenton  
Community Centre  
Montpelier Road, Dunkirk

**It's that time again – nominations for positions on the Executive Committee are now being sought. The Executive Committee is elected at the AGM each October, and we would be delighted for new people to get involved.**

If you are not sure what the Forum does, have a look at the information included here.

Nomination forms will be available from the Forum Office above Lenton Leisure Centre, Willoughby Street, at Lenton Community Centre in Willoughby Street, at Unity House on the corner of Church Street and Lenton Boulevard and at Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre on Montpelier Road, Dunkirk. Nomination forms will also be available at the meeting.

Nominations need to be seconded by someone else and agreed to by the person you are nominating.

There will be a creche and transport from Lenton - contact us to book a creche place or for more information, telephone the Forum office on 941 9525.

## Executive Committee Up for Election

**Anyone who lives or works, paid or voluntary, in Dunkirk, Old Lenton or New Lenton is a member of the Forum, and can be elected to the Executive Committee, get involved in one of the Working Groups or influence decisions made or actions undertaken.**

The Forum has quarterly public meetings to give local people a chance to express opinions, get involved in the community, or find out what is going on. These meetings decide what actions and priorities the Forum should focus on.

The Executive Committee is elected at the AGM each October. The AGM also gives members of the Forum a chance to hear what has been happening over the last year and receive a copy of the Annual Report. We will also have one or two guest speakers to talk to us about various issues - the identities of these mystery guests had not been confirmed at the time of going to print.

## The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has responsibility to ensure that the Forum's work is carried out according to its aims, objectives, values and action plans, as well as adhering to criteria agreed with funders.

The Executive Committee has a membership of 12 – four officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary), four committee members and four

co-opted members. The co-opted places are filled by people who have skills, a good knowledge of the area and experience that will enable the effective running of the partnership, eg personnel, business and funding.

The four Officers have key functions as follows:

### Chair

The Chair has two main responsibilities; to steer the Forum in order to achieve its aims, and to ensure that the organisation runs fairly, smoothly and effectively.

### Secretary

The Secretary's role is to ensure that procedures are in place that will help the Forum in its day to day work.

### Treasurer

The Treasurer's role is to oversee the financial management of the Forum.

### Vice-Chair

The main role of the Vice-Chair is to assist the Chair in the running of the Forum and from time to time may involve deputising in the absence of the Chair.

### All Executive Members

Although not a specific responsibility, all Executive Committee members will be involved in decision making and developing the Forum. This may lead to members sitting on Sub-Committees.

## We're Virtually There!

**The Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum is joining the internet revolution.**

By the time the next issue of this newsletter comes out, we will have a basic website up and running. The next step is to create a virtual Dunkirk and Lenton on the web. We want to hear from you if you have any ideas about what should be on the site.

Maybe you think the site should tell people about local history, or should contain information about local businesses? Maybe you would like it to include links to other interesting sites and can suggest a few to start us off? Maybe it should tell everyone in the outside world what a fantastic community we have in Dunkirk and Lenton, or provide some space for other local groups to establish their own web page?

You can email us with your suggestions on [web@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk](mailto:web@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk), or phone or fax on 941 9525, or write to us or visit us c/o Lenton Leisure Centre, Willoughby Street, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 1RQ.

## Changing Phone Number

You might have noticed that we've changed our phone number. This is because in order to go online we needed to put an extra phone line into the office, and that meant we had to swap to a different exchange. You can now contact us by phone or fax on 941 9525, or email us at [forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk](mailto:forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk) - but our old phone number won't work any more!

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## Volunteers Needed!

**The Forum needs volunteers to help us run!**

In particular, we need  
Help with admin in the office  
Help producing the newsletter

Contact Janet or Clare to get involved or to find out more. Tel 941 9525, write to us or visit us c/o Lenton Leisure Centre, Willoughby Street, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 1RQ, or email [forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk](mailto:forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk)

## Congratulations & Good Luck!

**Our congratulations are extended to Patricia Shaw, who has worked as the part time Administrative Assistant to the Forum for over a year.**

Pat has been successful in getting a full time post with the Voluntary Training Agency and will be leaving us at the beginning of October. Well done, Patricia, thanks for all your hard work and good luck in your new job.

## Area Seven

**The Area Seven Committee looks at local services and facilities and identifies where these need to be improved.**

*Dates of forthcoming meetings are as follows:*

15 November 2000

17 January 2001

14 March 2001

All meetings are in the Council House. Contact the Area Coordinator, Chris Cutland, for more information or to get involved, tel 915 5230.

## Job Vacancy

**Administrative Assistant**  
(Temporary to March 2001)

For 12 hours per week at £5.92 per hour.

Duties include preparation and distribution of agenda and minutes, dealing with correspondence and enquiries from the public, maintaining computerised mailing lists and providing support for staff of the Forum. Word processing skills are essential.

Further details from Forum office, tel 941 9525.

**Closing date:**  
16 October 2000, 5pm

**Interviews:**  
31 October 2000.

# LENTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

At Lenton your local community centre is largely run by volunteers. We think that's the best way for it to be.

## Activities at Lenton Community Centre

Will you join us? We need

- \* People with ideas and willingness to put them into practice, with help from us!
- \* People willing to staff the reception area – as little as 2 hours a week, regularly given, would be helpful.
- \* People who can give administrative support.

Call in to see us or ring to have a chat about how you can get involved.

The Centre is open 9.30 to 4.30 every weekday, Willoughby St, Lenton, telephone 9412422.

### Monday

NWRS (Welfare Rights) 10am - 12 noon  
Internet & Computer Club for Girls 4.15 - 6.30pm  
Choir Practice 7pm - 9.30pm

### Tuesday

Luncheon Club 11am - 12 noon  
Afterschool Kids Club 4-5.30pm  
Nova Voce Choir 7.30 - 9.30pm  
Councillors Surgery (2nd Tues) 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
Park Labour Party (2nd Tues) 7.30 - 9.30pm

### Wednesday

Park Day Club (carers & toddlers) 10am - 12

Lick2 Computer & Homework Club 4.30 - 6.30 pm  
Choir Practice 7 - 9.30pm  
Freestart Caring Course (start 13 Sept) 10am - 12 and 1 - 3pm

### Thursday

Lenton Parents & Toddlers 10 - 11.30am  
Swing into Shape 7.15 - 8.15pm

### Friday

Credit Union Collection Point 5.30 - 6.30pm  
Police Surgery (fortnightly) 5.30 - 6.30pm  
Muslim Welfare House 7.30 - 9.30pm

### Sunday

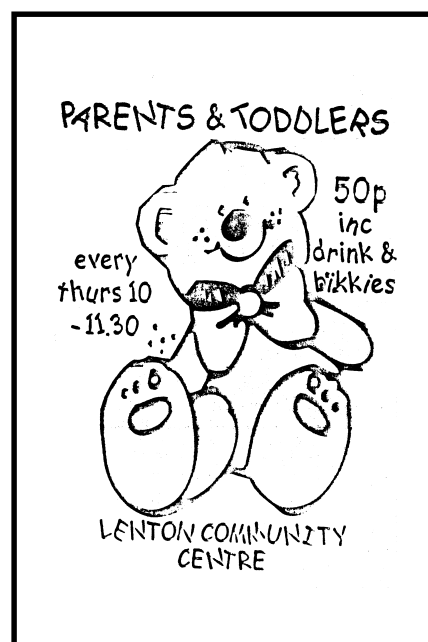
Pentecostal Service 11am - 2pm

### You are invited to our social afternoon.

Stay for a while and have a chat, or drop in briefly to say hello.

**Tuesday 17 October  
2 - 4 pm.**

Cards, dominoes, refreshments – and bring any ideas you might have.



### Lenton Community Association

**Lenton Community Centre  
Willoughby Street,  
Lenton  
Nottingham  
NG7 1RQ**

**Tel 941 2422**

## DOLCA

## Include Your Story

**If you live in Dunkirk or Old Lenton**, across the railway line from New Lenton, you could get involved in the *Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association*.

They have lots of activities within the community. Their full programme includes a film club, an under-fives group, lunch clubs and a whole lot more.

Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, tel 979 0770.

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

If you have an opinion about the area, send us a letter and we will try to include it. We reserve the right to edit letters or articles for reasons of space.

The deadline for the January 2001 newsletter is Mon 11 December. Contact Clare Littleford on 941 9525 or post it to *News From the Forum*, c/o Lenton Leisure Centre, Willoughby Street, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 1RQ.

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