

NEWS FROM THE FORUM

The Newsletter of the Dunkirk & Lenton Partnership Forum No.15: October 2001

The Community Manifesto:



A Blueprint for the Future

Inside this issue of *News From the Forum* is the final version of the Community Manifesto.

Regular readers of *News From the Forum* will remember that the July issue included a draft version of the Community Manifesto. We have taken on board the comments we have collected over the last few months, and hope that the Manifesto reflects what local people would like to see in the area in the future.

The Forum is committed to enabling local people to act to improve the area – whether that is through ‘nuts and bolts’ issues such as wheelie bins and flyposting, or broader strategic aims such as improving health provision and activities for young people. The Community Manifesto sets out some of the ideas and issues that local people have raised throughout the time that the Forum has been in existence.

Having a document like the Community Manifesto should make it easier to bring some of the ideas into existence. We can present a

coherent plan for the future of our community, and use this to influence plans drawn up by the City Council and other relevant bodies. We hope that local people will agree to sign up to this document and will formally adopt it at the next Forum meeting.

And we have a special guest at the next Forum meeting on 10 October. Local Member of Parliament Alan Simpson has agreed to come to the meeting to lend his support to what we are trying to achieve.

Alan Simpson has been a supporter of the Forum since its inception, and has worked with us on a number of issues, including responding to proposals put forward to Parliament about Houses in Multiple Occupation and the effects of shared housing (in particular student housing) on communities such as ours.

We hope that as many local people as possible will come along to the meeting to express their views about the local area and about plans for the future.

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Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum

Quarterly Public Meeting

Wednesday 10 October 2001,
7pm, Lenton Community Centre, Willoughby Street

Launch of the Community Manifesto

Invited Speaker: Alan Simpson MP

All Welcome

Also hear about plans for the redevelopment of the Homebase site at Castle Marina

Contact the Forum office on 9419525 for further details, to book a crèche place or to arrange transport

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Linking Up

News From Lenton Care Link

Lenton Care Link held a very successful Fun Day on 4 August (which unfortunately was not the date printed in the last issue of *News From the Forum!*).

Lots of local families enjoyed the many games, stalls and refreshments. There was a bouncy castle and children were also able to have their photo taken with Noddy or have their face painted.

The day raised about £200 towards the Over-60's Centre holiday which will take place at the beginning of September.

Organiser Diane Maloy said, "It was hard work, but well worth it. Not only did we raise a substantial amount of money towards the holiday, but everyone involved had a really good time. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a success, especially those local businesses who donated goods and raffled prizes."

Millennium Award

Lenton Care Link has been recommended to receive a Millennium Award to record the lives of local people.

Team Leader Nicky Carless said, "We wanted to record some memories and stories from people who come to our lunch clubs. Older people have often had interesting and varied experiences during their lives, and it is important that this is acknowledged and recorded."

Diane Maloy, who applied for the grant, is also interested in hearing from younger people who have interesting stories to tell about their lives in Lenton and Dunkirk. The aim is to give a snapshot of life in Lenton at the turn of this century for future generations.

Diane said, "We want to produce a reminiscence pack which we will be able to use in our Over-60's clubs for many years to come. We hope to include old photos and artefacts as well as written records of people's experiences."

Many groups working with older people use such packs to spark discussion and conversation. "They can be immensely valuable in raising confidence amongst older people, especially those who may not be able to recall recent events as clearly as those which happened in the past," added Nicky.

Anyone who is interested in being involved in the project can call Lenton Care Link on 9412499.

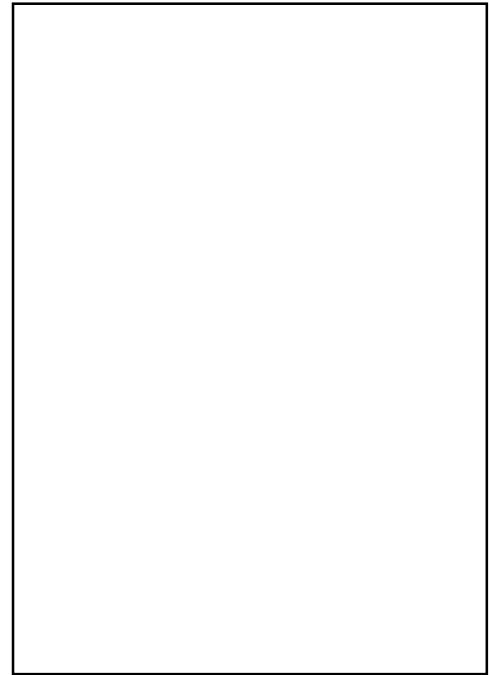
Annual General Meeting

At a well-attended AGM in July, Len Miller was re-elected as Chair of Lenton Care Link for another year. The other officers are Murray Park (Treasurer) and Jill Anderson (Secretary).

There are still opportunities for local people to become members of the Executive Committee. In particular, Lenton Care Link would like to see more people from Ethnic Minority communities becoming involved.

"We want to reflect the diversity of the community in which we work," said Jill. "We ask that Executive Committee members attend an evening meeting approximately once every six weeks. We also provide full support and training."

If you are interested in joining the committee, or would like to know



The Fun Day

more about what's involved, please contact Jill Anderson (Secretary) via the Lenton Care Link office.

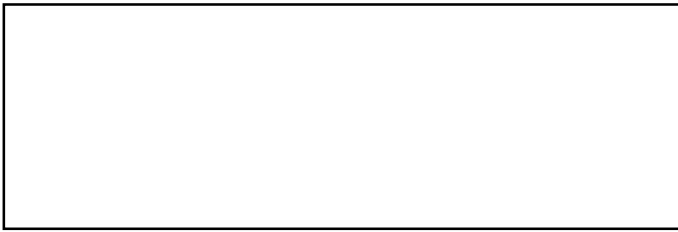
Calling All Students

Whether this is your first year off campus, or you are returning for another year or two, Lenton Care Link needs your help!

Could you spare just an hour or two a week to visit an elderly or isolated person in their own home? This could be your chance to put something back into your host community. In addition, many students find that they gain a lot from our Volunteer Visiting Scheme – and not only a reference or something to add to their CV!

Visiting Scheme Co-ordinator Jill Anderson (no relation) said, "We take great care to match people who we think will mutually benefit from the visits. Support and training is provided where necessary and expenses are paid."

If you think you might be interested, you can contact Jill at the Lenton Care Link office, telephone 9412499.



this time of year, particularly if they have brought computers or stereos with them – and having a computer stolen can waste valuable time as you struggle to replace lost work.

If you are interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your locality, this can also be discussed at this meeting.

Special Meeting for Local Residents

As an active Tenants' and Residents' Association of Dunkirk (TRAD), we hold regular meetings in the local Community Centre on Montpellier Road.

These meetings are open to all, not just to committee members, and as we have your welfare in mind we try to help with any environmental problems that arise.

One such problem could be theft of your belongings, particularly in

the run up to Christmas, which is a prime time for burglary in particular. We have again invited Mrs Bullen from the ROBIN (Reduction of Burglary in Nottingham) Team to talk to us about ways to deter burglars. The police have found the ROBIN scheme to be very effective.

This special meeting will be on Wednesday 28 November 2001, at 7pm at the Dunkirk Community Centre, Montpellier Road, Dunkirk.

Please come and hear the advice on offer – in the past, this has proved to be very interesting and beneficial. Students are especially vulnerable at

Reminder

A gentle reminder to all newcomers to the area – to avoid accidents to pedestrians and difficulties for people with pushchairs or wheelchairs, we ask you to remove your wheelie bin from the footpaths as soon as possible after being emptied. This usually happens early on Monday mornings, except Bank Holidays, when it is the Saturday before.

The committee of TRAD look forward to meeting you at the November meeting.

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LOCAL NEWS

OSCAR Nottingham

Organisation for Sickle Cell Anaemia Research

Mental Health Awareness Week

OSCAR is supporting Mental Health Awareness Week, which is 7 to 13 October. The offices in Church Square, Lenton, will be hosting a discussion relating to Sickle Cell illness and Mental Health with two guest speakers, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm on Tuesday 9 October 2001. Anyone who wishes to support this event, either with ideas or as a volunteer, will be most welcome. This is in support of a range of events staged at different venues throughout the week.

OSCAR Volunteers

OSCAR Nottingham is currently operating with just one full time worker (Charles), supported by the trustees and active volunteers. We need the continued support of our volunteer workers and any additional help that others can offer. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, OSCAR offers a support

package and formal agreement from which mutual benefits accrue. Practical and therapeutic benefits are possible through supporting others. Many of our sickle cell sufferers are also volunteers within the organisation. If you are interested, we appreciate any time you may be able to contribute and would be pleased to discuss your needs.

Sickle Cell Carers

If you are involved in the care and support of anyone living with the effects of sickle cell disease, you are entitled to all OSCAR support services. We invite all carers to consider OSCAR's Carers Assessment, designed to identify individual needs and services relevant to you. These are typically distinct and different from the needs of sufferers.

For further information about OSCAR's activities, or to get involved in the organisation, contact OSCAR on 9509511, or at 8 Church Square, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 1SL.

How to double your money in three months!

It's really easy when you join the Friar Tuck Credit Union and become a regular saver. After just three months you should qualify for your first loan which can be up to the amount of your shares.*

For more information call now on 0115 9412422.

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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

Holy Trinity Church: Alpha Courses

Alpha Courses have become so popular in churches nationwide that there is going to be one broadcast by the BBC in October.

Our local Anglican church, Holy Trinity on Church Street in Lenton, has been running two Alpha Courses per year which have proved equally popular – and another one will be starting in October. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about Christianity is welcome to come

along and ask questions.

The sessions have an informal and friendly atmosphere and give the chance to talk to other church members and explore difficult questions.

For more details, contact Reverend Robert Lovatt at Holy Trinity Church, Church Street, Lenton, Nottingham.

Fiona Whelpton.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Consultation Event to Improve Mental Health Services

People who use or care for those using Mental Health Services in Nottingham Health District are being encouraged to make their voice heard and shape future services.

The consultation is being organised by the Local Implementation Team for Mental Health, which is a partnership between health services, social services, the voluntary sector, users and carers from across the Nottingham Health District. It also involves the Partnership Development Team, aimed at users, carers and voluntary sector groups involved in local health and social care planning.

During Mental Health Awareness Week (7-13 October), there will be the Fourth Annual Mental Health Stakeholders' Event. In the run up to this, service users and their carers

are being urged to comment on the current service provision, and to share ideas and make suggestions for the future.

Lynne Winstanley, Chair of the Mental Health Local Implementation Team, says, "The voices of all who use services, or care for someone who does, are absolutely central to our ability to plan to meet the real needs of the community."

The Team would like to know what people think about the following issues:

- ◆ *What would a good 24 hour service look like?*
- ◆ *What can they do to make services more responsive to Black and other Ethnic Minority needs?*
- ◆ *What are your biggest fears about changes to Mental Health Services and what can be done to reduce those fears?*
- ◆ *What helps to make services more therapeutic, stimulating and meaningful for you?*
- ◆ *What steps could be taken to reduce the gap between primary and secondary care mental health services?*
- ◆ *What should be provided to make services more family-friendly?*

If you have any comments for the Team, you can contact them directly by writing to The Partnership Development Team, c/o The British Red Cross Nottinghamshire Branch, Great Freeman Street, Nottingham NG3 1FR, fax 0115 9123441, email mentalhealth@pdteam.org.uk, or visit www.partnership-development-team-org.uk/mentalhealth.htm

Or, if you would prefer, you can contact the Forum office, telephone 9419525, and we will pass your comments on for you.

Welcome to Dunkirk and Lenton

October is a time when our community meets its new residents as the university term begins.

The Forum would like to take this opportunity to welcome students – and other new people – into the community. We hope that the experience of living in Dunkirk and Lenton will be an enjoyable one, and

that you will gain something from our vibrant community.

Dunkirk and Lenton have plenty to offer besides pubs, takeaways and the cinema – getting involved in community life can enable you to meet new people, learn skills that will be useful in later life and have a much needed break from essays

and exams. As well as Community Action projects run by the Students' Union, there are many voluntary organisations who would welcome your input.

We hope that this page will be useful to all local residents, but in particular to students recently moved into the area.

Beat the Burglars

While crime rates in Dunkirk and Lenton are fairly low, two types of crime are more common than in many other parts of the city – that is, car crime and burglary.

Much of the car crime occurs at hot spots such as the QMC car parks, and involves theft of items from cars. An easy way to cut the risk of this type of crime is by never leaving valuables or bags that might contain valuables in view.

The large numbers of student houses in our area do attract burglars. Many student houses are less secure than private homes, and there is a good chance that a burglar will find more than one television, stereo or computer in the house.

But being burgled is not inevitable. Many burglaries happen because the occupants of a house have left a door or window open and an opportunist thief has taken advantage. A few basic precautions will help to deter burglars.

- ◆ Don't leave doors or accessible windows open – even if you are only in the next room
- ◆ Fit window locks
- ◆ Use timer switches to turn lights, radios and other appliances on and off while you are out
- ◆ Don't advertise that you are going away – and if possible, get someone to look after your house while you are away
- ◆ Visible burglar alarms may discourage someone from trying to break in

- ◆ Don't leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place – a burglar will think of looking under the doormat, in a flowerpot or for a string inside the letterbox.
- ◆ If you've moved in recently, think about getting the locks changed – other people may have keys that fit
- ◆ Make sure back and front doors are strong and in good condition, with good quality locks – a five-lever mortice deadlock is best
- ◆ Postcode your property – mark your postcode and house number, eg NG7 1RQ 3
- ◆ Get insurance and check the details of your policy
- ◆ If you use computers for college work or other important documents, keep a back-up disk of all your work and store it away from the computer

Canning Circus Police Station has recently appointed a Crime Prevention Officer, and he is available to give further advice. Steve Walsh can be contacted via the central police switchboard – telephone 9482999 and ask for Steve Walsh at Canning Circus.

Advice Surgeries

Our community Police Officers hold regular advice surgeries.

PC Mick Barratt has surgeries on alternate Fridays, 5.30pm to 6.00pm, at Lenton Community Centre, Willoughby Street.



Student houses: prime targets

PC Paul Moore has surgeries on the second Tuesday in the month, 6.00pm to 7.00pm, at Dunkirk Community Centre, Montpelier Road.

They can both be contacted at Canning Circus Police Station – phone 9482999.

Did you know?

- ◆ Dunkirk Primary School might well be the most cosmopolitan school in the country - last year they had pupils from 15 different nationalities
- ◆ Steffi Graf, Jennifer Capriati, Monica Seles, Jim Courier, Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski have all played tennis at Nottingham Tennis Centre on University Boulevard
- ◆ It is estimated that around 10,000 people pass through the QMC's doors every day
- ◆ Lenton Fair used to be an important part of the city's calendar - and at one time, it was bigger than Goose Fair

Welcome to Dunkirk and Lenton

A Word from Dunkirk Fire Station

As some readers may already be aware, Dunkirk Fire Station runs a string of community-oriented initiatives. Among these we visit and receive school and youth activity groups, businesses, community groups, families and individuals. We try to provide sound safety advice and raise awareness of potential risks, along with providing smoke detectors free to all households.

More recently we have sponsored an under 15's all-girl football team, paid for all their equipment and assigned them a mentor, a firefighter from green watch. These girls all live locally and will be actively involved in community fire safety for this area.

We also provide a range of activities such as open days, fundraising for charitable groups,

occasional social venues and team building challenges for larger groups.

Our role is not simply limited to fire fighting - we get involved in water rescues, road traffic accidents, rescues from heights and confined spaces, and the list goes on.

Our doors are always open and we will be happy to receive most days of the week. Please call our fire safety department on 0115 9421600, or pop in Monday to Friday.

Fire Safety Advice

A few easy steps will help to protect you from the danger of fire.

Smoke alarms give vital warning if a fire starts – but make sure that smoke alarms work properly, and change the batteries regularly.

Never leave chip pans unattended – chip pan fires spread very quickly.

Keep furniture, clothing and bedding clear of electric and gas fires.

Be careful when using candles or smoking – keep them away from curtains, furnishings, bedding etc and extinguish them properly.

Gas cookers, fires and boilers need to be checked annually by a CORGI registered fitter. Be aware of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning – if you feel drowsiness, general lethargy, chest pains, stomach pains or unexplained general headaches, open the windows, turn off the appliance and get someone out to check its safety.

If you would like further information about any aspect of fire safety, contact Dunkirk Fire Station fire safety department on 9421600.

All Change on the Buses

As *News From the Forum* goes to press, Nottingham City Transport is planning changes to the way it organises its buses. It remains to be seen whether these will improve the reliability or convenience of the bus services in our area – however, here is a brief guide to some of the changes.

Cross-city routes will no longer run. City Transport argues that they get delayed and therefore are not very reliable. The old number 12 from Beeston to West Bridgford and 37 from Beeston to Clifton will no longer exist – anyone travelling cross-city will have to change buses in the city centre, which may be awkward for people with disabilities or with young children, or for those going to the railway station with their luggage.

The bus routes will be colour-coded, with the colours displayed on bus stops and route maps. The orange route runs to and from Beeston via Derby Road, while the maroon route runs to and from Beeston via Castle Boulevard.

The bus routes covering our area are as follows (bus times Monday to Saturday):

Orange route

33: From the city via Derby Rd, QMC, University Blvd, Queens Rd, Beeston Bus Station, Wollaton Rd, Dennis Ave (every 20 mins, last bus to Beeston at 23:10, last bus to city at 23:11)

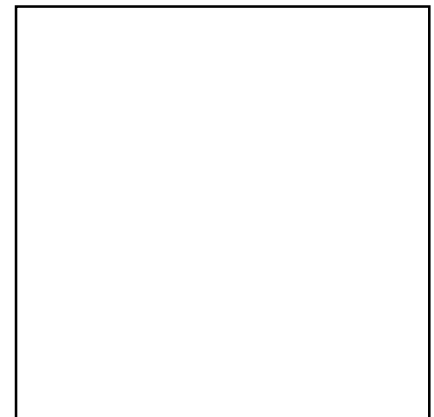
34: From the city via Derby Rd, QMC and then to the University (every 20 mins, last bus to University 18:28, last bus to city 16:43)

35: No change to previous route – From the city via Derby Rd, the QMC, Wollaton Vale, Strelley Rd, Bulwell (every 10 mins)

36: As previous number 38 – From the city via Derby Rd, QMC, Hathern Green, Beeston, Chilwell (every 10 mins, last bus to Chilwell 23:16, last bus to city 24:00)

Maroon Route

13: Similar to previous route – From the city via Castle Blvd, Dunkirk, Broadgate, Beeston Bus Station, Imperial Rd (every 20 mins, last bus to Beeston 23:53, last bus to city 23:28)



The stops in the city centre have also moved – for Bartons and Trent services as well as for City Transport services. Bartons and Trent services will now leave from Friar Lane (where the old 35, 38 and 13 left from), while City Transport services 33, 34, 35 and 36 will leave from Angel Row (near the library). The number 13 will leave from stops along Maid Marion Way (Broadmarsh end) and outside Lloyds TSB in the Market Square.

For more information about buses, contact the Nottingham TravelWise Centre on 0845 6088 608, or visit their website at <http://utc.nottscg.gov.uk/>

A Word to the Ward

News from Councillors David Poole and Margaret Cobb, Conservative Councillors for Abbey Ward.

As the Councillors for Dunkirk and Old Lenton, including Abbey Bridge, Gregory Street, Lenton Manor, Lenton Gardens, the QMC and the University, we fully support the Community Manifesto and congratulate everyone who has been involved in its production. We are striving to ensure that residents are given adequate facilities in the area.

There are plans, when suitable sites are found, to install a dentist, medical centre and chemist in the locality.

We are also fighting to obtain better bus services in the area.

We are in regular contact with the

City Council and local Police in the fight for quick removal of abandoned cars. It is a slow process but we seem to be making some progress at last.

We are aware that lighting on some of the side roads is not satisfactory and we are working alongside the Forum to improve the situation.

We continue to urge the Council to provide more litter bins in Dunkirk and Old Lenton. There have been a few new ones but there is still a shortage.

There is always room for improvement and we are working to help provide better facilities in the neighbourhood and are always available to hear residents' suggestions for any improvements in the area.

She punched above her weight

Joan Spokes 1931–2001

Like many of you, the last time I saw Joan was at the July 2001 quarterly Forum meeting in Lenton Community Centre when she was lambasting students about their behaviour as neighbours.

Trying to reply were two of the students at the meeting, but Joan being Joan was having none of it. The students were left frustrated and bewildered. Knowing Joan as I did after over twenty years, I sensed a friendship in the making.

Joan was born in the Meadows and moved to Lenton in 1979 from Radford. For many years Joan was the face of Victim Support and spent much of her time befriending and supporting local people who had been robbed, burgled and even attacked in their own homes.

At various times she was active in a number of local groups, including the Community Association and the Community Shop. Wearing her Victim Support hat, she was a founding member of the steering group which became the Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum.

Above all, Joan was a street fighter who willingly took on any Goliath who stood in the way of what was best for Lenton.

To many of us, she was a loyal friend and, as those of us who had the privilege of being present at her woodland funeral can testify, her admirers included some of the students she had been criticising only a few days before.

Above all, I would like to thank Ivan, her husband, and her children, Anita and Kevin, for sharing Joan. Whenever you visited their home they made you welcome. Our thoughts and best wishes are with them in remembering Joan as one of us.

*Robert Howard
Chairperson, Dunkirk & Lenton
Partnership Forum*

Our Community Online

www.dunkirkandlenton.co.uk

The website of the Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum is growing fast – and it contains lots of information and links that are very useful for anyone who lives or works in Dunkirk, New Lenton or Old Lenton.

Thanks to information provided by the Nottingham TravelWise Centre, you can now check bus times into and out of our area, for Nottingham City Transport and for Bartons/Trent buses.

There is information about the programme at Lenton Leisure Centre, useful contact information for many Council departments, news stories of local interest, links to a whole host of different websites (from job vacancies to volunteering information to sites of local interest) as well as much much more.

The site will be completed within the next few weeks, but the information already online is readily accessible – the address is [http://](http://www.dunkirkandlenton.co.uk)

www.dunkirkandlenton.co.uk.

The site is being created with the help of two local volunteers, and we intend to hold an event to launch the site officially once it is complete.

If you have any information or suggestions for things to include on the website, please let us know – you can contact the Forum in writing at the address on the front of this newsletter, by telephone on 9419525, or by email on forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk

Even if you don't have access to the internet at home, work or college, you can still check out the website – the Forum was awarded a computer under the BT Community Connections scheme, intended for use by anyone from the local community. To use the community computer, simply contact the Forum office on 9419525 to check when the computer will be available, and come along for free internet access.

Include Your Story

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

Alternatively, if you have an opinion 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 or articles for reasons of space.

The copy deadline for the January 2002 newsletter is Monday 3 December 2001. Contact Clare Littleford on 941 9525 to discuss anything you would like to include, fax it on the same number, email us on forum@dunkirkandlenton.co.uk, or post it 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 many businesses in the area. If local people are your customers, an advert in the newsletter would tell nearly 4000 households what you do.

The next issue will come out in January 2002 and the deadline to place an advert is Monday 3 December 2001. 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.

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New Faces Needed for a New Forum

Any day now the Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum will be moving into its own premises at Rose Cottage on Lenton Boulevard.

This is not the only change. In January 2002 the Forum will be incorporated as a limited company and the present Executive Committee replaced by a Board of Directors.

The main reasons for the change are to do with leasing an office from Nottingham City Council and the fact that some potential funders want the Forum to have the protection of being a registered company.

The Forum will continue to have quarterly meetings and working groups which any local resident or person working in the area can join. The only Forum body which will require people to be elected is the new Board of Directors and because a number of the old Executive Committee are standing down, the Forum is looking for 'new faces' to join the new Board of Directors.

Goodbye Margaret

Margaret Carruthers was our Projects Officer. While she worked for the Forum she did a fantastic job, offering a service to many local people that helped build confidence and break down barriers to employment.

Margaret has now gone on to similar work elsewhere, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her dedication and hard work. She will be sorely missed.

As *News From the Forum* goes to print, we are starting to receive applications from people keen to pick up where Margaret left off. We hope that by the time this newsletter hits your doormat, a replacement will have been appointed, and we wish the next intrepid Forum staff member good luck in their new role.

Elections will take place at the January 2002 Forum Meeting. We would like to publicise who is standing before this date, to allow everyone the chance to make a decision about who will take the Forum forward into this new stage.

If you are interested in what happens in the Dunkirk and Lenton areas, then we would like you to think about joining the Board of Directors. If you are unsure about what this might involve, please feel free to contact the Forum office for more information. We intend to run some information sessions about what it means to be a member of the Forum Board, which should allow interested people to ask questions and meet others who might also be considering joining the Board.

The Forum is looking for a new Chairperson and a new Board, so there are plenty of opportunities for new faces to become involved. Give us a call on 941 9525.

Homebase Plans

Following the redevelopment of the caves site on Castle Boulevard, the Homebase site at Castle Bridge will be redeveloped in the near future.

Plans have been submitted to the City Council for a development of 24 houses and 80 flats, with car parking, landscaping and open spaces. As this will be near the development at the site on Castle Boulevard, it amounts to a substantial change in how Castle Boulevard will look.

We have invited a speaker from the City Council to talk to the next Forum meeting about the plans. This should give us a chance to find out more and express our views.

Quarterly Public Meeting, 7pm, Wednesday 10 October 2001, Lenton Community Centre, Willoughby Street, Lenton. Contact the Forum office on 9419525 for more information.

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News from Lenton Community Centre

Lunch Club

Lenton Community Association Lunch Club has vacancies for new members (over-50's). Lunches are served on Tuesdays at 12 noon (come at 11 am for tea/coffee and a chat). Meals are cooked on the premises and cost only £1.20 for a main course and dessert; this includes teas and coffees.

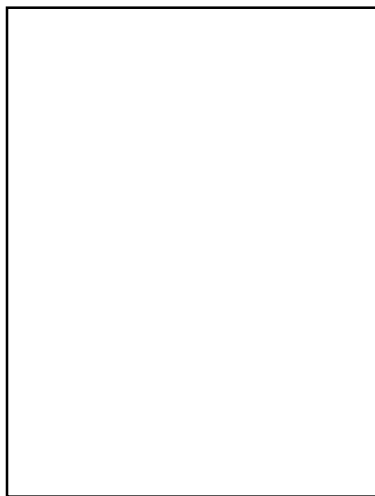
Please let us know in advance (ring 9412422) if you are coming so that we know how many to cater for.

Lenton Community Trust Annual General Meeting

Lenton Community Trust is holding its AGM on Wednesday 25 September at 7pm at Lenton Community Centre.

Local residents are welcome to attend, and perhaps become involved in the work of the Trust, which was set up to raise funds to distribute to local projects.

The Trust also runs the Lenton Community Shop on Osmaston Street, which sells good quality donated secondhand goods – clothing, books, household goods, furniture and much more – at reasonable prices.



Many of you will know Nicola as she has been with the Project since its beginning over three years ago.

She has a dog called Kevin, a Kawasaki ZZR bike, and belongs to the Chaffoteaux Women's Football Club (winners of the 2000 County Cup in the East Midlands Premier League).

She has lots of ideas for this new phase of the project, so – kids and parents – look out for news of exciting events and activities.

And a message from Nicola herself:

"I'd just like to say thank you to all parents, carers and young people alike, who have supported and encouraged me over the last few months.

"Now that my post is full time, I'll be around a lot more, so if anybody has any queries, comments, suggestions, or – dare I say – complaints, don't hesitate to come into the Community Centre and talk to me about it. I'd love to hear from you.

"Let's see what we can do together over the next two years!"

It's Nicola!

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