

# FOREST FIELDS NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK

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Hello,

Welcome to the Spring Issue of Forest Fields Neighbourhood Link.

The roads are practically impassable for drivers at the moment, with two different improvement schemes happening at the same time, one building speed bumps throughout the area, and another improving the paving on Berridge Road. We are assured that the work will be completed by the end of May, so only another three months of chaos! Then we get the much awaited new traffic calming scheme which promises to slow down traffic considerably and reduce the numbers of vehicles using our streets.

This is the month of Ramadan in the muslim calendar. Inside is an article explaining what this means to religious muslims. Many of us non-muslims work or attend school with muslim people but know little about the culture they are living by. We hope you will find this information useful. If there are any other cultural practices adopted by local communities that you would like to write to us about, or hear from others about, please get in touch with the Neighbourhood Link at the address below.

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کھیلو !  
فاریسٹ فیلڈز نیبرہڈ لنک کی جانب سے  
فرمقدم  
اس کے اندر آپ کو ایک مضمون نظر آریگا  
جس کا تعلق 'ایریا منتظم' اور مقامی سروے سے  
تعلق ہے جو غریب شروع ہونے والا ہے اس  
مضمون کو ارجو میں چھپایا گیا ہے۔  
م تمام ایشیائی زبان بولنے والوں سے دریافت کرنا  
چاہتے ہیں کہ وہ کس قسم کے مضامین پڑھنے کا شوق رکھتے  
ہیں۔ اپنی رائے سے کینز کو اس خبر پر مطلع کریں۔ شکریہ  
608456

Many thanks once again to the BIRKIN GROUP on Beech Avenue for printing this magazine free of charge for the benefit of the local community.

The next issue is due out in May please send in contributions by the end of April to The Neighbourhood Centre.



## Local Survey

Workers at the Neighbourhood Centre are hoping to do a piece of research to find out what people living in Forest Fields would like us to be doing. Over the next few weeks we will be visiting just over 250 houses in the area to talk about your concerns. The interview will take about 15/20 minutes. We will notify those households to be visited in advance.

Anything that you tell us will be totally confidential and used only to help us decide what work we should be doing in Forest Fields.

After talking to people we will publish the results in the Link so that you can see what sorts of things people are interested in.



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## Area Caretaker

Forest Fields has an Area Caretaker called Derek Beardall who is employed by Nottingham City Council to do the following work:

- \* **Securing the removal of accumulations of rubbish.**
- \* **Having abandoned vehicles removed**
- \* **Securing vacant properties.**
- \* **Carrying out temporary/emergency repairs on behalf of certain householders (e.g. Single parent families, elderly and disabled people, and those on sickness benefits).**
- \* **Giving advice or guidance to all residents and liaising with local groups and various agencies in solving problems.**

Please report rubbish, abandoned cars and other hazards to the caretaker, and contact him if you need advice or assistance within the above guidelines.

You can contact Derek at:- Forest Fields Neighbour hood Centre 69 Wiverton Rd.  
Tel: 609443



**لوکل سروس**  
 نمبرڈ سنٹر کا سٹاف ایک تحقیقاتی مہم شروع کرنے والے ہیں  
 مگر جو لوگ اس علاقے میں رہتے ہیں وہ ہم سے کیا کیا کرنے کی  
 توقع رکھتے ہیں بنیاد پر ہمارا غائدہ آپ سے انٹرویو لے آپ  
 کے گھر آئے گا۔ انٹرویو مختصر ہوگا۔ جو کچھ آپ کہیں گے وہ صیغہ راز میں رکھا جائے گا۔  
 تمام لوگوں سے رائے معلوم کرنے بعد اس کا نتیجہ LINK میں شائع کیا جائے گا۔ تاکہ آپ کو  
 بھی علم ہو جائے کہ دوسروں کی کیا رائے ہے۔



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**ایریا کمرٹیک (انگراں)**

نوٹنگھم سٹی کونسل نے فاریسٹ فیلڈ میں ایک  
 منظم مقرر کر رکھا ہے جس کا نام DEREK BEARDALL ہے جن کو یہ ذمہ داریاں  
 سونپی گئی ہیں۔

جہاں کہیں کوڑا کباڑ جمع ہو جائے۔ اس کو ہٹانا۔

ترک شدہ گاڑیوں کو اٹھوانا۔

غیر آباد مکانوں کو نگرانی میں لے لینا۔

سنگل پرنسٹ، غریبہ اور محذور یا بیماری الاؤنس وصول کر رہے ہوں۔ تو

ان کے مکانوں کی ایمرجنسی یا مینوری مرمت کرانا۔

علاقے کے مسائل کو حل کرنے کی غرض سے دوسرے گروپوں یا ایجنسیوں سے

رابطہ قائم کرنے سے متعلق ضروری مشورہ اور رہنمائی مہیا کرنا۔

اگر آپ کو کہیں جمع شدہ کوڑا نظر آئے۔ ترک شدہ کار یا کوئی اور قابل توجہ امر نظر آئے یا

آپ کو کسی صلاح، مشورے کی ضرورت ہو تو ہم یا کمرٹیک سے رابطہ قائم کریں۔

آپ DEREK سے اس پتے پر رابطہ قائم کر سکتے ہیں۔

فاریسٹ فیلڈ نمبرڈ سنٹر۔ 69 ویلورن روڈ، نوٹنگھم۔ فون۔ 609443



### Police Matters

Our new **Community Policeman** for the Forest Fields area is P.C. **Sher Afzal**.

He is available at the Forest Fields Community Centre at Sturton Street on Wednesday morning from 10 am to 12 midday.

He will meet local residents, answer their queries and advise them. Some problems are not, strictly speaking, controlled by the police alone, but may involve other departments. The officer will advise you and may be in a position to tell you who to contact in certain cases. Remember he is there to help you.

Please note that Divisional Commander Superintendent Pearson is the new Officer in charge of Radford Road Police Station and its surrounding area.

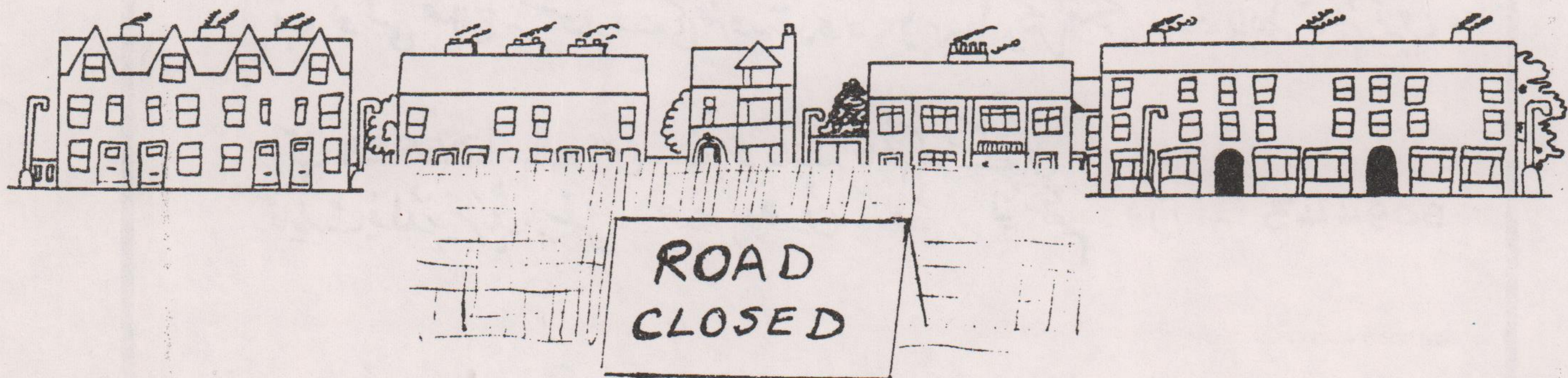
### Road Improvements

As you have probably noticed, Berridge Road has a Repaving and Traffic Calming scheme in process. The Repaving is being carried out by Nottingham City Council, and the Traffic Calming by Notts County Council.

Sam Jones L.E.A.P. officer was responsible for public consultation for the City Council. The three main concerns she found were:

- 1 Street lighting should be bright white light.
- 2 Kerbs should be dropped at road junctions.
- 3 Bins were needed outside shops.

These concern were fed back to the city council and all three have been instrumental in the design of the scheme, so residents will get what they asked for. The scheme should end mid-May 1993. Sam wishes to thank everyone who took part in the consultation process.

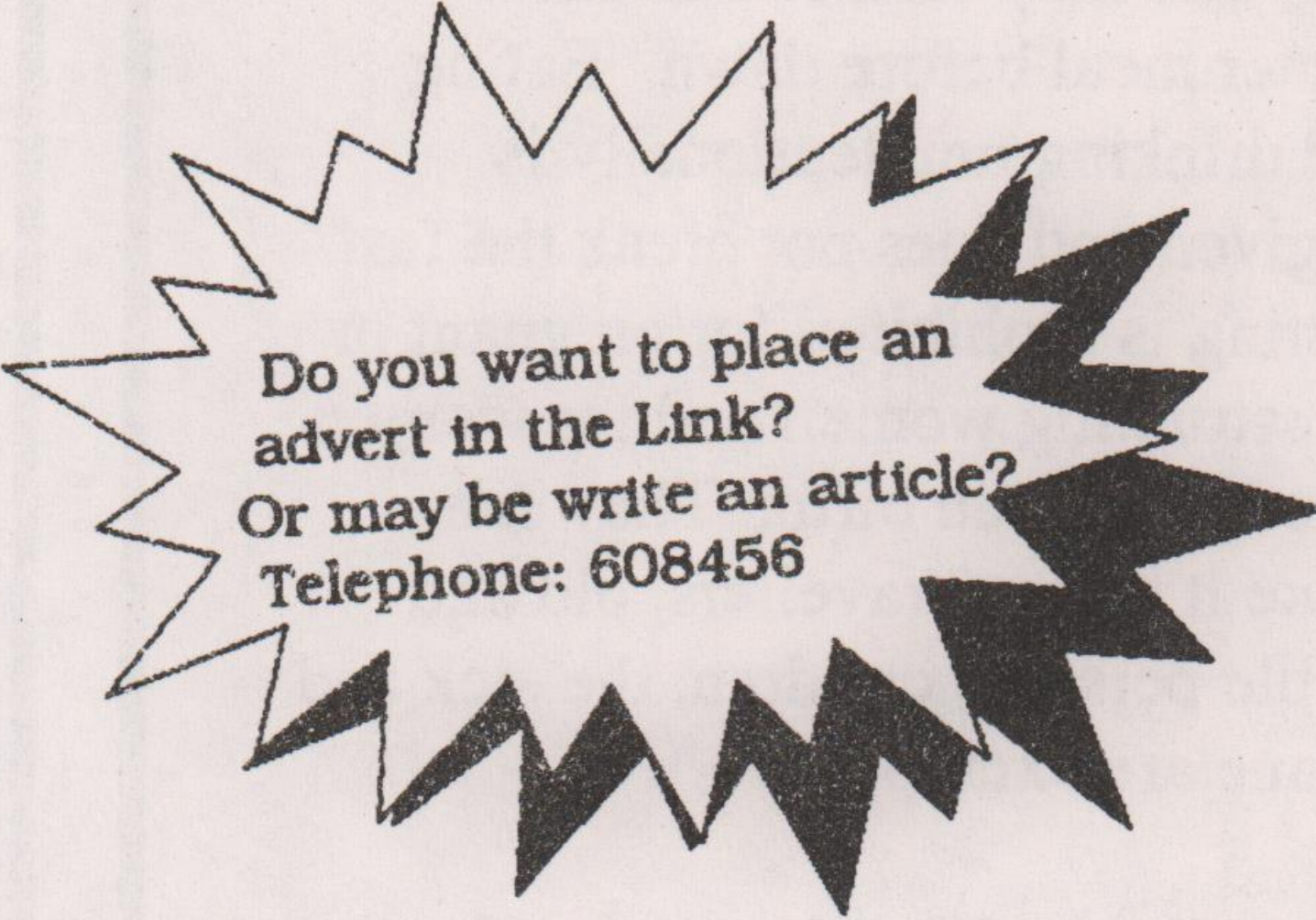




### **Female Volunteers:**

are needed to have a chat in English with the wives of the **Turkish** students living in Forest Fields.

Please call: Nottingham University Turkish Society 791786



Do you want to place an  
advert in the Link?  
Or may be write an article?  
Telephone: 608456

### **Fresh Fields**

#### **Domestic Violence Support Group**

Have you ever suffered from domestic violence? Are you in a violent relationship?.

We are a women's group that meets on a Friday morning from 10.00 – 12.00  
We offer a playgroup for your children and help with transport if you need it.

Our aim is to offer each other support and advice in a safe environment.

If you want to phone, either to find out where the meetings are or just talk to someone, one of us will answer your call on Thursday from 4.00 – 6.00 pm on Nottingham 856516. There is an answer phone to take messages at other times.

If you feel that we can help you in anyway, please get in touch with us, we look forward to meeting you.

### **REUNITE**

#### **National Council for Abducted Children.**

Do you live in fear of your child being abducted?

Or has your child been abducted?

Do you need help or advice?

Contact:

National Council for  
Abducted Children

PO Box 113

Leicester

LE2 OEF

Telephone (0533) 854721



## MONTH OF RAMADAN

One of the Muslim's best-known religious acts is the ninth Lunar month of Ramadan. The Qur'an was first revealed in this very day of Ramadan. This means abstaining from eating, drinking, smoking and conjugal relations during the hours of fasting. It is recommended that one eat immediately after sun has set. One may then eat another, lighter meal before dawn. Eating and drinking unintentionally is forgiven and does not break the fast. Fasting is prohibited for pregnant or menstruating women and for women who have given birth. They can make it later. Travellers, old and feeble persons, children, the sick and insane are exempt.

According to Islamic religion fasting develops self-control and helps Muslims to overcome selfishness, greed, laziness and other faults. It gives them the feeling of hunger and thirst. They experience for themselves what it is like to have an empty stomach. Fasting is expected to develop their feeling for the poor and hungry people.

Ramadan started 22nd of February this year and will last 30 days. The Muslim year is shorter than the solar year by approximately eleven days, this causes the month of Ramadan to fall back by that much each solar year. Because of this, Ramadan and its fast will fall in all of the natural seasons every thirty-two solar years.

At the end of Ramadan there is a festival known as the Feast of Fast Breaking (Idul Fitr). It is one of the great occasions for the Muslim community. On this day, celebration cards are exchanged among the Muslims, and also friends and extended families gather for food and entertainments.

## Michael Leaves St Stephens

Many of you will have worked alongside Church Army Captain Michael Phillips. To our knowledge he has played a major role in the following organisations in recent years:

Gaining Ground  
Hyson Green Forum  
Fair Goose Credit Union  
Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre  
Forest Fields Community Worship

Michael goes to take up the post of prison Chaplain at Gartree Prison in Leicestershire.

Our very best wishes to him in his new work, and many thanks for the commitment and support he has given to community initiatives in Forest Fields and Hyson Green.

## ENTERPRISING WINDOW-CLEANER

FROM THE WOODBOROUGH ROAD AREA IS INTERESTED IN EXPANDING HIS BUSINESS TO INCLUDE THE FOREST FIELDS AREA. LOCAL HOUSEHOLDERS WISHING TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS SERVICE CAN RING MR. WEEDON ON PHONE NO. 584521.

HE HOPES THAT SUFFICIENT PEOPLE WILL SHOW INTEREST, SO THAT THE PROPOSED EXPANSION MAY BE POSSIBLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.



## **FOREST FIELDS ADVICE CENTRE**

### **NEW APPOINTMENTS SYSTEM**

Due to the heavy demand for advice at our benefits sessions, the Monday afternoon and Thursday morning Advice Sessions will now be **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** with one space at the end of the sessions being reserved for emergencies.

If you wish to make an appointment please call in or telephone our receptionist on Nottingham 626582.

The Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon sessions are still open ones, where clients are seen on a first come first served basis.

### **BENEFIT ADVICE SESSION TIMES**

Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm Asian Languages. Appointment only

Tuesday 10.00am - 12.30pm Open. No appointment needed

Thursday 10.00am - 12.30pm Appointment Only

Thursday 2.00pm - 4.00pm Asian language session. No appointment needed

### **NEW HOUSING ADVICE SESSIONS**

Start March 8th 1993 Open to all

There will be housing Advice Sessions at Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre.

Monday 10.00 am - 12.00 Midday

Run by Shelter. Asian Language Interpreter Available

Wednesdays 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Run by Volunteers trained by Shelter.

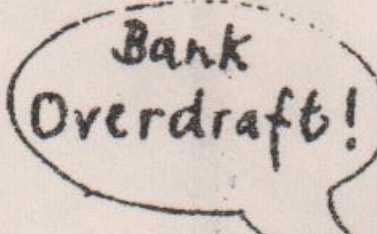
Information will be available your legal rights with regard to repairs, rent, tenancies etc for all types of occupation. If we cannot help you ourselves, we can advise you about where to go.



## HAD ENOUGH OF MONEY WORRIES ?



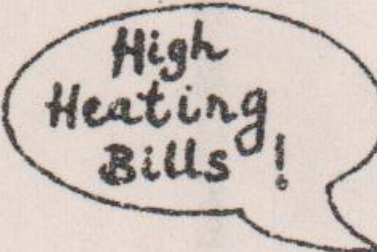
Loan  
Sharks!



Bank  
Overdraft!



The  
Cost of  
Living!



High  
Heating  
Bills!



## A Credit Union may be the answer

- You can save large or small amounts.
- You can borrow money cheaply.
- A Credit Union is owned and controlled by its members who may live in the same community, share the same workplace or belong to the same association.

There is a credit union for Forest Fields, Hyson Green and New Basford. If you would like to join, be involved in running it or just like to know more ..... come to the ....

Phone Phil Eddyshaw for further details on 608456 or complete the slip below and send/bring it to Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre, 69 Wiverton Road

## CREDIT UNION Awareness Day!

Thursday 18th March, 1993: 9.30am to 3.30pm  
at the Association of Afro-Caribbean Families and Friends Centre, Beaconsfield Street, off Radford Road, Forest Fields, Nottingham.

— FREE —  
Creche/ Vegetarian  
Buffet Lunch

staged by Community Enterprise Project, Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre in association with the Fair Goose Credit Union

I would like to reserve .....place(s) for the Credit Union Awareness Day.

Name(s) .....

Group you represent (if applicable) .....

Address and Tel .....

I require ..... places for children in the creche.

I have other needs I would ask you to meet which are .....

## INTO WORK

.....JOBS.....SKILLS UPDATE.....  
.....TRAINING.....BENEFITS.....  
.....CAREER CHANGE.....

Every Wednesday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm an INTOWORK Counsellor will be at the Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre to meet unemployed people who want free advice and help with any of the above.

Asian Language Interpreter available.

No appointment needed: call in and ask for Jerry Prevatt.

For more information call :

FREEFONE INTOWORK 0800 220683