

# ALL ROUND SPORTS STARS

Blue Bell Hill School is very proud of the high levels of success achieved by the children in a variety of sports. The trophy cabinet is overflowing with cups, shields and certificates of excellence. In recent years the children have taken part in numerous Basketball rallies, played cricket at Trent Bridge tournaments and won the City of Nottingham Indoor Athletics Championships numerous times.

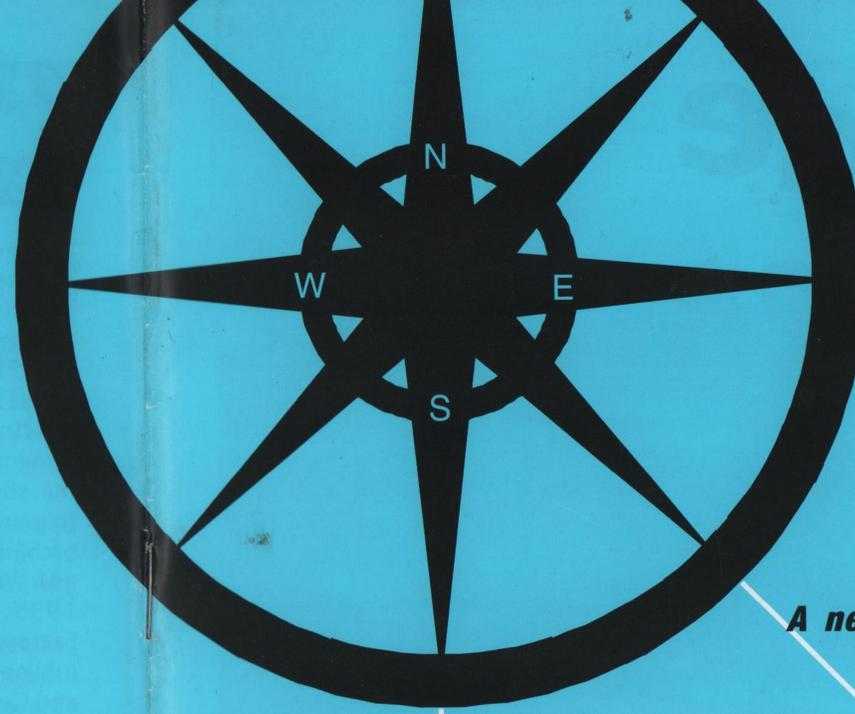
Blue Bell Hill Juniors are the current holders of the City of Nottingham U11 Short Tennis title. The football team recently retained the



Chairman's Trophy by beating Brinkhill Primary 3 - 0 in a thrilling final at Nottingham Forest's City Ground (see photo above). Last, but by no means least, the school are the holders of the St Ann's and Sneinton Multi-Sports Trophy. The event is held every year for all the primary schools in the area and involves teams competing in football, cricket, athletics and hockey.

High levels of teacher time, interest and encouragement have helped reach these achievements but they also reflect the fantastic skill and efforts of the children.

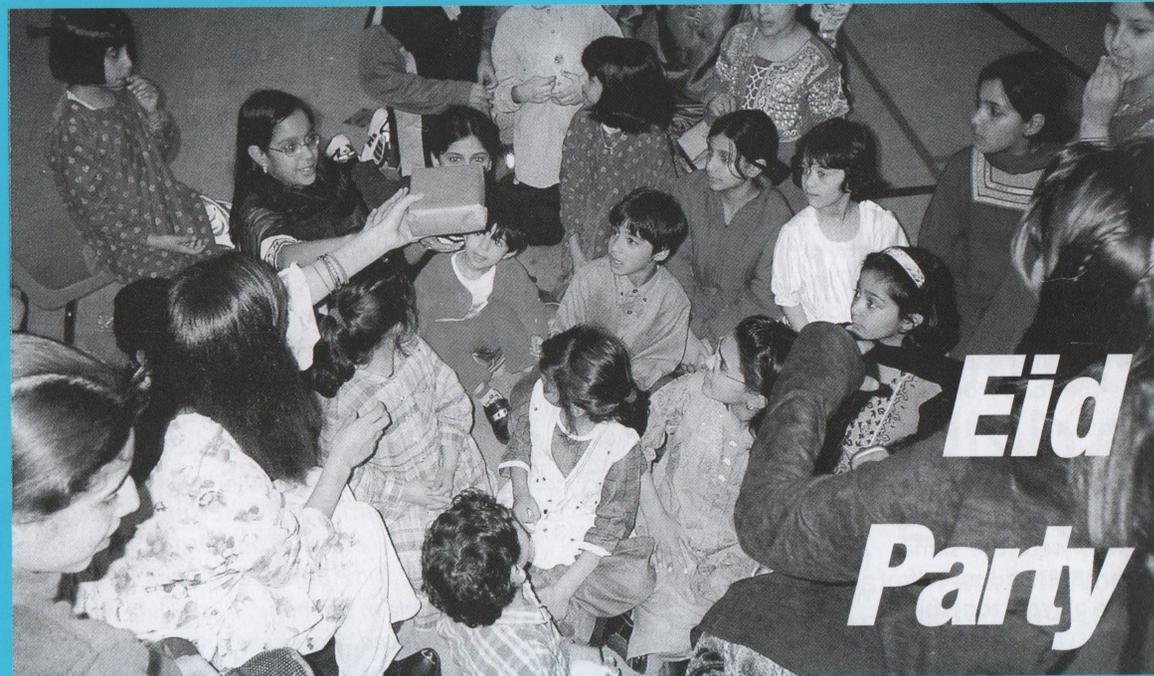
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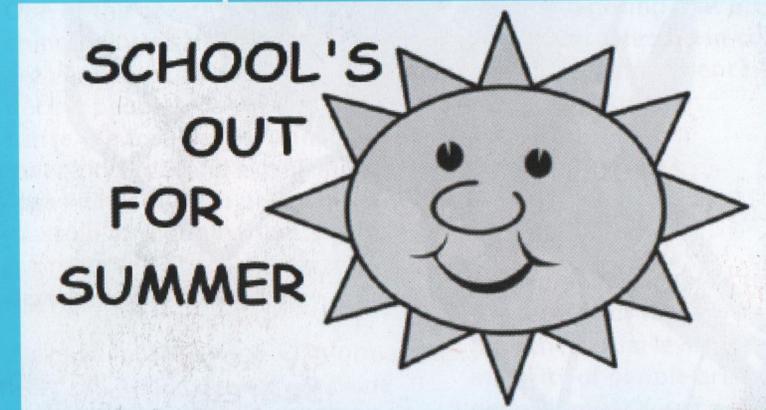
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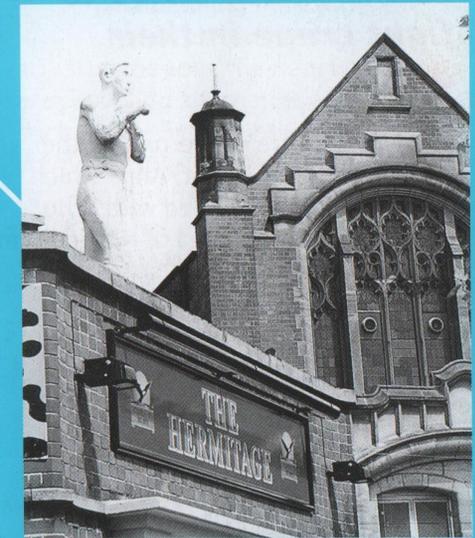
Eid Party took place at Victoria Leisure Centre on Sunday 30th April 2000. This event was held to mark the end of Ramadan. Women and children from the local Muslim community were invited to attend. The occasion was a great success and included live music, fashion show, prize draw, henna stall with free refreshments provided. Approximately two hundred women and children attended. This event has been organised over the last 3 months by Nadia Farhat, Nazia Saadia, Shazia Naseem, Jabeen Nighat, Nazmin Sajida Nabeela. We have all been part of the Millennium Volunteers scheme being supported by Nottingham City Council and have given our time to organise events and assist Asian women with Advice and Welfare Rights in the Sneinton and Bakersfield area.

Each of us received a certificate in respect of our work as a Millennium Volunteer. Our thanks go to both of these workers for enabling us to provide such an event and support to local Asian women and for directing us to such worthwhile activity.

As Millennium Volunteers we have personally and professionally benefitted from this scheme and would like to extend our thanks to Amanda Henton, Millennium Volunteers Co-ordinator and Rafiq Ahmed, community development worker, for supporting the group as they have done.



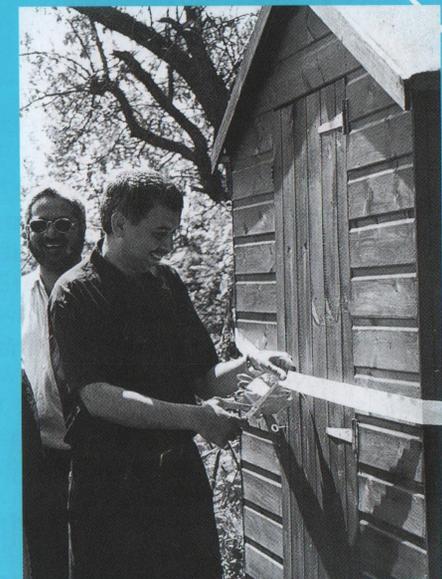
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# Is this the future?

**The reports of violence in the urban areas of Nottingham have created uproar recently as the police strive to fight crime in their area.**

Many people are concerned by the various shootings in St. Anns which are believed to be linked with drug dealing. In the east area of Nottingham there have been over 60 arrests by the police. We at East of the City wanted to find out what the residents of the area thought on the issue, and also what the police and councillors had to say.

Many people who we spoke to wanted to have their voice on the subject. All of them were concerned by violence in general and the shootings which had taken place.

## The Residents' Views

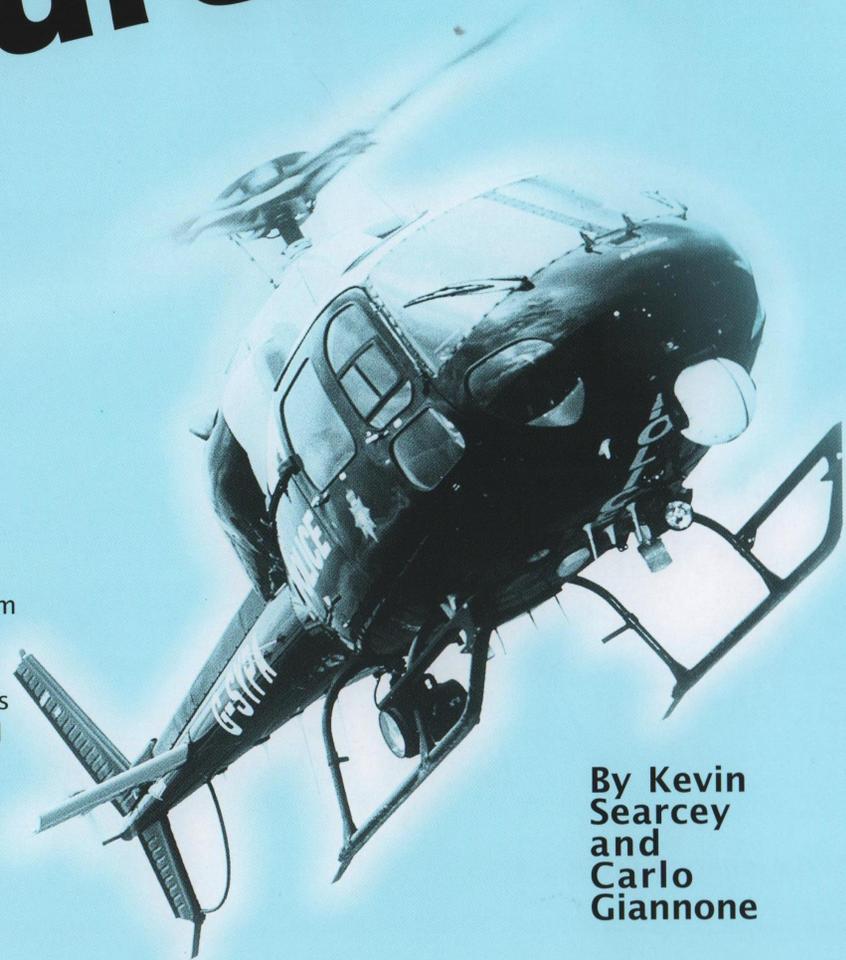
"The police aren't doing enough - but then what can they do?"

"I'm frightened to walk through my own estate at night - if I have to go anywhere I usually call a taxi, even if it's just to the other side of the estate".

"There's no local police station - the one we have is too far out of the way".

"Yes, I have seen drug dealers, but I wouldn't say anything because I don't want to get involved in it all"

"It's not a very bad estate, its only the odd problem families that cause trouble".



**By Kevin Searcey and Carlo Giannone**

"I would imagine most people are too scared of reprisals to say anything to the police".

"We need the police to do more, but we also need youth clubs and activities to keep kids out of violence".

"The area's not as bad as the Evening Post makes out".

"I bet they have similar problems in a lot of places".

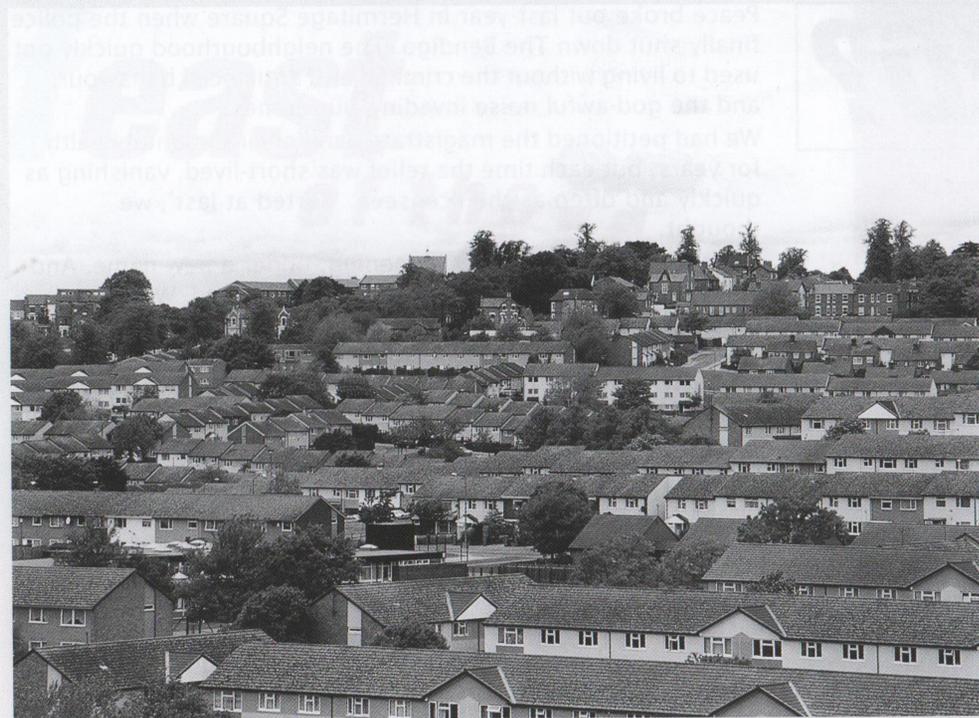
"People are unfair on St. Anns, we do have problems but it is a good area".

**Ian Howick,  
Police Inspector**

"We're trying to think smarter

than the criminals, so we have a rolling programme of different activities. We will keep tackling the problem through ever-changing means

Officers are mostly deployed in cars rather than on foot because it gives a greater response time to emergencies. It's all very well calling for lots of foot patrols, but it's little comfort knowing this if you're being attacked and no-ones coming to help you in a fast car. We do have five 'beat managers' - to work closely with the community, but they are not able to spend their full time on the issue as we have limited resources.



One of the greatest issues for a community is safety. The incidents are very unusual. There's a lot of decent people, it's the minority that cause the trouble. St. Anns is an inner-city area, and like all inner city areas it has its own problems. There is a role for people of an area to promote the positive events and occurrences in the area.

We need intelligence and information from the public. We are receiving general information, but what we need is information specifically about the shootings. The lack of witnesses is very frustrating, but there are ways that witnesses can be protected.

It's worth noting that 60 people have been arrested in connection with drugs and violence since the first shootings".

**Jon Collins,  
Local Councillor**

"I understand people's fears and concerns, but the fears are greater than the actual level of crime. The majority of people are decent people, and it's just a small minority that cause the problem. What's highlighted are the shootings, but it's not unique as far as St. Anns is concerned, it happens in other areas and other cities as well.

**"It's our job to promote the positive side of St. Anns"**

There are many things we have to do, we need to get the policing right, we need to develop a stable community, we have to make it a desirable area. We need to improve details, such as blocking unnecessary alleyways, repairing and securing doors and windows. Some of this we have right, some we have wrong, but were working hard on the issue. The council are doing their bit maintaining the estate, the police are doing their bit

arresting people, the Renewal Trust are providing alternative activities such as the Sycamore Centre for young people. It's the people's job to promote the positive side of St. Anns so that others don't concentrate on the negative side".

**What's your opinion? Are the council and police doing enough? Do you think St. Anns gets a bad press? Write in and let us know what you think.**

## **east of the City**

In the last issue of East of the City, names of people who returned the questionnaire were entered into a £50 prize draw. The two winners of the draw were **Mr Cliff Webb** (from Bakersfield) and **Mr Andy Field** (from St Anns). Congratulations to both of you.

We would like to get more local people involved in the paper, through the setting-up of an editorial group. If you have an interest in what type of articles should be included in the paper then come along to a meeting on **Thursday July 27th at 7pm at Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre.**

Funding to pay for the printing and distribution of the East of the City has been made available by **Nottingham City Council Area Committee East, The Renewal Trust and the South and East Primary Care Group.**

This will allow us to print two more editions of the paper.

East of the City was compiled and designed by **Colin Haynes, Kevin Searcey and Carlo Giannone** with **Steve Lack (CDW)**. With articles written by local people, the paper is keen to retain a local focus and would like to thank all those who contributed as well as encouraging people to send articles in for the next issue. You can write to the paper at **East of the City, c/o East Area Team, 5 Radstock Road Thorneywood, Nottingham.**

# **SORTED?**



Peace broke out last year in Hermitage Square when the police finally shut down The Bendigo. The neighbourhood quickly got used to living without the criminal and anti-social behaviour, and the god-awful noise invading our homes.

We had petitioned the magistrates and environmental health for years, but each time the relief was short-lived, vanishing as quickly and often as the licensees. 'Sorted at last', we thought.

Then we heard that it was reopening, under a new name. And apparently 'the community' had been consulted. Who were they? Not us. When we got wind of these consultations we found out that it had all been decided. That the rep from the property company owner had really taken the 'consultation' seriously. That we had his assurance things would be different. That the police would ensure it would be different. That the licensee would ensure it was different. It was different. It was worse.

So much worse that within a fortnight 24 households complained to the magistrates, and 16 complained to environmental health. So we consulted again. We were assured, again. And it continued, again.

Finally environmental health put a stop to the noise by serving a legal order. At this point the 'community conscious' licensee threw in the towel and passed it on to her business partner who, it must be said, has been much more co-operative. But nine months after the legal order was served, and many 'consultations' and 'assurances' later, the owners have still not installed the promised sound insulation.

The moral of the story: 'consultation' can be a good way to learn the language of public relations, but it's only by sticking together and acting together that residents actually defend and improve their environment.

Sid Navid

# **DON'T BELIEVE ALL YOU READ IN THE PAPERS!**

**"Bootleg Gran", "Gran Larceny" - it was a big surprise to read about someone well known locally in local and national papers. But the person we know and love bears no relation to the "greedy" "baccy smuggling queen" they pictured.**

Doris Aris has worked voluntarily for more than 15 years building up the BMK Tenants and Residents Association. The flats have improved beyond recognition, thanks to BMK campaigning for improvements. When the City Council and City Challenge wanted to take back land they had promised for starter workshops, Doris badgered them until they offered something in return - help in converting storage sheds in Bentinck Court into a community centre. Doris would always be on hand to help residents half her age with their repair problems - and sort out unruly tenants twice her size. Council Leader Graham Chapman and Tyrone Brown of Housing recently sent her letters of appreciation when they heard she was moving away to be closer to relatives.

Residents of the flats are understandably wary of talking to reporters.

"No way are the articles true. What the papers don't hear about they make up. They're crucifying her when they get their teeth into her."

"All Doris was doing was helping people who are short of money. She didn't do it for any gain. It was just goodness of her heart."

"She only gave them to people if they asked. She didn't make a halfpenny - she used to pass on the exact money people paid for them."

"The piece in the paper hit you in the eye. If she'd committed double murder they wouldn't have made such a song and dance. Anybody would think she was head of the mafia."

When it was realised that Doris had misguidedly sold contraband cigarettes at cost to help her neighbours, she was given a 3 month suspended sentence.

The report on the trial verdict was tucked away towards the middle of the paper. But the "Bootleg Gran" story, with its exaggerated details, had been splashed across the front page.

Bendigo

# **feast of the city**

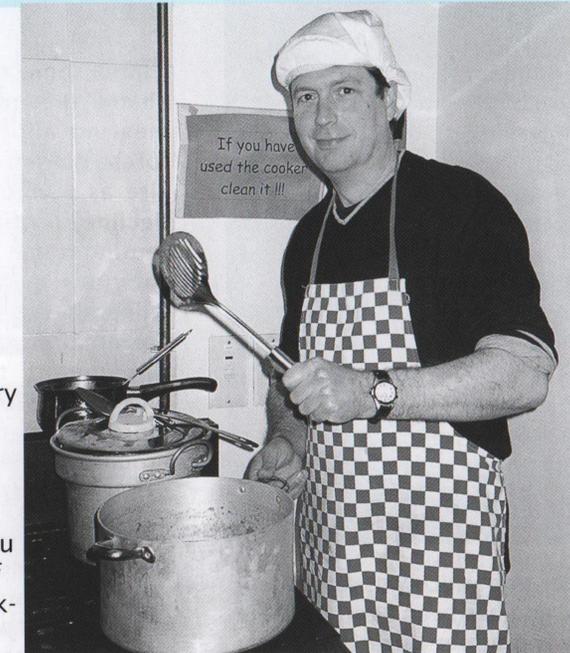
## **local food & growing news**

### **Eating on the Chase**

If you fancied a curry or a Chinese meal you'd know where to go - there's dozens of reataurants that you can choose from. If you wanted a breakfast you'd use the local café. Pizza and garlic bread - just pick up the phone. Commercial food is often presented in categories - you choose the style and then pick an establishment that will provide what you want.

A community centre eatery has no particular focus; at the Chase Café in St. Anns we try to offer a diversity of food that reflects our community, because although we have to make the books balance we are not just in it for the money. Our customers consist of local residents - families and those in social housing, like warden aided or sheltered accomodation and people who work in St. Anns but don't necessarily live there. The demand for food is different in style. Locals tend to use the café for some variations of the British Breakfast or a 'traditional' dinner such as shepherds pie or sausage and mash. These dishes can be produced well using quality ingredients and cooked freshly to produce a healthy and tasty meal (vegetarians may disagree). The workers who use the Chase Centre's conference and training facilities, and require a cold buffet, make different demands on the café. What goes down well here is a greater variety of food - often vegetarian. These two distinct markets probably reflect deep social and economic differences. The Chase Café tries to meet the challenge of satisfying everyone's appetite be it bacon sarnies or black-eyed beans.

David Mason



Home-made curd, cakes and golden shred at St. Stephen's Church May Day Fete in Sneinton. St. Stephen's is planning a two-day Fete with home-made goodies over August Bank Holiday.

### **Councillor Opens Shed**

Sneinton Councillor Ali Asghar cut a ribbon to officially open a garden shed at the launch of the 'Back to Roots' project on the Hungerhill allotments.

The project was set up by Shayasta Taj, Diabetes Liaison worker for Nottingham Community Health. The incidence of diabetes is higher among Asians than for non-Asians. The onset of diabetes is related to lack of physical activity, obesity, diet and lifestyle changes. With this in mind, the 'Back to Roots' project was set up. Aims are to encourage people to adopt healthier lifestyles, strengthen community bonds and bring people together who wouldn't otherwise meet.

Most of the Asian community come from traditional farming areas, and it is hoped their growing skills will enable them to produce organic fruit and vegetables in this country. Gujarat Samaj, the Muslim Women's Organisation and the Asian Women's Project now have plots on the site.

Food Bites compiled by Colin Haynes,  
STAA Local Food Development Worker,  
Tel: 841 3721.



First of all don't make my mistake - it's a garden....not a forest with huge trees, owls and bats. It's only a few months old but many of the plants, shrubs and trees are becoming well-established and there's plenty of room for growth. It's the only one in Nottingham and it's attracting attention from other groups both in and outside Nottingham. And I bet you haven't even heard of it!

The thing about the plants and trees on the forest garden is that they can be used as herbs, fruit and vegetables, dyes, etc and they are easy to maintain. I have two favourite plants on the site. First, perpetual spinach: it's the only vegetable that is guaranteed to grow on the patch of soil in my back yard, you can remove the leaves without killing the plant and it self-seeds so that every year or two you get loads of new little plants growing up around the old one where the seeds have fallen, without having to do any planting or digging. My other favourite is

the Elder tree which was already on the site and has been kept. Both the berries and flowers are edible - you can make wine with them, and you can add limited amounts of the berries to fruit pies and jams, and when birds eat the berries, it dyes their droppings purple! What more could you ask for!

As a local resident I was asked to be on the small "scrutiny panel" which was set up by Ian Vernalls at the City Council Development Department, once funding for the project had been obtained. The panel was supposed to monitor the creation of the forest garden, and to ensure some community perspective were taken into account. There was also a questionnaire and some public meetings on the subject. Although the community weren't consulted about whether they wanted a Forest Garden in the first place, I feel that once this decision had been made, genuine efforts were made to consult and involve the community.

# Windmill Lane Forest Garden

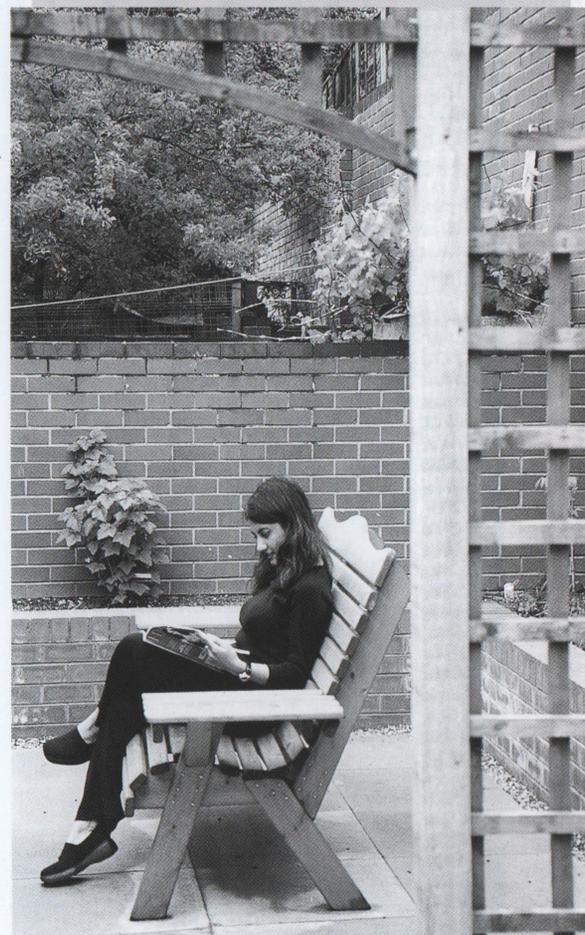
I (and some others) felt it was a shame that money was spent on clearing allotment plots for the forest garden when the allotment site as a whole had been left to decline, putting people off from renting some allotments because they were so overgrown and vulnerable to vandalism. However the creation of the forest garden has meant that parts of the allotment site have been made more secure and if more people are around on the site it is less likely to be abused.

The garden has been set up now, but just as seedlings need good soil, rain, sunshine and (unless they're perpetual spinach) a gardener, to enable them to blossom into maturity, this project needs some kind of management group to keep it ticking over, new ideas and suggestions, links with other community activities and groups and lots of visitors to keep up the enthusiasm and spread the word. If you can offer any of these write to [Windmill Lane Forest Garden c/o Graham Armitage, Green's Mill, Sneinton.](#)

The last two things to mention are the funders of the project: Nottingham Health Authority, the City Council's Area Committee East plus other City Council Departments and other supporters of the project including local residents, Ecoworks, Green Gardening Ltd., TRACS, Green's Windmill, Arnold & Carlton College, Sneinton Environmental Society. Thanks to everyone.

Cathy Meadows

## An Edible Garden for Bookworms



Every open space is precious in a crowded place like Sneinton. So welcome news is that an underused yard at the back of Sneinton Library has been given a makeover with a grant from Housing. As well as a paved area with attractive seating, raised beds were set aside for planting. Chloe Griffiths and Mary Ward managed to wangle the purchase of edible plants - fruit and herbs - for these, and planted them out.

Martin Willis, senior library assistant says "It's wonderful. I shan't bother bringing any packed lunches now."

Besides being used by Library and Housing staff in breaks, the garden will be open for activities during the summer. The Grow Your Own in Your Own Backyard course is using it as an example of what can be done in a terrace backyard. Weather permitting, the new Sneinton Library Coffee Mornings on Wednesdays from 10 to 11am can also be outdoors, with Police and Housing Officers on hand to offer help and advice.

Sid Fuller's calaloo was a big hit straight from the garden to the kitchen



## Reflections on the Ideas Kitchen

STAA's Ideas Kitchen in June was a conference aimed at groups growing food locally, running community cafés, distributing food, planting community orchards, and running allotment projects. The aim was to Network. To spread the word and to encourage us to grow and use good quality food produced in the city and to provide me with an excellent free lunch (olives marinated for 48 hours).

There is something about food that brings people together. And when the vegetables are all locally grown, organic and cooked in the finest virgin olive oil by possibly the best community chef in town (at the Chase Neighbourhood Centre - get down there for lunch) then you can't help but network. It is not surprising that one of the ideas that came out of a conference full of self-confessed foodies was to link local community cafés. Get them meeting together to discuss joint funding and training. To look at ways that we can promote our ideas, whether they are ideas about better eating or ideas about building better communities and understanding between groups. Of course this will mean chewing the cud over a spicy bean pot, or chin wagging our way through a sweet and sour surprise. But what the hell! Networking is fun, especially on a free lunch.

Guy Jones

## Feeding Ya Faces

Feed Ya Faces was originally my partner Tony's idea - he often said he wanted to open a café on the Dale, but a while ago we decided to set the shop up. I've been in the food industry for a while but I've never set up my own business before. The chip shop up the road is good but its not really competing with us - they sell chips where as we sell a variety of snack foods and cobs. I've always thought that if I like something, I want to serve it here to our customers. It's going to take a while to really start up the shop - all businesses take at least a year to get on their feet and another to start making profits. We always get loads of the kids from school around dinner time, but we've usually got customers coming in all morning. There's just me and my daughter working here at the moment, but we know that it's all about quality food - if you can provide that then you're bound to do well.

Angela Thomas

# Indigo Brave

Did you know Sneinton has its own resident theatre company? Indigo Brave Theatre arrived at the Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre in April 1999 and we're going from strength to strength. Our first play "Strong @ the Broken Places" was premiered at the Nottingham Playhouse and we have just received a grant from East Midlands Arts for our next show "The Double" which will be touring the East Midlands from Spring 2001. We make all our own performances and we believe that to create theatre, to tell your story, is a fundamental human activity. It helps us to make sense of the world as well as being excellent entertainment!

We don't just expect people to be an audience for us... we want them to produce their own shows too! We run workshops for everyone to get involved in the arts. There's a weekend workshop for you to explore your creativity and learn new skills in Nottingham July 29/30 and another on September 2/3. Contact us for more details.

We are off to Poland in the summer, running workshops for children with disabilities and attending a conference, to present a paper on our work. It's a great pleasure to work with

people who want to increase the opportunities for people with disabilities. Polish children really need this work and the chance to express themselves, also teachers and carers are desperate for training to develop their arts skills. We have been really lucky to get the chance to travel out there thanks to Notts. County Council Community Initiatives Grant and our wonderful sponsors 007 Van Hire, who help us out so much with transport. When we get back from Poland, we will be spreading what we've learnt at the conference by running workshops for adults with learning difficulties throughout Nottinghamshire, so the benefits reach as many people as possible. But as well as our travels, Indigo Brave is firmly committed to our home of Sneinton. We have set up a Youth Drama Group, supported by the City Council Voluntary Sector Grants, Area Committee East and the Renewal Trust. It is going down a storm at the Hermitage Centre and members will be performing their first piece of theatre - created entirely by themselves - at the Sneinton Festival.

Contact Kate, Kathleen and Mathew to find out more about any aspect of our work 9112171 or e-mail [indigobrave@breathemail.net](mailto:indigobrave@breathemail.net) Happy Creating!



Sneinton Youth Drama Group

## SPLASH! POOL UNDER THREAT!

The Council is pushing ahead with its proposals to shut Noel St. and Victoria Leisure Centres to build a new leisure centre on the Forest.

The campaign to save the Victoria Baths is opposed to these plans. It believes:

- Local pools are for local communities. Like libraries, they are there to serve the needs of and provide a focal point for people living within the community.

A pool on the Forest would be too far for people in Sneinton and St. Anns. Schools in these areas would struggle to maintain their swimming sessions.

- Green space on the Forest should not be built on.

- The local community have not been properly consulted.

- The money earmarked for the new proposal (£12million) should be spent on improving our existing facilities- subsidising schools' swimming sessions, providing a creche, advertising, creating 'fun' swimming sessions for young people, replacing old lockers... 12 million could go a long way.

- The Victoria Baths were the first public baths in Nottingham opened in 1850. Cities such as Leeds and Manchester take pride in refurbishing their Victorian baths as a marvellous piece of living, functioning history. Our council should be investing in our heritage, not rubbishing it.

- Swimming is vital for our health and the ability to swim can save lives. Young people will be deprived of these valuable opportunities to develop confidence and physical skills - this could mean your children.

- The campaign to save the Victoria Baths is rapidly growing in numbers. We are co-ordinating the campaign with the Forest Fields Residents' Association, the Civic Trust and local schools and businesses. More and more people are adding their voices to our campaign to let the council know that these proposals are unacceptable.

You can:- write to your local councillor to voice your opinion and join our campaign group (tel: 958 2701). It is not too late, but it soon will be. Act now.

Jenny Elliott

# SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER 13 + SUMMER SCHEME

	31 July- 4 August	7 August- 11 August	14 August- 18 August
10am - 3pm	OLIVER HIND Y/C	RUSSELL Y/C	GREENWAY CENTRE
MONDAY	Doncaster Dome, Swimming, skating	Swimming (Water Meadows)	Doncaster Dome, swimming, Skating
TUESDAY	Transformer, Trampolining, Arts and crafts, music Workshop	Sports Competition, Football, Basketball, music Workshop	Narrow Boat ( Environmental)
WEDNESDAY	Chadsworth Farm (Working Farm)	TV Studio filming	Skegness
THURSDAY	Potted sports and Simple Cooking	Sports day (King Edward Park), Trampolining	Carsington Water
FRIDAY	Galleries of Justice	Snibson Science Museum	Baddminton and Music Work Shop, disco

## STREET PLAY Details PLAYLINK TEL: 9418623

VICTORIA PARK  
14 AUGUST 10 - 1PM  
21 AUGUST 10 - 1PM

HERMITAGE SQ. SNEINTON  
18 AUGUST 10 - 1PM  
25 AUGUST 10 - 1PM

TRENT LANE, SNEINTON  
25 AUGUST 2 - 5PM

KING EDWARD PARK  
CARLTON RD.  
1 SEPTEMBER 12 - 3PM

## PLAYSCHEMES 5-12

ASIAN WOMEN'S PROJECT BEAUMONT ST. SNEINTON TEL: 9586959	7 AUGUST- 18 AUGUST	ACNA HUNGERHILL ST. ANNS TEL: 9691364	JULY 31 - 11 AUGUST
BANCA SNEINTON DALE TEL:9859365	7 AUGUST- 18 AUGUST	BAKERSFIELD & SNEINTON ASIAN CHILDRENS PLAYScheme GREENWAY CENTRE 9103667	JULY 31 - 4 AUGUST
EAST NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S AID TEL:9411475	24 JULY - 1 SEPTEMBER	CHASEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB ST. ANNS	AUGUST 1 - 4 AUGUST
METRA PLAYScheme RANSOM RD. TEL:9480765	31JULY - 25 AUGUST	KALA NIKETAN HINDI SCHOOL PLAYScheme 215 CARLTON RD.TEL; 9113384	24 JULY - 6 AUGUST
SPORTS COACHING CLINIC PAKISTAN CENTRE FOREST SCHOOL TEL:9240903	7AUGUST - 18 AUGUST	NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD PLAYScheme 175 CARLTON ROAD 9586214	31 JULY - 11 AUGUST
ST. ANNS FAMILY CENTRE MAGSON CLOSE ST. ANNS TEL:9581847	24 JULY - 28 JULY	SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST PLAYScheme ST. ANNS WELL RD.	7 AUGUST- 17 AUGUST
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB COLWICK RD. SNEINTON TEL:9505303	21 AUGUST- 2 SEPTEMBER	ST. ANNS PLAY CENTRE NUGENT GDNS. ST. ANNS TEL: 9584394	24 JULY - 1 SEPTEMBER
		STONEBRIDGE CITY FARM STONEBRIDGE RD. ST. ANNS TEL: 9505113	24 JULY - 11 AUGUST



The Renewal Trust aims to bring about improvements in the quality of life of the communities of St Anns and Sneinton by supporting and promoting activities to renew the area socially, economically, environmentally and in spirit.

The Trust has been successful in bringing in a large amount of money for St Anns and Sneinton communities and is currently working on a number of projects which are designed to enhance the area.

Some of the projects they are currently developing are: - The Sycamore Centre which will incorporate a business centre and a complex (the Millennium Centre). The development of a local food Co-op, as well as offering business advice and community grants.

The Trust is made up of community representatives, the business sector and the public sector. At a recent meeting with two community reps **Glen Kinch** and **Alan Hardy** a number of issues were discussed about how the Renewal Trust operated and various questions were posed.

**How did you get involved in the Trust?**

**G.K.** I heard off the Trust via mail-outs advertising the Annual General Meeting so I went along and was fortunate enough to be elected. "Politics is the art of turning up".

**A.H.** At an area committee meeting I attended (as a Phase 10 rep), it was suggested that it would be beneficial if Phase 10 were represented on this group, so I went along to a AGM, was nominated by Phase 10 residents, and elected onto the Renewal Trust Board.

**G.K.** There are two distinctive types of community rep's on the Board those who come as representatives of a group and those who are simply concerned with what's going on in area but

not attached to a particular group. This means that because of these different type of rep's no one interest is favoured over another.

**Why did you get involved?**

**A.H.** I now live in St Anns but also lived for a number of years in Sneinton and I felt that this was an opportunity for both areas which I felt I could contribute to. City Challenge didn't do a lot for my area and I believed that as a local person I could help change things.

**G.K.** Personally really I have the time available although if I was in a job where I worked from 9 till 6 I probably wouldn't have the time to put into this. I believe I have nothing to lose from being involved.

**A.H.** I also believe I have a "say" in how money that is generated by the Trust is spent in the area.

**G.K.** I differ really and don't feel that I have a "say" in the way large sums of money are spent although I do have a "say" in the awarding of community grants.

**What things are the Renewal Trust currently involved in?**

**G.K.** Mainly the Trust is concerned with creating employment on a local level and works hard to overcome barriers of childcare for local people entering the "job market". It also is concerned with environmental issues such as helping develop the allotment sites. One area we don't do so well on is working on crime issues although this is a very difficult problem to address. A main area of work for the Trust at the moment is the Sycamore development, this represents a huge investment by the Trust both in terms of finance and effort. This building presented itself as an opportunity to turn a huge white elephant in the area to something usable and beneficial to the local community.

**If you want to find more about the Trust phone 91 1226**

**New! Monday Junior Youth Club**  
7-11 Years Old  
4.30 - 6.00pm  
Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre

**ROOM TO PLAY?**

Open and safe playspace is needed within our community. Why is it so difficult to get planners to see this? And why are promises not kept?

3/4 years ago I chaired a public meeting in Sneinton at which local people expressed a clear desire for an area where youngsters could play football and cricket. The promise was given that an area would be provided as part of the Barratts development off Sneinton Hermitage. It would be a 1 acre play field. As of June 2000 this 'field' has still not been grassed. Worse still, its potential as a place for ball games has been severely limited by the installation of a path and benches!

I hope local people will let their views be known. The Sneinton & Bakersfield Community Forum will be doing its best.

**Rev. Ian Blake Tel. 950 5303**

**Phase Ten Action Group**  
**FUNDAY**  
**28 July**  
**Heskey Park (off Woodboro' Road) 11.00 - 4.00pm**  
Disco, fashion show, paintballing to name but a few.  
Come along and have some fun!!!

**BINGO!**

We'd like to suggest some improvements for the Chase Centre. There's less people coming in nowadays. Things start up but they don't carry on. We've always said we'd like keep fit. What about Bingo? That would bring loads of people in. We'd stay here from 9 in the morning till ten at night then.

**James, Tracy, Sue, Sandra, Jill**

**THORNEYWOOD CHILDHOOD**

I lived on Holly Avenue, Thorneywood, as a child. My parents bought the house known (then) as Gwenna Vista. It was a semi detached house with quite a lot of steps leading up to it, as I remember. At the bottom of the short hill, and next door to our house used to be an orchard, which was owned by a Mr. William Smith. Just before 1935, he started a Pickle Factory there. (1935 was the Jubilee year of King George V and Queen Mary). This caused my parents to sell up and move away, as the smell from the pickle factory wafted in through our living room windows, and was most unpleasant. Across the road from us, actually on Holly Gardens, were two large houses, one was owned and lived in by the then very popular Dance Band Leader, Billy Merrin, and the other one by the owner of a large Stationers and Printers, known as Barnes and Humby. They had a Shop on Parliament Street, just about where Wilkinsons are today, and old Mr. Humby and his daughter lived across the road from us.

Directly across the road from us on Holly Avenue was Garners Transport. They had two daughters, Dorothy and Margaret, who were the same age as my brother and myself, and we four played together and went to school together at Linnell Street School, later known as Hogarth School, now a Hindu Temple. Jim Garner had only two lorries, but it was sufficient to call himself a Haulier. My Father was a Ladies Hairdresser, and had a Salon overlooking the Old Market Square, 'Under The Guinness Clock' was on his Business Cards. I wonder if anyone can remember that Clock, now long gone?

Somewhere up Holly Gardens was a Coal Merchants. They used to deliver our coal, and they had a daughter who was blind, but she could hump a cwt sack of coal on her shoulders just as well as her brother. She had the sack on her back held with one hand, the other was placed on her brother's shoulder to guide her. Does anyone else remember them?

Jim Garner gave up his Haulier's business, and went on to keep "The Old Rose" pub on St. Peters Street, Radford, then moved on again to "The Rancliffe Arms" at Bunny, where I believe he and his wife lived until their deaths sometime in the 1960s or 70s. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of Dorothy and Margaret Garner, now, I would dearly love to trace them. They would be in their late 60s and early 70s.

I know the Pickle Factory was still going strong in the 1960s, as by then I was married and had a Drapery and Baby Linen Shop on Gordon Road, and girls who worked there used to come in for Knitting Wools etc., and you could smell them a mile off. I don't know if the Factory is still there, but I haven't seen Jubilee Pickles for years.

What is now The Thorneywood Community Centre used to be known as The Adult Education Centre, the name was painted on the side, and Peter, my brother, Dorothy and Margaret Garner and myself used to wonder what Education Adults could possibly get, as they had finished school and who would want to go through all that again? Our imaginations used to run wild at the thoughts of what went on there!!!!

**Barbara Levick Née Middleton**



**Battling Barbara**

*I started a Community Newspaper here in St. Anns in 1973, which we called "Chase Chat". It ran for seven or eight monthly issues, but due to the lack of shops, businesses, etc. at that time who could keep us going with Advertising Revenue we died a natural death. We always managed to sell plenty of copies though. The New St. Anns was in its infancy and this, we felt, was a way of pulling the district together. I've carried on campaigning for different things, most recently for tenants to have the right to get water meters fitted in their home. The council were dead against it. It was through a letter to the paper that I won the battle. The Post rang - there were so many letters in response, and they dumped them on the Council. Now other people can have one. I saw the example in Brisbane, Australia - when meters were introduced, water use and prices went down, - but no one was any dirtier than before. It makes people think a bit - about little things like leaving a tap running or hosing down. It's particularly good for single tenants and older people. I'm writing my Family History at the moment - little anecdotes about grandparents and aunts my family ought to hear about before it's too late. I send in letters about the "Living Past" to "Yours" magazine which they sometimes publish. I take part in Lunchtime Poetry Sessions at the library. One day quite a few of us read poems or prose about FOOD at the new community centre. It was quite exciting as there were people eating their lunch in the café there and who did not expect this to happen!*