

# Readers Questionnaire

We hope that you have enjoyed reading this edition of East of the City. We would like to know what you think about the publication to ensure that it remains topical and interesting for our readers.

Please take a few moments to complete and return the questionnaire below. Your comments will be useful in planning future editions. The first questionnaire to be drawn out of a hat will win a £50 John Lewis voucher. Thank you.

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Very ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never ☐

Which of the comments below best describe what you think about this community newspaper?

Excellent ☐ Good ☐ OK ☐ Poor ☐  
Relevant to the area ☐ Interesting ☐

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People and their stories ☐ Photos ☐ Advertising ☐ Other ☐

Have you seen previous issues of the newspaper?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you be interested in submitting contributions to future editions?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you be interested in working with a Voluntary Advisory Committee for the paper?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you?

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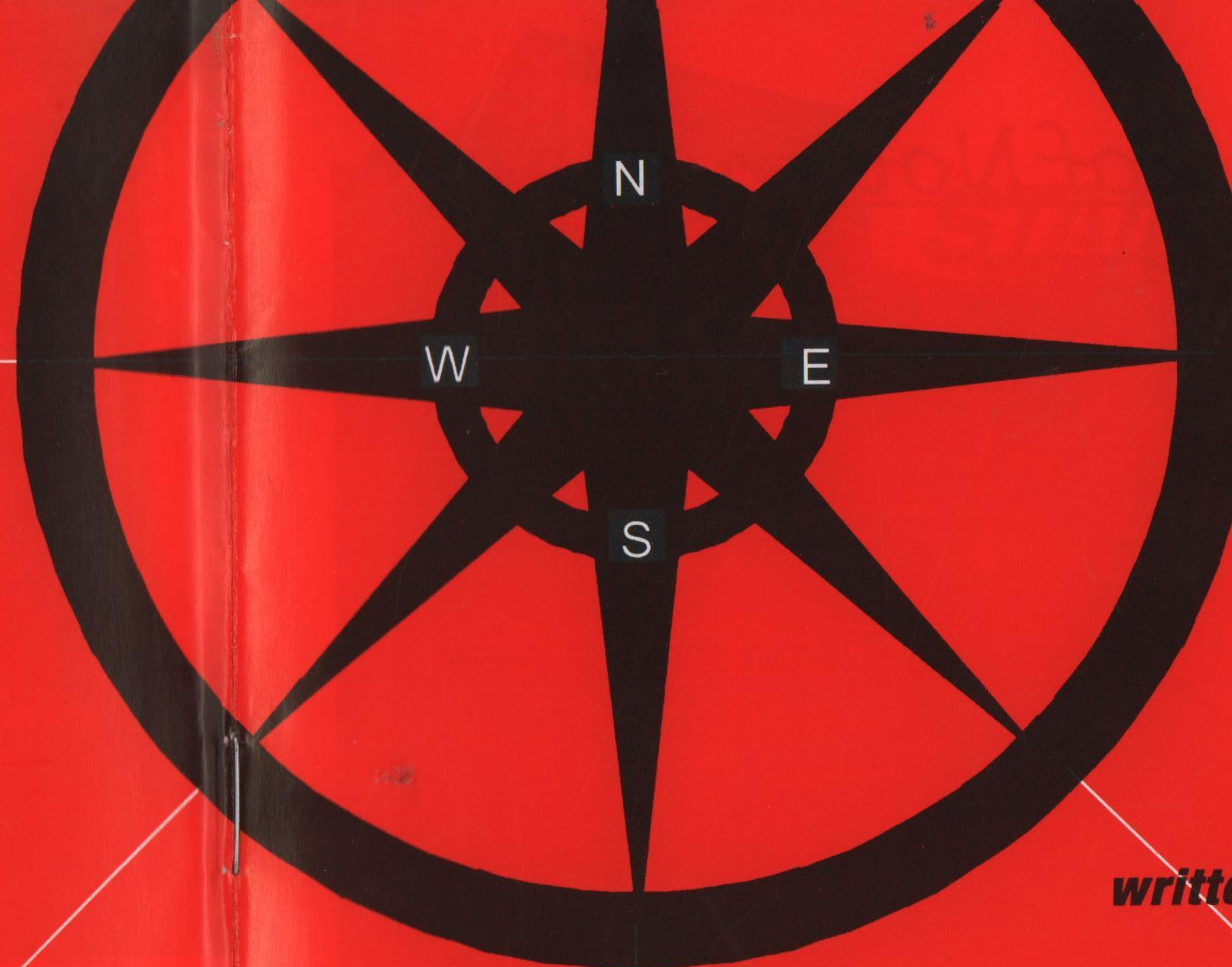
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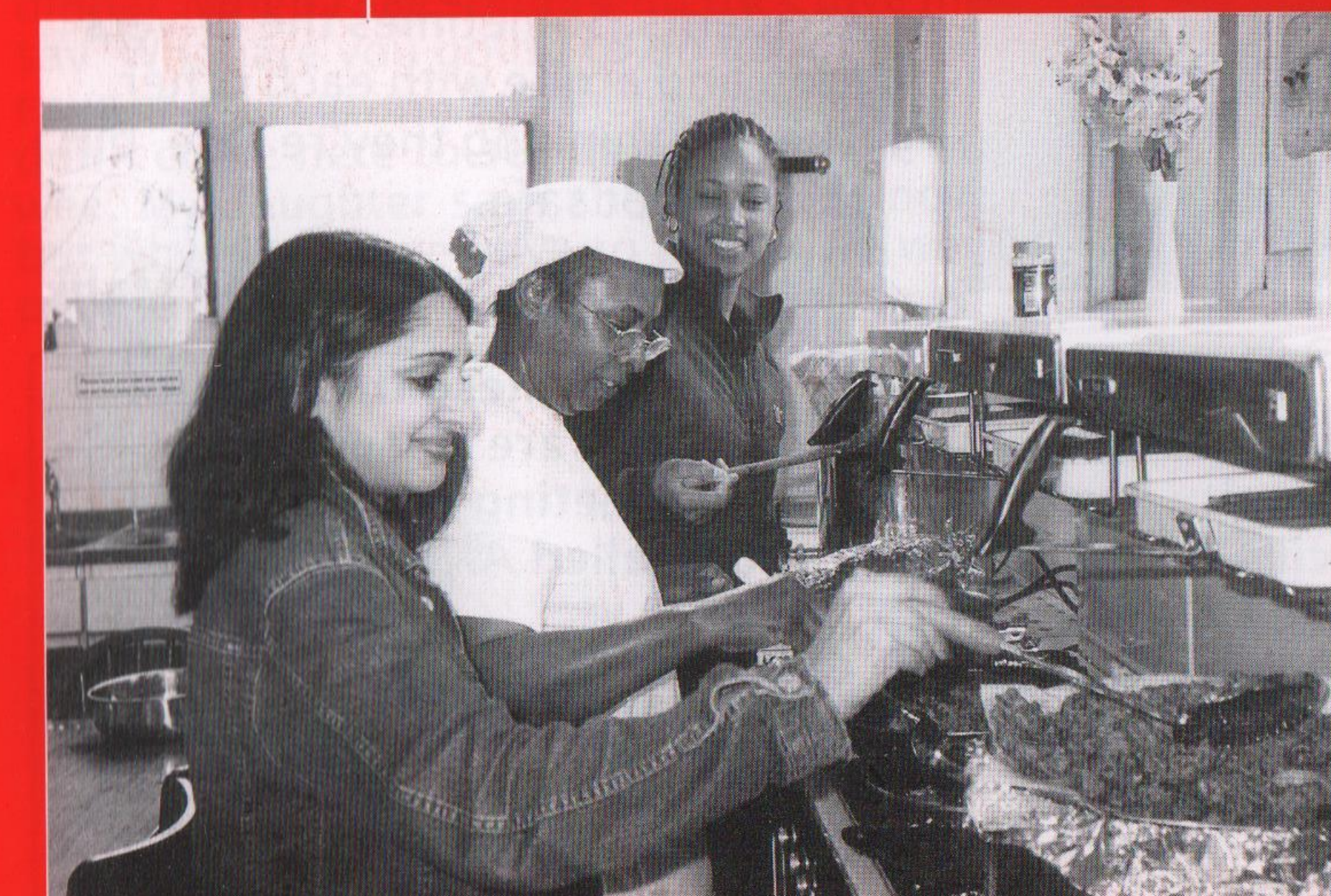
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written by the people who live and work here.**



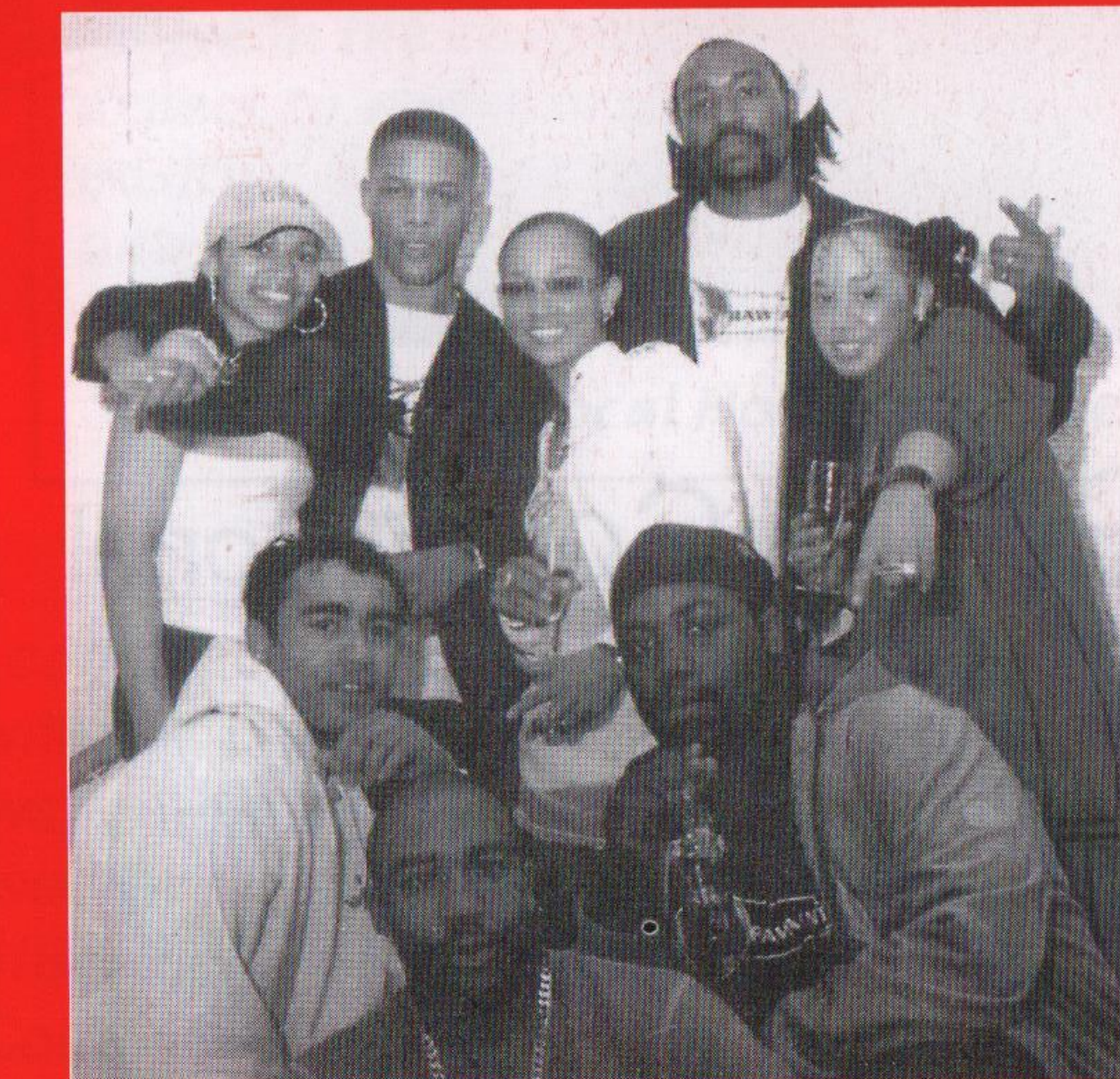
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# A Voice of The People of Nottingham

There is a Historical Place  
Near the Large Wall on Manvers Street,  
Sneinton Hermitage.  
A Lot of Physical Work went into Making  
this Place interesting...

Now -  
The Authoritys have left it to Rot. And  
now it's Another Place for drug Addicts to  
Sleep.

So What is the Point of people taking  
Interest in this City's History?  
Why is this Historical City so Dirty?  
The Council House is filthy and it never  
was...

the Town Smells  
Because of Drug Addicts etc.  
Doorways Smell -  
Buildings etc. -

This is Why We Fail with the Tourist.

Anon



These ancient caves in the sandstone cliff are some of the few remains of the original hermits' dwellings that gave the Hermitage its name. In the early 80s, Sneinton Environmental Society members cleared them and they were opened to the public on Bank Holidays, but since returning to City Council management they have remained closed for many years.

## CRASH CORNER

(Eyre Street & Sneinton Road near  
Sneinton Market)

Many times the same happens -  
last week a terrible accident - two  
cars involved, both new BMWs.  
Thank God, nobody was injured.  
The cars both had been write-off.  
So it's very dangerous to cars  
there - if a person walks through,  
there could be an accident and  
they could get killed. Old people,  
children have to cross there.  
Nobody bothers to read the sign  
"Give Way" - there's something  
wrong. It's someone's job to  
check it out. Many times there are  
accidents. Sometimes the drivers  
stop and argue with each other.  
They go thinking they're safe, but  
they're not safe.

Mumtaz Ali Malik



## Going, Going, Gone!

For too long the route into Sneinton  
along Sneinton Road was spoiled by  
graffiti on a wall by the Wheatsheaf pub.  
29 tags have now been painted out by  
Council workmen.  
The possibility of removing a faded and  
crumbling mural on another road into  
the area (Sneinton Hermitage) is also  
being investigated.

Local Issues and Concerns - such as these that East of  
the City has been asked to report - are raised by  
Community Representatives at meetings of the City  
Council's Area Committee (now called Area 6, St. Anns  
and the Dales).

The Area Co-Ordinator's Office then follows them up  
with the appropriate Council departments and outside  
agencies.

The new Area Co-Ordinator is Dorothy Holmes  
Tel: 915 0378.

Assistant Area Co-Ordinator is Imoogen Denton  
Tel: 915 0395.

## STAIRCASE OF SUFFERING

Only yards from the sunny Chase, Council  
tenants face a depressing scene when they  
open their front doors on to the communal  
staircase of Locksley House, an old and  
decaying block of flats. The floor is littered  
with rubbish, syringes and silver paper and  
a trail of fresh blood spots. When Council  
officers come to call the rubbish is swept  
down to the cellar level which no-one can  
get into as the key has been lost.



Following an increase in the level of  
Anti-Social behaviour at Locksley  
House, a block of 12 flats that is  
owned by the City Council, a site visit  
was made by Tyron Browne,  
Assistant Director Housing Direct  
together with Staff from St Anns  
District Housing Office.

As a result of this visit the following  
actions have been taken:

Two Caretaking staff spent three  
days on site cleaning the flats inside  
and out.

A mobile caretaker is currently on  
site to ensure that cleanliness is  
maintained throughout the block.

A new, more secure bin cupboard  
door has been installed.

The door entry system has been  
serviced and repaired to prevent  
unauthorised access into the flats.  
One Notice seeking possession has  
been issued.

One letter has been issued  
threatening the serving of a Notice  
Seeking Possession.

These actions have been taken to  
ensure that our tenants are allowed  
to live in the environment they would  
expect to and also to send out a  
positive message that perpetrators of  
anti-social behaviour will have action  
taken against them.

Ian Perry Local Housing Officer

We should get compensation for living in such filth and misery  
for so long.

They move in people who beg on the streets - then they  
attract more of the same. If they can't get in, they yank the  
door open at the bottom and come and use the stairs. We  
used to clean it up but it's a losing battle so we don't bother.

Resident

At one time it was beautiful round here. We never used to  
have any trouble like we have now. The Council have more or  
less neglected these flats. Why should we have to put up  
with it?

I always thought taking drugs was an offence - so why hasn't  
anything been done about it? They go in where the bins are  
because the door is open. They yank the security doors to the  
flats open if they haven't got a key. If they can't get in they  
shove the bin next to the railing to get over the top. The  
intercom goes at 2 in the morning - they're trying to get in,  
stoned out of their heads. It's been reported but I can't get  
anything done.

You daren't say anything to them cause you don't know what  
they'll do. There was six of them on the stairs yesterday  
dinner. When I say something they give me a mouthful. They  
say "What are you going to do about it?" The woman next door  
caught a girl giving another a needle yesterday. Folks  
don't come here to see us because the staircase smells of  
wee. My daughter says she doesn't know how we stop here -  
but why should we have to move? We went to the health  
people but nothing got done.

Angry Couple

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# RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS Around the Area

## HILLTOP TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Everyone wants a nice area to live in. We the residents of Linton Rise are no exception. After a few problems with vandalism and anti social behaviour a Neighbourhood Watch group was set up by Lee Mills, solving many problems and giving the community encouragement to form The Hilltop Tenants and Residents Association for the Cardale estate area - a bigger voice for the local community.

We were amazed at the amount of support received from local officials and community services. The benefits were felt almost immediately. 300 leaflets were distributed inviting residents to a public meeting. We now have a very positive steering committee working together to improve our area. We welcome any involvement from local residents to support us in our exciting future plans.

Youth workers are now engaging with local young people, visiting Linton Rise every Thursday organizing activities and outings, etc. Plans for younger children are going ahead, both schemes very positive.

Housing improvements, Security and traffic calming are also issues being discussed. As a group with optimism we feel we can achieve the right results. We pride ourselves on being a community and by getting together we can improve the place we live in. So can you.

Julie, Susan, Deborah  
Hilltop Tenants and Residents Association  
Cardale Estate Nottingham

## STONEBRIDGE TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

First of all may I introduce myself. My name is Cathy Blore and I am Secretary of Stonebridge Tenants and Residents Association. We first started our group on the 11<sup>th</sup> June last year. Maureen Graham our Chairman and I and a group of Committee Members got fed up the way the area had become and we had a meeting and invited Councillor David Liversidge along and told him our worries and concerns. He suggested why don't we form our own Residents' Group, which we did.

We are a very strong group and we support one another and we are trying to make Stonebridge Park (that's what we want to be called) a safe and happy place to live in.

We meet regularly with Councillors and Police to try and sort some of our problems out. We know there is a lot to do in our area and we are not going to solve the problems overnight.

We have also started bingo once a month in our Community Centre for our residents and their children, and they can win little prizes and they really enjoy it and so do we.

We feel we are doing something for our area.

Cathy Blore (Secretary) Tel: 9120599

## SNEINTON TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*The Sneinton Tenants & Residents Association, which covers an area within Sneinton Dale/Sneinton Boulevard/Colwick Road/Lees Hill Street, was formed at a Public Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2001. Committee Meetings are held usually on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in month and anyone may attend. We have held 3 Public Meetings, have distributed 3 Newsletters and had a stall at The Sneinton Festival for the past three years.*

*At our Meetings we receive regular reports from the Police and about housing issues. We have been active in drawing attention to the appropriate authorities on several issues which affect the community, such as empty/derelict properties, the poor standard of some of the conversions of shops into houses, accumulation of rubbish in the streets, cars being abandoned and set on fire, blocked drains, problems with bad neighbours and contacting the Police.*

*Representatives of various Council agencies have been to Meetings and spoken about their work. The Association is represented on different City Groups.*

*Two issues concern us at the moment - the number of Hostels in the area and the level of support given to their residents, and the Waterside and Eastside developments, both of which we will be pursuing at future Meetings.*

Eileen Jones (Secretary) Tel: 9117327

Raw Talent started out as a school tour raising funds for the NSPCC. The schools wanted workshops - so we decided to do an event where schools would send pupils. We set up a Raw Talent Youth Night at Easter 2001 at Victoria Leisure Centre. It was city-wide, bringing together youths from different areas, with plenty from St. Anns and Sneinton.

The youths showed off their talents - some DJing, dancing, mixing, MCing, singing and rapping. We picked 8 of them to start doing recording with. We worked in different styles - R & B, hiphop, UK garage, with different combinations of young people. They were all from separate areas and it was good getting them to work together.

They came up with an idea to do a movie/documentary and music soundtrack called 'Stop the Violence' to show young people from different areas can work together in harmony. At the time, the shootings occurred. Artists were keen to get involved with such a positive campaign - Ms. Dynamite, Mis-teeq, Oxide & Neutrino, Morefire Crew, Omar and Artful Dodger.

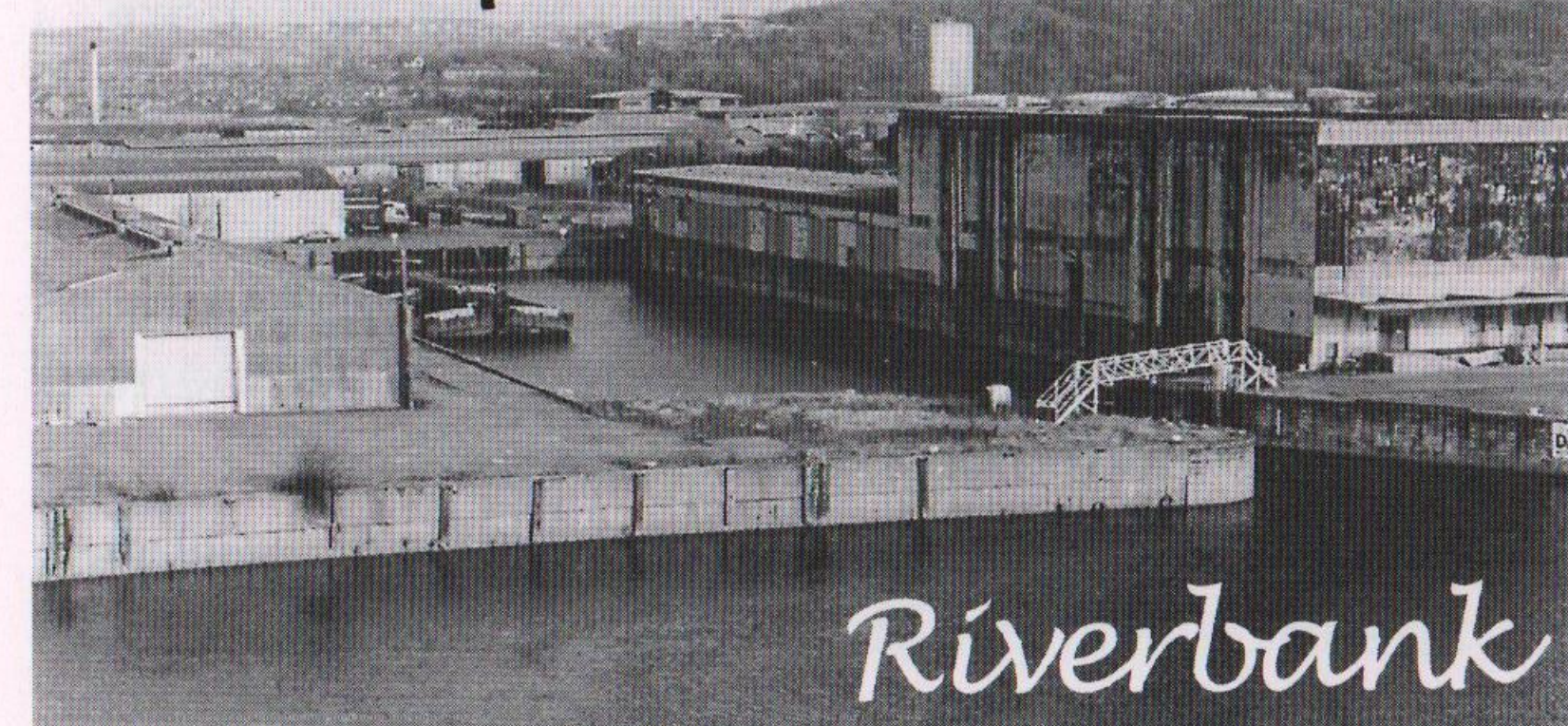
The CD single 'Stop the Violence' came out in April and we've shifted just under 3,000 units - the profits go into setting up different workshops and activities. The movie/documentary has been shown so many times on different TV channels.

The MTV Blues and Soul tour heard about what we're doing, saw the movie and heard the story and wanted us to get involved in their tour - dedicating it to the Stop the Violence Campaign. Some people were blaming violence on music - this was a response to show that urban music could be positive. We went on a 16 day tour of 10 venues with Ms. Dynamite, Lisa Maffia, Big Brovaz, Sha Abba, Zena (ex Mis-teeq), Phallacy, Exceptional.

At the end, a lot of artists were well impressed with Raw Talent and talking about collaboration work. A couple of artists from Raw Talent are going to Germany to do our songs on stage, and we are going to Rhodes in the summer.

Dwayne Watson

## Tales from the



Riverbank

*You may have heard of the grand plans for development along the River Trent or taken part in the consultation events - but are wondering why nothing has happened yet. For the past two years Nottingham Waterside Ltd., a partnership between the City Council, emda, British Waterways and the private sector, have been developing a scheme for the Trent Basin area. A planning application is going to be submitted in the near future and Nottingham Waterside Ltd. would like to invite people living and working in the east of the City to view the proposals.*

*So if you would like to see how the proposals for the waterside measure up to your expectations please come down to the Greenway Centre, Trent Lane, on Weds. the 17<sup>th</sup> of September between 4 - 7pm to view the models and plans and meet partners from Nottingham Waterside.*

Dave Hughes  
Nottingham Regeneration Ltd.

## BACK TO RECYCLING

Thanks are due to Peter Haas - 'Super Manager' at Sneinton's Kwik Save store for solving Sneinton's re-cycling problems - namely lack of facilities. Since the loss of the Windmill Lane bins I was (like many local people) fed up of having to cart glass, clothing, newspapers, etc. for miles to recycle (to Carlton Rd. Co-op, Netherfield Morrisons and Sainsbury's at Castle Marina).

However after one brief conversation with Peter and a quick call to Chris Bailey (Recycling Team Manager) the bins were back! Kwik Save Car Park now has glass, newspaper and can banks - thank you Peter!

Martha Speed

## PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE

Photos of Raw Talent by Assunta Del Buono





The Young Ones is based at Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre in Sneinton. The age range is 25 and under for young parents and parents to be. The group gives people the opportunity to do things they've never done before or can't afford to do - like trips and outings - and the opportunity to meet other young parents in the area. Fathers are welcome but we don't get many.

The sort of things we do are go to the zoo and IKEA, and we're going to American Adventure soon. We do cooking sessions to help people to learn to cook things they might not do at home like Jamaican cooking and Asian cooking. We're doing it with Ida, a cookery teacher. We start from the basic ingredients and prepare things like mutton curry and rice and peas - today we're doing vegetable curry, chicken curry and pakoras.

The people who run the group are five Millennium volunteers. We had our idea to set up a group last April and got together last September. We got about 13 to 14 people a week and about 8 children and babies. We aim to do things parents can do with children, not leave them in a crèche. A nurse comes to give advice about parenting and development and weighs the babies. There's going to be a course in First Aid

# The Young Ones



and nail art soon. Now and then we have a meeting to discuss what's going on and agree. How we run the group is to get everyone involved taking turns. We meet every Wednesday from 12 - 3 unless there's a trip.

We went on a residential weekend where we took where we took part in abseiling and gymnastics and did a workshop for students and social workers. We showed them how it was to be a mother - we gave them crying dolls and showed them how it was to look after a baby.

Rizwana Yusuf & Lorraine Chambers

## A WOMAN OF MANY TALENTS

My first encounter with mental illness was post-natal depression. My thoughts and fears were still quite confused and things did not get any better. My depression and anxiety got worse until I was seeing my psychiatrist weekly. Life continued the same for approximately ten years, until my psychiatrist told me that he was moving on. My first reaction was one of complete and utter terror. But as time wore on I saw other doctors, less frequently now, until a community psychiatric nurse took me on as one of his clients.

Life started to change almost immediately. I was no longer being pulled along by the professionals but was actually being worked with. My CPN and I sat down and talked about what I wanted. From these discussions came my first visit to the Day Centre.

How I hated my first encounter at the Day Centre with other clients and staff I didn't know. I felt I was out of control again. However I stuck it out until I got used to it.

I was approached by a member of staff asking me if I would like to join a group that dealt with matters arising at the centre. Then I was asked if I would like to be a member of an interview panel. This made me really excited. But was I good enough to

do this? Why have they asked me?

As I did more and more interviews I became more and more excited. I was receiving positive feedback from the staff involved, which made me feel more positive about myself. About a year afterwards I was told that there might be a job available at the Community Outreach Team, using the skills from doing the interviews, my administration skills from my previous jobs and my experience as a patient of the mental health services for a long time.

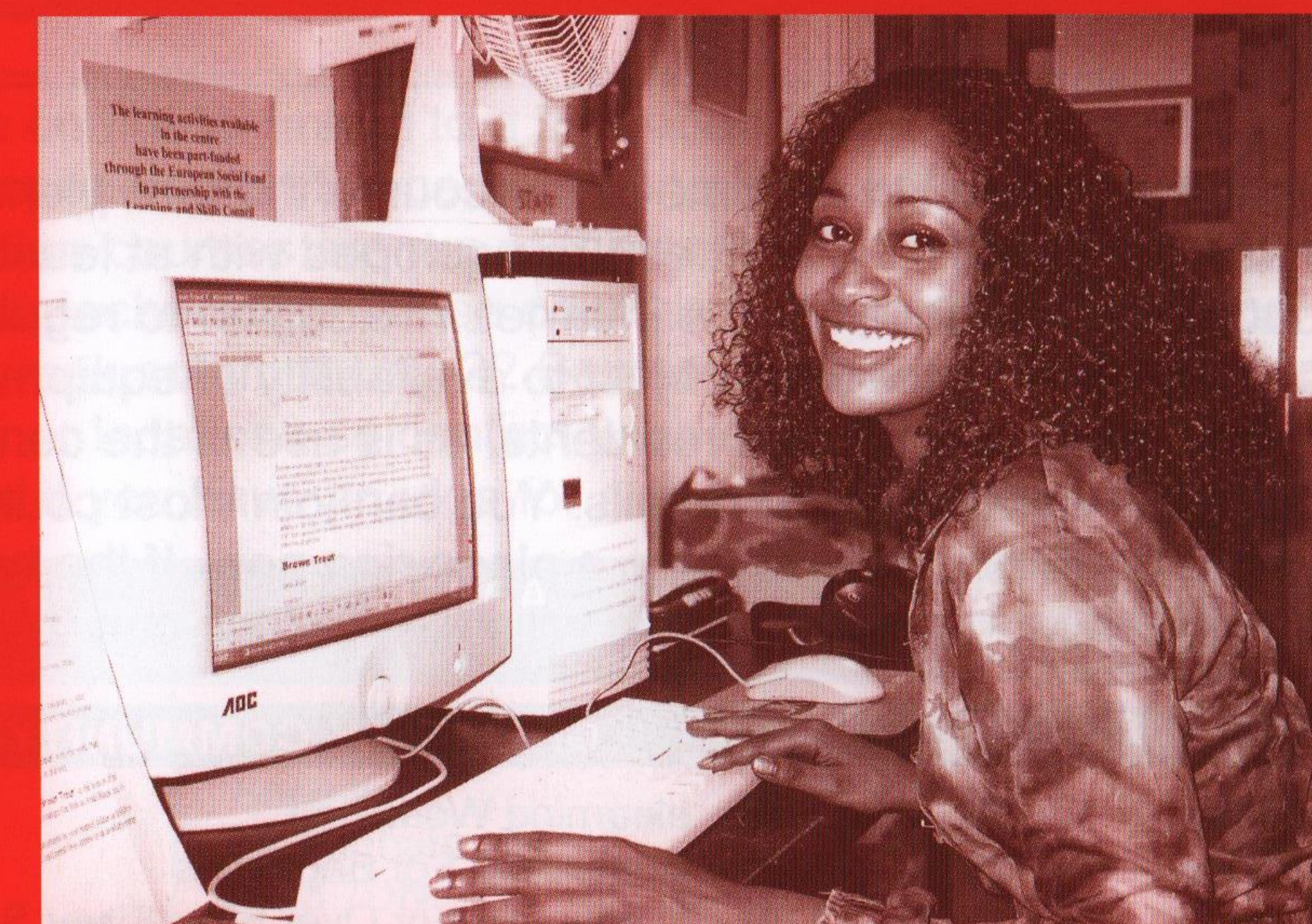
I first started out as a volunteer until I was granted therapeutic earnings, but it was a real struggle to actually get some money. Work became more of an incentive when I started to get paid. I felt I could hold my head up high and look people in the eye and say I have got a job.

I am now working for NAG as a woman of many talents. I am co-ordinator of a short-term project on the Care Programme Approach and also doing Admin Work and Research.

Debbie

**NAG (Nottingham Advocacy Group) is a user-led advocacy organisation for mental health service users and ex-users. Telephone: 913 0700**

## Activities & Courses For Adults in Sneinton & St. Anns



**Using Computers & Technology Telephone: 0115 985 8203**

**Greenway Chase Sycamore People's Centre TRACS**

**"There's a helpful staff - if you have problems they're always there to help you."**

**"It's definitely a pleasant place to come everyone's polite and considerate."**

**"I keep on learning more and more. Maybe in the future I can work with what I'm learning."**

**"I love it here. I think it's good. You've got childcare and it's free!"**



## Courses in ICT Learning Centres

The following is a list of some of the course that are planned to start from week commencing 22 September 2003. All 5 centres are equipped with at least 10 networked computers with broadband connection to the internet. In addition to regular courses local residents are invited to make use of the facilities subject to availability of equipment and conditions at each centre. All courses are FREE to local residents, as is use of the centres, and childcare is available in many instances—contact us for details. You can join most courses at any time—as long as there are spaces. So to ensure you have a place ring now. If the type of course you are looking for is not on offer please let us know and we will see what we can do.

### GREENWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Monday	10.00 - 12.00	elearning Workshop	<b>Trent Lane Sneinton Nottingham NG2 4DF <i>Community Access</i> Monday – Thursday 10.00 – 3.00 (except Wed AM) To reserve a place on a course ring 0115 910 3667</b>
Monday	13.00 - 15.00	Computers For Beginners	
Tuesday	10.00 - 12.00	Computing For Over 50's (Silver Surfers)	
Tuesday	13.00 - 15.00	Digital Imaging (Cameras, Scanners & Video)	
Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00	Asian Womens Computer Workshop	
Wednesday	13.00 - 15.00	Driving Test Theory	
Thursday	10.00 - 12.00	Preparing for work - CV, Jobsearch & Applications	
Thursday	13.00 - 15.00	Computer Skills (Level 1)	
Thursday	10.00 - 12.00	Crafts	
Friday	10.00 - 12.00	Driving Test Theory	

### PEOPLES CENTRE

Monday	10.00 - 12.00	Computers For Beginners	<b>Marple Square St Anns Nottingham NG3 4FU  <i>Community Access</i> Monday – Friday 9.00 – 5.00  To reserve a place on a course ring 0115 915 9653</b>
Monday	13.00 - 15.00	Driving Test Theory	
Tuesday	10.00 - 12.00	Develop Your Computer Skills (Level 2)	
Tuesday	13.00 - 15.00	Computers For Beginners	
Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00	Driving Test Theory	
Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00	Women's Learning Programme	
Wednesday	13.00 - 15.00	Community Newsletter - Design & Publication	
Wednesday	18.30 - 20.30	Computer Skills (Level 1)	
Thursday	10.00 - 12.00	Computer Skills (Level 1)	
Thursday	10.00 - 12.00	Routine Desktop Maintenance	
Thursday	13.00 - 15.00	Office & Keyboard Skills	
Thursday	18.30 - 20.30	Driving Test Theory	
Friday	10.00 - 12.00	Digital Imaging (Cameras, Scanners & Video)	
Friday	13.00 - 15.00	elearning Workshop	
Friday	13.00 - 15.00	Driving Test Theory	

### SYCAMORE MILLENIUM CENTRE

Tuesday	10.00 - 12.00	Preparing for work - CV, Jobsearch & Applications	<b>31 Hungerhill Road St Anns Nottingham NG3 4NB <i>Community Access</i> Monday – Friday 9.00 – 4.00  To reserve a place on a course ring 0115 985 8203</b>
Tuesday	13.00 - 15.00	Driving Test Theory	
Tuesday	18.00 - 20.00	Computer Skills (Level 1)	
Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00	Start Using the Internet	
Wednesday	13.00 - 15.00	Computer Skills (Level 1)	
Wednesday	18.00 - 20.30	Bookkeeping & Accounts using computers	
Thursday	10.00 - 12.00	Using Computers for Family History Research	
Thursday	13.00 - 15.00	Introduction to Digital Photography	
Thursday	18.30 - 20.30	Archaeology & Internet	
Friday	10.00 - 12.00	elearning Workshop	
Friday	13.00 - 15.00	Desk Top Publishing	

### ACNA

For details of courses, community access and opening hours please ring

**0115 969 1364**

### CHASE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

For details of courses, community access and opening hours please ring

**0115 947 2705**

## Courses in ICT Access Points

The following centres have at least one computer linked to a broadband internet connection which is available for community use depending on the centres conditions and opening hours, please contact them for details. In addition courses are run at the centres in order to help residents learn how to make best use of this technology. These courses are again FREE to local residents and are planned to run from week commencing 22 September 2003. It is planned to organise other courses at these and other locations so contact your local centre, or the project office to find out what is happening, and if you have an idea for a course please let us know.

### ASIAN WOMEN'S PROJECT

Beaumont Street  
Sneinton  
Nottingham  
NG2 4PJ

Ring 0115 958 6959

### AZADI Project

141 Sneinton Dale  
Sneinton  
Nottingham  
NG3 7DN

Ring 0115 950 9259

### BANCA

312 Sneinton Dale  
Sneinton  
Nottingham  
NG3 7DN

Ring 0115 948 0454

### BLUEBELL HILL

Dennett Close  
Sneinton  
Nottingham  
NG3 2GX

Ring 0115 947 6722

### PAKISTAN CENTRE

163 Woodborough Road  
St Anns  
Nottingham  
NG3 1AX

Ring 0115 988 1419

### SNEINTON HERMITAGE

Sneinton Boulevard  
Sneinton  
Nottingham  
NG2 4GN

Ring 0115 950 4707 / 958 4862

### TRACS

60 Sneinton Hollows  
Sneinton  
Nottingham  
NG2 4AA

Ring 0115 958 4862

Asian Women's Project	Tuesday	10.00 - 12.00	Computer Workshop
AZADI	Monday	10.00 - 12.00	Start Using the Internet
AZADI	Monday	13.00 - 15.00	Desk Top Publishing
AZADI	Monday	18.30 - 20.30	Computer Skills (Level 1)
BANCA	Thursday	9.30 - 12.00	Computer Workshop
BANCA	Thursday	14.00 - 16.00	Computer Workshop
BANCA	Monday	18.30 - 20.30	Web Page Design
BANCA	Monday	10.00 - 12.00	Using Computer for Family History
BANCA	Tuesday	13.00 - 15.00	Start Using the Internet
BANCA	Tuesday	18.30 - 20.30	Video & Imaging
Bluebell Hill	Tuesday	13.00 - 15.00	Computer Workshop
Pakistan Centre	Friday	10.00 - 12.00	Computer Workshop
Sneinton Hermitage	Friday	10.00 - 12.00	Computer Workshop
TRACS	Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00	Computer Skills (Level 1)
TRACS	Wednesday	13.00 - 15.00	Computer Workshop
TRACS	Monday	13.00 - 15.00	Digital Photography

### RETURN THIS SLIP TO:

**WEA Community ICT Project**

**St Anns & Sneinton**

**Unit 2, Sycamore Business Centre**

**31 Hungerhill Road**

**Nottingham**

**NG3 4NB**

**OR**

**Telephone**

**0115 985 8203**

**OR**

**EMAIL**

**area5ict@wea.org.uk**

**PTO**



## Some of the Courses on Offer

### Computing for Beginners

Course for the total beginner, or with limited experience, to learn mouse and keyboard skills and introduction to using Microsoft windows, and a variety of applications including word processing and spreadsheets. Accreditation with NICAS available. Progression to Computer Skills (Level 1) and the option to gain the CLAIT qualification available.

### Desk Top Publishing

This course is suitable for absolute beginners as well as those more experienced computer users. You will be encouraged to produce a variety of publications in order to experience the many uses of DTP. You will be shown how to produce posters and leaflets by manipulating text and graphics. There will be an opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification including NICAS and CLAIT.

### Routine Desktop Maintenance

This course will introduce you to basic routine maintenance using the utility programmes within Windows. It will also look at basic troubleshooting and repairs, file management and general fault recognition. You will also learn how to install new components, hardware and software.

### Digital Photography for Beginners

Suitable for those new to digital photography, this course will show how images can be captured on a digital camera and then transferred to a computer allowing them to be printed, stored and edited. It will be very practical course with students being encouraged to experiment with using a digital camera to get the best out of this new technology.

### Driver Test Theory

Want to pass your driving test? This course using computers and technology will help you to DVLA theory test. You will use computers to learn what is required and get lots of practice in sitting the theory test as well as practice in the Hazard Perception assignment.

### Start Using the Internet

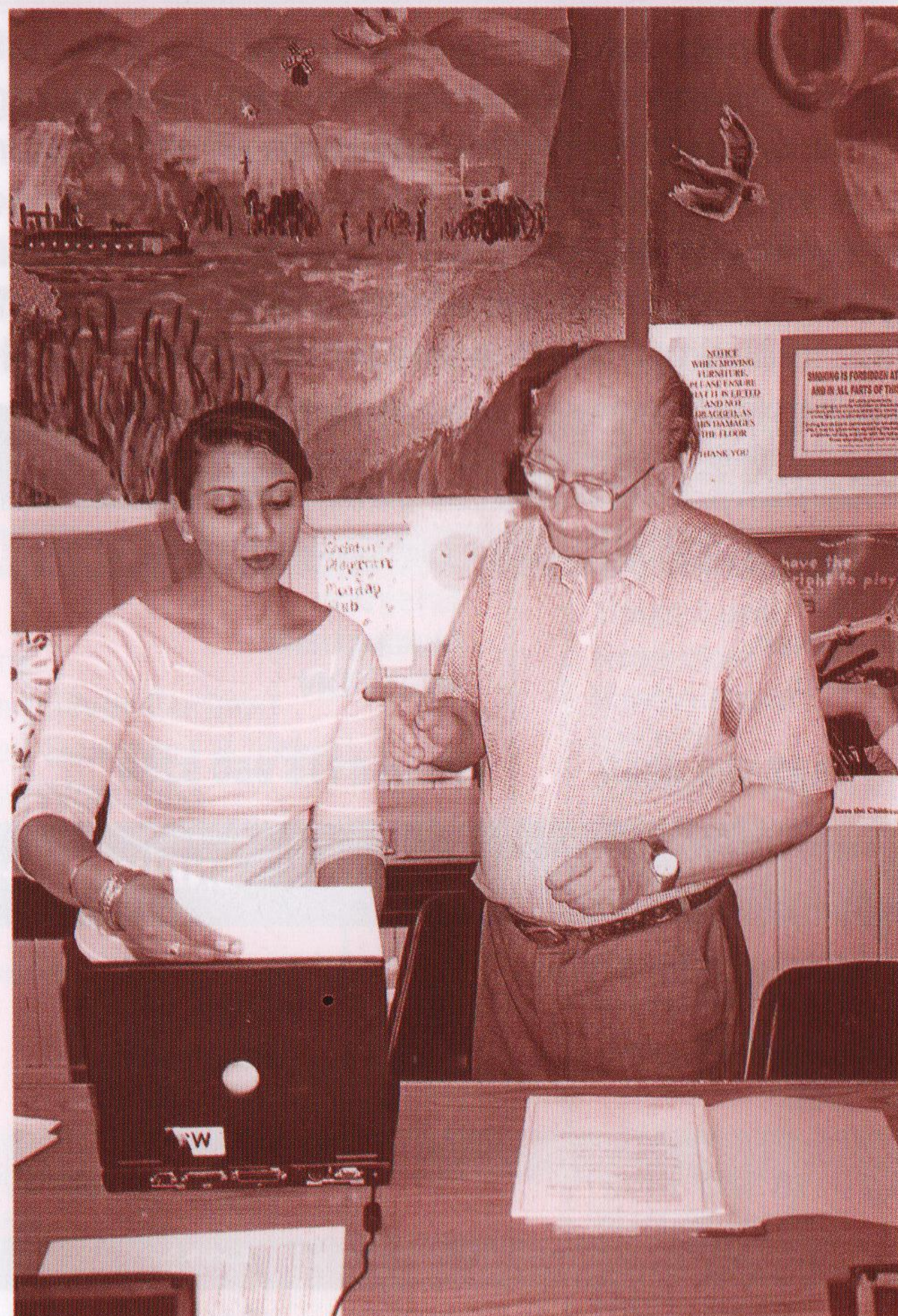
For those who are complete beginners to surfing the World Wide Web. The course will show you how to get on to the Internet, how to find what you want quickly and how to send and receive e-mails.

### Using Computers for Family History Research

An introduction to ways that new technology can be of help in researching family history, including using the Internet to find information, how computers can help record information, and why email can be a valuable communication tool. This course is suitable for those with little knowledge of computing and/or family history, as well as those with some experience in either area.

### Web Page Design

This course is for anyone interested in learning how to design and publish material on the World Wide Web. It is suitable for complete beginners as well as those who want to develop their skills further although learners should have some experience of using computers and preferably be familiar with Microsoft Word or Publisher as this introductory course will be based on using Microsoft FrontPage.



## RETURN SLIP

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Address

Tel No

Course(s) wanting to register to attend etc

I used to go to dance classes at a community centre when I was 10 years old - jazz, acro, ballet, tap and modern. I saw people dancing on TV and wanted to dance like them. When I was 16 I had my own dance group at school - I taught the year 7 and 8s. I got a job when I left school teaching dancing drama and music at the Zone. Then I left when I got pregnant.

My grandma and great aunt are Spanish. When we used to go to visit them in Spain they were always dancing round the table and in the kitchen. I think that inspired me a little bit. I've always been creative and good at making music. I don't dance the way I was taught to dance, I have my own style - I call it urban jazz. It's all different styles of dance put to music.

When I lived here I got a flier through the door about the Greenway Centre and nipped in. I mentioned I did dance and that was it. I started a dance troupe up, Lush, in April 2001. I started with 4 girls and we've now got over 30. We've performed at the Council House, Market Square, Palais and of course the Sneinton Festival. I was volunteering as a Millennium Volunteer for a year and a half and was nominated for national volunteer of the year. I won it for the East Midlands and had to go to London to pick up the award in March.

This year I'm chairperson of Sneinton Festival and I've helped set up dance events this year like the Day of Dance with different styles from different countries. I've been working in Greenwood Junior, Greenwood Infants and William Booth Schools teaching dance work with age 5 - 13 year olds - but older teenagers are easier. I'd like to have more of a permanent slot in schools doing dance and choreographing music videos.

Leah Wright

## FAMILY FUN DAY

*After months of planning the day finally arrived. The birds were singing, the sun was shining and all was ready for the hordes of people who would be knocking down the doors of the Chase Neighbourhood Centre to enjoy the celebrations to mark the Centre's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*The attendance was very good with around 150 people turning up. Young people took full advantage of the face painters, who were working non stop, as was the clown who spent all day balloon modelling. The henna painter was also busy.*

*STAA Allotments were there busy selling of their wares from the allotments as were a variety of people selling bric a brac. To end the day we were lucky enough to be entertained by the group "Raw Talent" who sang, spoke, rapped out a number of songs for at least an hour. They gave a great performance of their single "Stop the Violence." Thank you for a great job.*

*It was a great day which was enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks to the Renewal Trust, Surestart St. Anns and all the others who are too numerous to mention. See you all again next year.*

Norman Whelbourne

## Spanish Toes



## ON THE BEAT

Below are the numbers of the Police Beat Managers and the areas they cover.

PC Nigel Bradley 07791 088168  
Bendigo / Sneinton

PC Gary Meakin 07905 131316  
Bakersfield

PC Derek Pickering 07791 089534  
Stonebridge / Marmion / Elements

PC Rob Spry 07890 925938  
St. Anns / Marple Square

PC Lisa Crouch / PC Ginette Ferguson  
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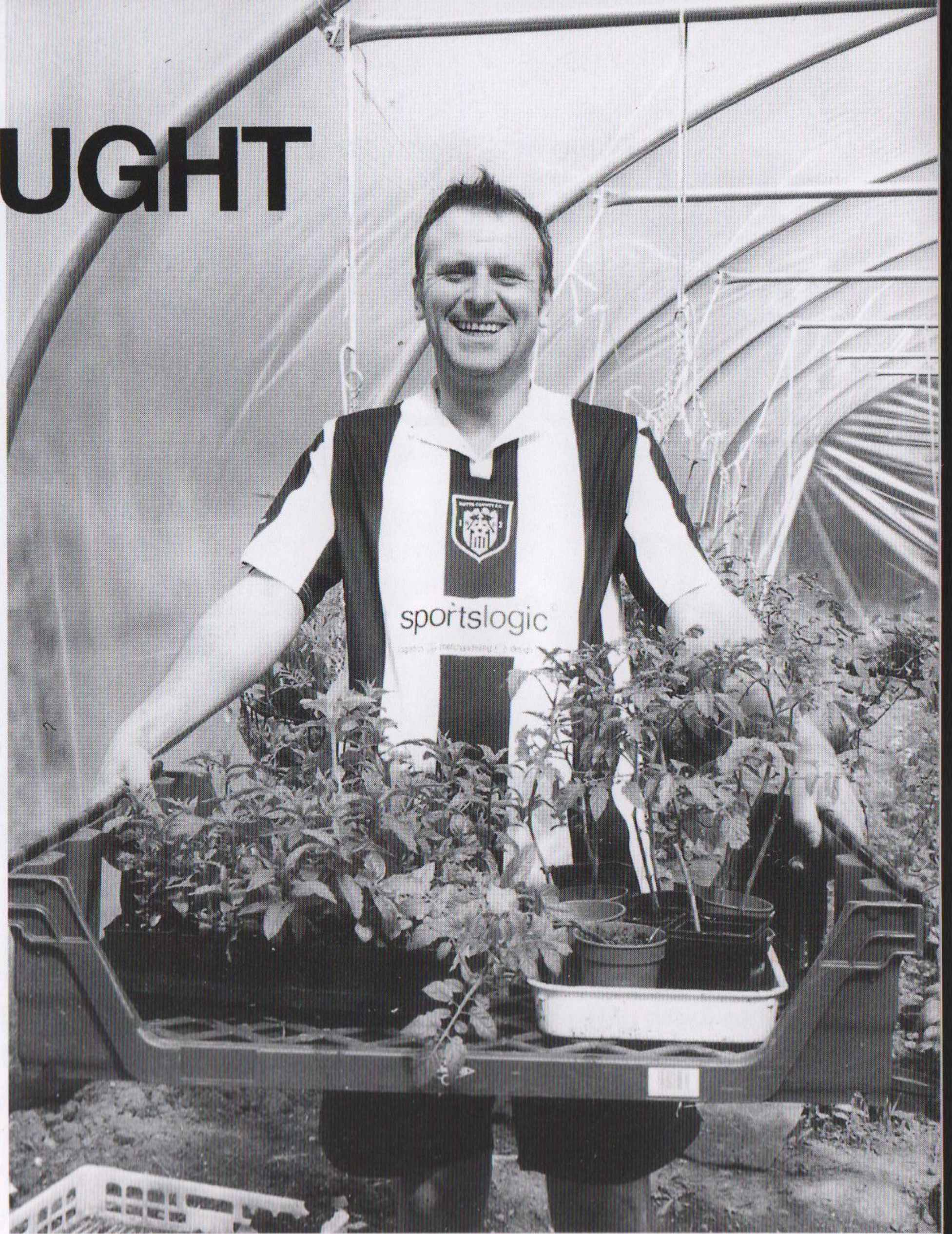
Kingthorpe / Brewsters / Wells Road  
Police Community Support Officers :

Dawn McCarthy 07792 157277

Darren Parry 07792 159510

The Notts Police Web Site is :  
[www.Nottinghamshire.Police.uk](http://www.Nottinghamshire.Police.uk)





# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

My family left Glasgow in 1973 and moved down to Meadow Lane by the Magpie Pub, where we lived on Moreland Street. My name then was Stephen, but on my first day at Greenwood Junior School, the kids in my class called me Scotty and it stuck. Someone in a broad Sneinton accent said "Ooooooerrrr! Dun't e tawk funnnnyyyyy!" I'm pleased to say that having been here thirty years I still haven't picked up the accent.

In Glasgow, all I knew was Catholics and Protestants and they were at war. Here, in Sneinton, there was an amazing mix of people - Indians, Italians, Ukrainians, Vietnamese, Bangladeshi's, Poles, Caribbean's, Pakistani's, Irish, Scots and English. A wonderful kaleidoscope of nationalities, and great place to grow up and learn.

When our home got knocked down in 1976 and the entire community was moved up to the Marmion Estate off Carlton Road in St. Anns. Carlton Rd is where St Anns and Sneinton meet, and like all roads it led to Sneinton Market. There was always a lot of activity around the market, like the city centre for St Anns & Sneinton. A lot of the people I grew up with got jobs on the market and the old wholesale market. Some now run their own stalls there like the Peggs, Piketts, and the Gallaghers. I never thought I'd end up running a market stall so close to here.

I've had more jobs than I've told the social about, but ended up working in the entertainment industry. I spent several years as a performance poet - I had my first gig in the Pretty windows! I ran comedy clubs, became an agent for comedians, bands and was involved in the old Rock & Reggae Festival. I've worked and travelled all over Britain and Europe, but I always come back to Nottingham, it's home. In 1985 I wrote a play about the St Anns Race Riots, and am now 50,000 word through a novel about a twat from Sneinton who's on the run on Berlin building sites.

A passion of mine has always been food, so it made sense that I got a job as a food development worker on the allotment project. In a nutshell, to get a tomato from Holland or an onion from Spain into your supermarket, it takes an enormous amount of fuel. Growing tomatoes and onions here in St Anns for the people of St Anns and Sneinton makes sense. There's something spiritual about growing food to eat or sell, and besides, it's nice to be able to do a bit of payback for all the damage I committed up the allotments when I was young and daft.

We'll be running stalls at a variety of different places this summer selling the produce from the allotments, such as the Caribbean Carnival, the Riverside Festival and the Community Orchard Harvest Day on 19th October. Come and support us.

**Scotty Clarke**  
St. Anns Garden to Plate Project c/o STAA  
Telephone 9110207

## THE FAT CLUB

The inspiration of this course is to get the local residents to exercise due to lack of health and fitness education and knowledge. This will lead to less cases of heart disease, osteoporosis, obesity, lack of energy and depression.

The club will be coming soon, and will give the local residents the opportunity to get fit, healthy, to get nutritional advice and knowledge, weight loss and best of all, you will meet some new friends and have fun. The Fat Club will be similar to the one that was on TV. Each session will consist of a body fat % check, activity workout and then a 15 minute questions and answers session at the end.

Make no mistake the six week course is hard work, but the benefits will leave you glowing.

**Martin Gooden**

The next course will be starting in August and will be at the GREENWAY CENTRE (SNEINTON). Interested? Call Martin on 07971 31 2690 or 8479052.

**Bluebell Hill Playgroup**  
for 2 - 5 year olds  
28th July - 15th August  
at 9.15 - 12.45pm  
£2.00 per session  
for more info tel: 9155692

# SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 28 <sup>th</sup> Football Competition am Wacky Wet Fun pm	29 <sup>th</sup> Open Session OHYC 1-4pm Uni-Hoc/Kwik Cricket am Pool Games pm Multi Sports pm GWC Multi Sports pm KEP	30 <sup>th</sup> Free Music Session RYC 1-3pm Rounders/Baseball am Wet N Wild pm	31 <sup>st</sup> Basketball/Round Robin am Pool Fun pm Drama Sessions Chasewood Baptist Church 6-8pm	August 1 <sup>st</sup> Young Women's Day Chase 9.30am-4pm Junior Lifesaving am Pool Play pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Residential Peak District Football Round Robin am Pool Games pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Residential Peak District Mini Bowls/ Ten Pin Bowls am Wet N Wild pm Multi Sports am GWC Multi Sports pm KEP	6 <sup>th</sup> Football Comp & E Games OHYC Short Tennis Tournament am Pool Fun pm Playday Activities St. Anns Playcentre	7 <sup>th</sup> Badminton/ table tennis am Wacky Races pm Drama Sessions Chasewood Baptist Church 6-8pm Trip to Harvey Hadden St. Anns Playcentre	8 <sup>th</sup> Junior Lifesaving am Nessie Inflatable
11 <sup>th</sup> Drop In Session RYC 1-4pm Rounders & Kwik Cricket am Pool pm	12 <sup>th</sup> Table Tennis/ Short Tennis am Wet N Wild pm Multi Sports am GWC Multi Sports pm KEP	13 <sup>th</sup> Trip to Aklawa African Village Junior Lifesaving Wacky N Wet pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Badminton/ Baseball am Water Polo pm Drama Sessions Chasewood Baptist Church 6-8pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Football Comp. am Nessie Inflatable pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Badminton/ Table Tennis am Pool pm	19 <sup>th</sup> Football Shootout am Water polo pm Visit to Breakaway St. Anns Playcentre Multi Sports am GWC Multi Sports pm KEP	20 <sup>th</sup> Trip to American Adventure Cricket Comp am Wet N Wild pm	21 <sup>st</sup> Trip to The Deep Birmingham Short Tennis am Wacky races pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> Activity Session Arches Base 1pm Basketball Tournament am Nessie Inflatable pm Celebrate Play in Forest Fields St. Anns Playcentre
25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> Multi Sports am GWC Multi Sports pm KEP	27 <sup>th</sup> Transformer Bus at King Edward Park	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> End Of Summer Party at Russell Youth Club 1-5pm

Activities printed in BLACK with ☒ are part of AREA SIX SUMMER PROGRAMME. Call Manjit or Dave on 9155695. (OHYC - Oliver Hind Youth Club, RYC - Russell Youth Club, GWC Greenway Centre, KEP King Edward Park)

Activities printed in ORANGE are for 8 - 15 year olds and take place at VICTORIA LEISURE CENTRE for details call 915 5600. Supervised lunchtimes.

The COMMUNITY RECORDING STUDIO (next to Russell Youth Club) will hold:  
Sound Engineering sessions 11-10pm Mondays  
Mixing and Rapping 11-4pm Tuesdays  
Open Sessions 3-9pm Wednesdays & Thursdays  
Sound Engineering & Production 11-3pm Fridays  
Open Sessions 12-3pm Saturdays  
Contact Big Trev: 07855125676 or 9121380.

SYCAMORE MILLENNIUM CENTRE offers Bowling, Cinema Visits, Go karting, Roller Skating, Quad Biking, Water Sports, African Adventure (Museum Trip), Residential Week-end, Theatre Work (Healthy Living Programme), Food and Diet (Healthy Living Programme), Food for Thought (Healthy Living Programme), Trampoline (Victoria Leisure Centre). Call 911 2220. The Centre is open Mon - Fri 12 - 3pm, Mon - Thursday 6-9pm and every other Saturday 12 - 3pm.



# Better or Not?



Most people wax lyrical when they talk about the past. They speak about how good life was, it was simpler, people were closer, there was very little crime, neighbours lived in close loving relationships. In all life was easier, but was it?

I was born in 1927. Looking back at the 30s and 40s, life was harder in those days. It was hard during the war, especially for Women. People had to deal with the same problems that women have to deal with to-day, how to look after their families, keep them clean (no washing machines and other labour saving devices), no super markets selling cut price food. The nearest to that was shops like Home & Colonial and the Maypole.

It was in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century that the Co-op came on the scene. The Co-op's policy was to sell pure food to working class people. Customers of the Co-op could buy a £1 share. After joining the Co-op they got a number and each time they shopped at the Co-op they got a little docket showing how much they had spent and their Co-op number on it. Shrewd housewives used to put them on a string and hang them in the kitchen. When dividend time came they knew to a penny how much they had to draw. A small sum of money was kept back to pay the membership fee. The Co-op was a great influence on setting standards in other fields. Members were invited to take part in educational and cultural projects. The Co-op Arts Theatre in Nottingham is a tribute to the contribution made by its members to improve the lot of working people.

Let's look once more at food. Were our fears about food justified? I was very fond of a certain cake that had a layer of Cream and Jam. My father would not have it in the house. He called it Sawdust Cake. He maintained they hadn't used all flour, hence the name. We seldom had shop cakes or pies. Although my mother went to work full time once a week she baked. This was supposed to last all week but seldom did. A lot of women made their own bread. This was hard work. The taste and smell of home made bread is something one never forgets. On a Sunday, because we had a big dinner, tea tended to be bread and butter. It was no hardship. What has happened

to bread to-day? I wonder if they use some chemical instead of yeast to make the bread rise.

Another source of food was to be found in the countryside. This was free food – better still. In the summer we would go in Colwick Woods blackberrying. Very few blackberries got taken home - most were eaten on the way. It was the men who harvested what free food was to be had. The men went into the woods poaching – they usually went in pairs. One kept watch whilst the other did the business. Usually they had a ferret which they sent down the rabbit hole to force the rabbit out, then they filled it. Another way of getting free food was to go out early in the morning to gather mushrooms from the surrounding fields in the open countryside. Most of the places they went to were privately owned land. If they were caught they would be in trouble for trespassing.

In the 1930s there were around three million people unemployed. How did those in work fare? My father was a railway man. He told me that when he came out of the army he tried to get on the railway. In those days goods used to come in to Nottingham by train, then they would be delivered to the shops and firms by horse and dray. When he left school he had worked on a dairy farm, and in the war he had been in the Veterinary Corps, so he tried for a job with horses. Each morning he would go down to the LMS goods yard on Carrington Street. He had to stand in line, the man in charge would pick out the men he wanted, the rest would be sent home. He was working as a casual for two years before he got a permanent job. This was a custom in many big firms. A retired road sweeper (Ted) told me Nottingham City Council worked on the same basis years ago (employing people by the day). This had consequences for the people employed on this basis. The working week included Saturday, the worker was not allowed to sign on for Dole money if they had worked for three days during a working week.

How did folks deal with medical problems? A lot of people could not afford a doctor. Children could be treated by the school clinic, adults tended to get medicine from the chemist or herbalist. Many older people will remember

Manfull's in Sneinton. Mr. Manfull also used to stand the old Central Market. Chemists used to make their own medicines up. One local chemist made a cough medicine called Gas Mans Cough medicine. One could get free free treatment at the dispensary. I understand to get free treatment one had to get a recommend from someone on the board of the charity. My parents paid into an organisation called Foresters, there was also another organisation called Rechabites. Organisations such as these provided a kind of medicine insurance.

What about crime? Was there less crime? There probably was not. Working class families had very little in the way of material goods. Their experience of crime was someone breaking in to break open the Gas and Electric meters and stealing the money in them, people stealing their washing off the line, etc. one crime that has always been with us was sexual attacks on women and girls. Like to-day, many women afraid to report it, they were afraid of being accused of encouraging the man.

In 1939 the Second World War broke out. This event brought many changes. Life began to change for working class people. They were needed in the services, in the factories making munitions, etc. As more men were called up, women took their place in industry and other fields of employment that before the war had been dominated by men. Legislation was brought in and people who were eligible for call up were directed into employment that was categorized as essential. It applied to all people and classes that were eligible for call up.

The gross inequality that had characterized British society before the war was changing. Many working class people were entering a phase of history that promised to make life easier. Technology has certainly made housework easier. People's expectations on education, employment, etc. have risen. We have more rights. In all, life to-day is not bad. I wouldn't want to go back in time. Would you?

Mary Michalak

## I'd Like to Know More...

I've lived in Sneinton 20 years. I've settled very happily but find it very difficult to find out any of the history from the 1900's onwards. I don't want to know about caves and medieval history (I had enough of that at school) it's more recent history. Why were the streets named after the Boer War? I'd like to know about Sneinton before I got here.

Last week I was in Darlington – the first thing I noticed was no wheelie bins to be seen on the streets. Not on the terraced streets, private houses or council estates. I asked my friend I was visiting "Why don't you have wheelie bins?"

She told me "You have to put them away as soon as they've been emptied or you get fined."

They've also got a great recycling system there with the council collecting newspapers. And their rates are £200 a year less than ours.

Mal Moore

# Mary Michalak



Mary Michalak, then Mary Millhouse, left school at 14 (St. Mary's in the Lace Market). She was a musician and toured with the Hames Hague Accordion Band for a year. They played at Trent Bridge and on the Embankment every Sunday in Summer and supported the war effort. The photo shows her grandfather, father and uncle outside their shop at 16 Trent Road in Sneinton. Mary lived in Kingston Street, then Sneinton Boulevard and Colwick Road.

When she got married she worked with her husband in his shoe repair and handbag shop, and stood Central Market with him. She later worked in local government for 28 years. In 1989 she received an Open University Honours Degree in Social Sciences.

She was Secretary of Bakersfield Community Centre for 13 years and ran the Co-Op Women's Guild there, but has now retired due to disability.

Her passion is her writing – she is the only person to win the Elizabeth Allen Award two years running, for essays on set subjects – and has been a great letter writer to the Evening Post. Of her writing on the past, she says "You try to make the stuff you write come alive – a living history that means something to the people and they can identify with it. People want to know what conditions were like, what made people tick."

