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Summer2014

Don't the months fly by? It certainly does not seem like three months since I was preparing the last Fanfare!

Material has been late coming through this time, so I apologise for a slightly later delivery.

I think everyone, like me, is surprised that the time has flown by so quickly. Please send me any articles and reports as soon as you canthere's no need to wait for the deadline date.

A bit of advance planning:

Normally I have managed to get the Winter edition out before Christmas, but due to family commitments in December this is unlikely to happen this year. Therefore, if you want to advertise any December activities, including Christmas events, you will need to send them to me in time to go in the Autumn issue. I know, it won't seem quite right to be thinking of Christmas in the middle of September, but please don't miss advertising your Christmas activities.

Merilynne Popple, Editor

Do you know anyone who is not receiving a copy of *Fanfare*? If so, would you share yours and ask them to contact me so that we can investigate and ensure they get one in future. Many thanks. Editor



Distributors Wanted

As Fernwood continues to grow, so does circulation of the *Fanfare*.

We rely solely on the generosity of volunteers for the delivery and they are now having to deliver to a wider area than before.

More volunteers are needed.
Can you help?
If so, please contact
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Deadline for Autumn Issue

12 September

Please include events for December

Send copy to the Editor: meril.popple@gmail.com 17 Cameron Lane



News from Chuter Ede School

Wow, what a busy term we have had at Chuter Ede!!

As Fernwood residents know, the second phase of the Fernwood school is coming on really well. The internal decoration is coming along on schedule. It's a very exciting time for the children of the school who can see their school growing day by day in front of their eyes.

Also the eagle-eyed residents may have noticed the new Cycle Shelter in the school grounds. This has been kindly donated by Barratt & David Wilson Homes (North Midlands) and the children have started to park their cycles and scooters in it safely whilst at school.



We recently were the Co-op Community Champions and were lucky enough to receive £457 through customer donations.

The children are very excited and we have put the money towards buying some i-pads for use in school.

We have also held our yearly sporting sponsored event, when all children visited the Wolfit Avenue site and took part in lots of fun football-themed sporting activities. Every class came dressed in their countries' team colours, had a fantastic morning and hopefully raised lots of money towards new IT equipment.

As always many of our children have been taking part in sporting activities in the community including cricket, athletics, netball, hockey, girls football, boys football, tag rugby and multi skills!!

Rehearsals are well underway for the school summer production of 'Circle of Life' with the main characters busy learning their lines. Performances take place early July, and tickets are on sale now!

We continue to be very grateful for the support Chuter Ede School receives from the local community and wish you all a fantastic Summer!

Development Funding for Fernwood donated by Barrett/David Wilson Homes

One group made a successful bid for the Fernwood Development Project:-

Fernwood Over Fifty Fives made a bid of £2020 for a Defibrillator package which consists of a Defibrillator and Cabinet to be fitted next to the door of the village hall.

This means there is £3201 left in the account.

New bids to be submitted before the end of August

The project group agreed that further bids would be accepted at the end of August for the remaining money. Therefore, if you or your group can think of a suitable project that would benefit your group and the village, please submit your application as soon as possible. The Project Review Group will review the merits of any project submitted and prioritise those for immediate consideration.

In order to make the application process as straightforward as possible an attempt has been made to simplify any rules/conditions governing an award. However, they will include:

- (a) The applicant shall give brief details of what the project is and how it will benefit the group and the development of the village and residents.
- (b) a condition that any project is completed within one year
- (c) the validity of any application must be supported a bank account and/or Minutes from the group or supporting user group thereby giving confidence that there is sufficient backing to both control the expenditure and delivery of any project
- (d) If a project fails or comes in under budget all excess money will be returned.

Initial enquiries should be directed to the Chairman of the Project Review Group, John Proctor – final submissions by the end of August.



FADS (Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society)

We have spent this Summer performing Murder Mysteries around the area - mostly for charity - with one at Fernwood Village Hall on Saturday 5th July.

Our Panto this winter will be Jack and the Beanstalk and rehearsals are due to begin very soon now.

We still need new members so if you feel you can contribute in any way either on stage or helping backstage with props or costume making etc, please get in touch with Mollie Weale on 647116.

We rehearse at The Bridge Centre on Lincoln Road on Friday evenings from September.

Useful Contacts

Local Police: Tel 101

Emergencies: Tel 999

Fernwood Village Hall: Tel 613024

Doctors:

Balderton Primary Care Centre: Tel 705826

Newark Hospital: Tel 681681

Newark & Sherwood District Council: Tel 650000

Fernwood Parish Council: clerk@fernwood-pc.co.uk

Maintenance Issues

For any maintenance issues regarding charges,

payments etc contact:

John Jeys

OM site office at the rear

of 112 Goldstraw Lane

OM Property Management: omfernwood@fsmail.net Mob: 07738 738910

Fernwood Residents'

Association:

www.fernwoodra.com Email: jrproctor@talktalk.net

FERNWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (FRA)



Life moves on in Fernwood. On 15th April the Chairman of Newark & Sherwood District Council, Dennis Jones, presented a Big Lottery Fund Cheque for £9226 to the FRA. He declared the new equipment of teenage shelter and trim trail exercise machines officially open. County Councillor Sue Saddington, District Councillor Ivor Walker, Parish Council Chairman Jim Weale and representatives from OM and Barrett/David Wilson Homes and the Parish Council were in attendance. The FRA extends their thanks to members of the Petangue Club and Over 55 Club for a wonderful spread and their hospitality.

Since then the Residents'
Association have held an open meeting and AGM.
Guest speakers included
Mr Bob Hattersley, Head
Teacher of Chuter Ede
Primary School and Robert
Galij, Planning Director
Barrett/David Wilson Homes.

Mr Bob Hattersley talked about the progress of the building of the new Fernwood Chuter Ede annexe which is now expected to be completed in time for the new academic year. Our next Residents' Open Meeting on September 9th will be held in the finished school. Residents should arrive at 7.00pm so they can look around the new building before the meeting starts 7.30pm.

Mr Hattersley answered questions at our June Meeting with regard to pupils' application to Chuter Ede and its Fernwood annexe. He explained the procedures for acceptance and the problems experienced because of over subscribing due to the popularity of the school. The school and its governors are doing their best to overcome the problems particularly felt by Fernwood with more Fernwood children than places available on the Fernwood site.

Mr Robert Galij of Barrett/ David Wilson Homes, through a series of display boards talked about the proposed development of Greater Fernwood. He opened his remarks with reference to the school which initially had been designed to meet the needs of the original village (now referred to as Fernwood Central). The needs of the new-build (Fernwood North) will be met by a further extension of Fernwood Chuter Ede annexe. Mr Galij said he would clarify with the sales staff about the admissions policy for the school and how it would affect people moving into new property in Fernwood. He repeated that it is hoped construction traffic for the new North Build will not come through the village (ie Fernwood Central). The proposal so far is to use Hollowdyke Lane and Spring Lane with appropriate road improvements. There was concern expressed about the closing of vehicular access from Spring Lane under the A1 as this could isolate the village in the event of a closure of the bridge over the A1. There is concern also about the pressure on the existing facilities in Fernwood Central which is already under pressure from the existing village. Mr Galij answered the worry about flood-risk by assuring the audience that all flood-risk

assessments had been undertaken by Severn Trent and Anglia Water authorities.

The meeting finished with all residents being encouraged to express in writing any concerns about the proposals to the Parish Council and/or the FRA or your District and County Councillors. Barrett/David Wilson Homes would then consider any such comments in submitting their Planning Application. Concerns in writing can be brought up and discussed by representatives of the Parish Council and the FRA at Fernwood Development Meetings attended by Barrett/David Wilson Homes, OM, Highways, and Representatives from Newark & Sherwood District Council including planning, **Nottinghamshire Education** Authority including the school, and representatives from Nottinghamshire County Council.

> John Proctor (Chairman Fernwood Residents' Association)

A strategy for Fernwood—Cllr Jim Gould

What is evident is that there are issues which cannot be handled by the Parish Council. This is a small team of well meaning individuals who, admittedly, do not have the wide ranging skills or the number of hours required to effect solutions for the betterment of Fernwood and its residents. Accordingly, it has organised a Strategy Group which will monitor and progress the following:

OM (the maintenance team): their service level performance and related charges. The proposed North development (by David Wilson Homes/Barratts), encompassing the build of another 950 homes.

A formal Parish and
Neighbourhood Plan —
involving future build
programmes, the Council's
service to residents, parking,
speeding and how the local
precept should be expended.

The recommendations resulting from the deliberations of the group will be formalised through a reporting structure via the Parish Council which, in its

turn, will be presented to what is commonly referred to as the Development Meeting, which involves all stakeholders to the village. Usually these gatherings are held every six months or so and to date have proved ineffective – it would not be unfair to say that, for the main part, Fernwood has been paid *lip-service* as far as our demands are concerned.

Plainly, this situation needs to change and through a larger working party, and with our acknowledged contacts in the Press and Media, we are optimistic that some overdue attention and action should be afforded to our village. Fernwood is frequently lauded as an ideal for the future – a model for the proposed Growth Point strategy involving the build of another 20,000+ homes in the Newark area. However, what chance for future growth prospects if it has not completely worked in our village? Fortunately, through the excellent community spirit generated by our Residents' Association, User Groups, Parish Council and the effective management of the Village Hall we now have a nucleus of dedicated

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Parish Council -Cllr Jim Weale, Chairman

The three months since the last fanfare seem to have gone by in the blink of an eye. Sadly we are still roughly in the same position as before, still waiting to see how the plans for the New Development will proceed, but it seems that from all our efforts things possibly have slowed down a little bit, giving us more time to regroup.

I have been in touch with the Environment Agency and they are very aware of possible flooding problems and that due to "Global Warming" the situation is different from five years ago when the Growth Point was first approved. The many floods throughout the country have given them food for thought.

There is, according to my source, a big environmental meeting at Kelham to be held on 4th July so we shall await the outcome of that with interest.

Another problem which we are fighting at the moment is the destruction of ancient hedgerow in Hollowdyke and Spring Lanes which involves access and exit to the new build at Fernwood North.

Despite many requests
Fernwood is still not on the
A1 signs, which I am told is a
matter of costs, although I
read in the Advertiser that
DWH/Barratt are
contributing to the widening
of the junction of London
Road with Bowbridge Road
in order to take care of extra
traffic from the new
development. A question of
priorities!

Parking in the village is still an ongoing problem which cannot be addressed until the roads are adopted. It seems that more and more residents are taking notice and are willing to do something about it. Both the Parish Council and Residents' Association appreciate any help you can give.

Don't forget the Fernwood "Picnic in the Park" on Saturday 19th July from 2.00 till 6.00 pm. There will be plenty of food and a bar so come along and relax, hopefully in the sun.

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knowledgeable and experienced residents who are able to address the many day-to-day issues that face us. Already, some 40+ individuals have indicated an interest in contributing to the work of the new Strategy Group.

At its inaugural meeting, 16 residents attended who will be instrumental to the process of collating and deciding on the formation and progression of a future strategy for Fernwood. Their findings will be cemented through a structure which will have due formal recognition and *buy in* from all parties especially our District and County Councils.

Immediately, it was recognised that we have some obstacles to overcome to protect Fernwood's future:

Our ownership of the land – we need to secure this in agreement with the developers.

The reported re-mortgaging

and house sales delays because of the interest by the maintenance company (OM) – their level of service maintenance and management charges which need to be made transparent.

An input to the wider build programme – not just the immediate build programme of 950 homes, but another 2000 or so that are planned for the South of our village.

The need for a visionary statement and delivery programme for our Parish Council on behalf of residents to deal with the facilities and services our developing village will need, despite external resistances.

A sensible road access and public transportation system – unbelievably this is considered satisfactory by the authorities.

Increased car parking facilities — and with due road adoption to curb speeding and illegal parking practices Value for money in respect of the council taxes levied.

Improved communications to ensure better engagement with residents via bulletins, email contacts, web 'blogs' etc. etc.

There has, so far, been a prevailing feeling that there is not much we can do about "the system", that no matter what we do or say we can alter nothing - "it's going to happen so why resist – and if I'm OK and just too busy why be bothered?" However, what many residents are now realising is that the latest developments will definitely have an impact on their lives surprised that current changes to the build programme have altered access to their properties, parking and general outlook.

We can have a say in all of this and already the developers are starting to look at the contractual arrangements with the maintenance team,

the Planning Department's discussions on the outline North build development have been deferred and certainly the latest communications by residents and by your Parish Council would have had an impact in this respect.

Let's ensure that Fernwood is a great place to live and raise our families.

So, if you are interested in taking part in the ongoing strategic review or just being updated please do not hesitate to contact your Parish Council.

Understanding your OM Maintenance Charge by Sue Taylor

Some of you may know

that I have been asking OM for many years now to explain how our maintenance charge is calculated for each individual. You would think that this would be easy for them as they are the ones who create the bills but I have found that clarity and accuracy together with communication are not their strong points. I have been concentrating on the Schedule 1 charge only as this affects ALL dwellings in Fernwood who pay the charge. Recently I managed to get some information which may make the final accounts clearer to everyone and enable you to check your bills for accuracy. I am still waiting for OM to confirm my understanding.

Even though your transfer document states that you should pay your percentage of Schedule 1 total, this is

not the case. The Management Fee is treated as a separate entity. Why this is not made clearer in the accounts is anybody's guess but it does hide the fact that we are being charged a considerable amount more for management than the actual cost to maintain the public open spaces.

The Management Fee is termed as a 'fixed fee' per dwelling and is decided at the beginning of each accounting year with VAT added. As we are charged proportionately to the size of our dwellings, this 'fixed fee' is then multiplied by the number of dwellings in a completed site; 969 for the years up to 31st May 2013.

The portion of Management Fee allocated to you (A) is your % x the total management fixed fee.

The Management Fee shown in the final accounts relates

only to those dwellings which were occupied, so take the <u>actual</u> management fee quoted from the net Schedule 1 total to find out the actual cost of maintenance and multiply this figure by your %. This will be your contribution to the maintenance (B).

Add the two parts (A+B) and that is how much you should be paying for that accounting year.

Note: If you have not been resident for a full year (1st June - 31st May), you should divide A+B by 365 and then multiply by the number of days since purchase.

I have received my account breakdown for a few different years and I have to say that I believe I have overpaid every year since 2006 mainly due to OM using incorrect figures to calculate the Reserves or Insurance or Gardening Costs but I am yet to get OM to agree this and my last communication with Mr Robert Howell was in February of this year. 4 months later and he is still unable to reply to my questions and comments.

Bearing in mind that we should all be charged in the same manner, I would hazard a guess that everyone who pays/has ever paid the maintenance charge has been overcharged. Not by much each year but it is the principle that matters, especially as the portion allocated as management fee is so ridiculously high. There is no explanation to what this fee covers and we do not get a good service.

Up to 2013 I am to pay 0.111% of schedule 1 and if I was charged <u>correctly</u> the following breakdown shows the expenses and management fee separated out for each year.

Year
No of Days
Maintenance
Management Fee
Total

2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/2011	2011/12	2012/13
340	365	365	365	365	365	365
£25.60	£44.18	£43.85	£56.34	£60.83	£89.63	£83.70
£97.00	£109.39	£109.41	£114.70	£120.68	£125.84	£113.22
£122.60	£153.57	£153.26	£171.04	£181.51	£215.48	£196.92

You may also like to know that I have questioned the expenses for 2012/13

Did you know?:

- that we have been charged the solicitor fees which enabled the change to our percentages because the developer decided not to build as many houses as first thought?
- that the 'Reserves' pot has been emptied without consultation with the residents? What happens now if there is emergency maintenance required?
- that OM do not arrange the grass cutting etc.? This is done by the developer

- and charged to OM. For 2012/13 this was only £32,050.27. OM are yet to explain about the other £14,000 expense charged.
- that repairs to the playground fence and surrounding ground were made which constituted most of the £2,280 expense? OM are yet to provide the invoice.
- that we paid £2,400 for a soak away somewhere?
 OM are yet to explain where.
- that it cost £750 to sort out a branch that had fallen off a tree? I have only been shown 2 invoices total £1,600 out of the

- £7,386 expense for 'Additional Tree Work'
- that it cost £2,200 to knock a dividing wall down in the bat house to provide more storage and to build a fence (150mts) on the south of the football pitch?

Last October I asked the Residents' Association to invite OM (or anyone else who maintains the land) to explain the expenditure on a yearly basis and discuss the future year plan for maintenance. For reasons I am not aware of this was rejected by the committee in November but a promise to discuss again after the investigation report had been issued. It was a long wait and not as thorough as I had been led to believe but that report was issued in February. Hopefully now the Residents' Association will think again.

Sue Taylor (email: sue.a17sue@btinternet.com)

Disney Quiz

Knock, Knock Jokes

Youth Centre

1. In "Alice in Wonderland", which character does not exist?

a. Cheshire Cat b. Red Queen

c. Jewelled Doorknob

d. The Dodos

2. In which movie does Cruella Q: Who's there? de Ville appear?

a. Lady and the Tramp b. 101 Dalmatians

c. Bambi

d. Hannah Montana

Knock, knock--Q: Who's there?

A: Who

Q: Who Who?

A: Is there an owl in there?

Knock, knock----

A: Ashe

Q: Ashe who?

A: Bless you!

Knock, knock

Q: Who's there?

A: Nobel

Q: Nobel who?

A: No bell, that's why I

knocked!

Knock, knock

Q: Who's there?

A: Boo

Q: Boo Who?

A: Well you don't have to cry

about it.

Knock, knock Q:Who's there? A: Theodore Q: Theodore who?

A: Theodore is stuck and it



3. Who is the evil lion in the

Lion King?

a. Simba

b. Shere Khan

c. Fang

d. Scar

4. Reepicheep is a heroic mouse that appears in which Disney

movie?

a. Wall-E

b. Bolt

c. Hollywood Musical 2

d. The Chronicles of Narnia:

Prince Caspian

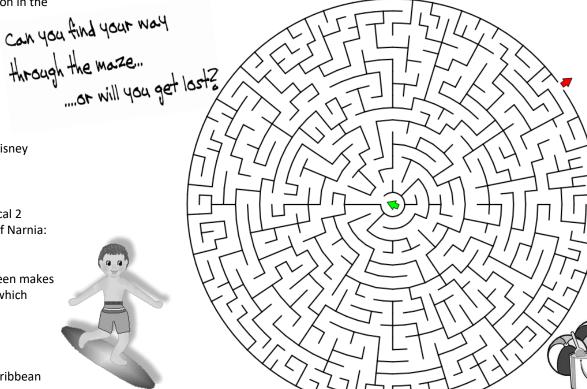
5. Lightning McQueen makes his appearance in which animated movie?

a. Speed

b. Wall-E

c. Cars

d. Pirates of the Caribbean



Service Times at our local churches

St Giles Balderton (Main St)

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion

(1st Sunday and Greater Festivals)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

6.00 pm Refresh (4th Sunday)

6.00 pm Evensong

Thursdays

9.45 am Holy Communion

The First Sunday of each month will be a non-Eucharist Family Service.

On the first Thursday of the month the Holy Communion is dedicated to those serving in the armed forces.

Balderton Methodist (Main St)

Sundays

10.30 am Morning Service

9.30-11.30 am Coffee Morning

Holy Trinity RC (Boundary Rd)

Mass times:

7.00 pm Saturday Vigil 10.00 am Sunday 6.00 pm Sunday

Salvation Army (Lowfield Lane)

Sundays

10:30 am Morning Service

10.00 am Coffee & Biscuits served before the service

Martial Arts Summer Course at Village Hall

Newark & Fernwood Tae Kwon-Do Club are offering local residents the chance to come and join in the fun and share in their recent success.



During July you can try a free taster session, with an

opportunity to sign up for a short course for the duration of the Summer.

Since opening in late 2013 the club has proved very popular with Fernwood residents, and Instructor Daniel Pearce hopes more local people will benefit from having such an exciting activity in the area.

Over the first half of the year emphasis has been on showing what Tae Kwon-Do has to offer, with the club's younger members enjoying flying kicks and games designed to inspire team work.

Recently the club celebrated it's first grading results, and success at the Midlands Championships in Worcester.

Daniel wants to share with everyone how much fun Tae Kwon-Do can be, and how rewarding it can be as well.

The club meets at the Village Hall on Rubys Avenue at 6.30pm on Mondays. There is also a class on Wednesdays at Newark Academy's Lilley & Stone Site. Anyone interested in finding out more can come along on a training night or contact Daniel on 01476 570616, or email info@tkdclubs.com. There is also a Facebook page, NewarkFernwoodTKD.



Fernwood Petanque Club

The Pentanque Club is still very busy with competitions and friendly matches being arranged. We finished 4th in the Nottinghamshire Pentanque Association Winter Doubles Competition and at present are taking part in the Sherwood Shield Triples playing Mansfield, Nottingham and Retford.

We are busy arranging friendly matches with various clubs and have also been to Rutland, where our caravan is stored, to play a game with the Community Centre team. This was a huge success and we are hoping to arrange a home match in the near future.

We have a membership of 30 but anyone wishing to join would be most welcome. If you do not have your own boules this won't be a problem as we have spare sets. Please come along to one of our sessions. Wednesday 11.30-1.30 Indoor Boccia

Friday 11.30-1.30 Boules, outdoors when we all bring some food and have a picnic in the Village Hall. Sunday 2-4 Outdoors.

Any queries please contact Elaine 01636 640350 or John 01636 673736.

....and a puzzle for the 'Oldies'

In the following problem a series of twelve clues have been given. Each answer is an amount in the currency used in England prior to decimalisation.

You have been given the final total. All you have to do is insert each of the twelve amounts (in Pounds, shillings, and pence) that, when added together, equals the final total of £32 17s 8½d.

1: A Stone

2: A Bicycle

3: A Mans Name

4: A Singer

5: A Kind of Pig

6: A Leather Worker

7: Part of Monkey

8: Sun, Moon, Pluto

9: Royal Headdress

10: 50% of Panties

11: Hit Repeatedly

12: Unwell Sea Creature

Total Amount :£32 17s 8½d

Litter and Wildlife

What's On

Below are some harrowing pictures of wild animals directly affected by the rubbish thrown away by uncaring people with no regard as to what effects it has on our wild animals. Every time someone throws away a plastic beer-can wrapper, paper cup, drinks can, crisp packet or piece of plastic or cord, it can result in damage or even death to our wild animals.

Wild animals are generally curious creatures, always looking around for food, especially in the form of sugary drinks. It is very easy for something like a hedgehog to get its head trapped in such a container in search of sweet delights. Unfortunately the results are usually fatal.





Any form of wrapper or cord can easily entangle itself around an animal, restricting its movement which can also end with its death. Likewise with plastic bags or food packaging.

So the next time you decide to throw away your rubbish, pause for a moment and

think of the possible consequences. Here on Fernwood we have lots of rubbish bins so please use them or alternatively take it home with you and, where possible re-cycle it.

Remember, we do not own our planet we only live on it, so let's look after it.









When you're out and about this summer, please remember the Countryside Code.

Respect other people

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment

Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home Keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors

Plan ahead and be prepared Follow advice and local signs

Answers to Disney Quiz

Se. Cars

 $\textbf{1b Jewelled Doorknob; 2b 101 Dalmations; 3d. Scar; 4d. The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian; \\ \textbf{2d. Scar; 4d. The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian; }$

Answer to Oldies Puzzle

12) Sick squid (six quid) = £6.0s.0d.

9) Crown = 5s.0d. 10) Half a knicker = 10s.0d. 11) Pound = £1.0s.0d.

6) Tanner = 6d. 7) Ape knee (ha'penny) = %d. 8) Three far things (farthings) = %d.

4) Tenor (Tenner) = £10.0s.0d. 5) Guinea = £1 1s.0d.)

1) £14.0s.0d. 2) Penny farthing = 1%d. 3) Bob = 1s. 0d.

Party on Fernwood Green



FREE
25 July—1 September
Nottingham Riviera

Old Market Square

Seaside-themed Playground with sand, giant paddling pool and fairground rides www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/riviera

LINCOLN'S BIG SANDY BEACH

From 21 July
children will be able to enjoy the
beach and fairground rides
in the city centre,
while parents can relax
in deckchairs.

On the 25th and 26th of July
Children and families
can enjoy the
Punch and Judy Festival
on the beach.
Look out for giant Mr Punch, Judy and
Baby around town and on the beach
throughout the festival too!
The Punch and Judy shows are subject to weather
conditions.

FREE

1-3 August

The Nottingham Building Society

Riverside Festival

Victoria Embankment

Festival highlights include free art activities for the little ones in the Children's Zone, global craft stalls, dance workshops and a display of traditional steam engines

Don't miss the spectacular fireworks on Saturday night.

Residents' Open Meeting

9th September Chuter Ede School Fernwood Site

Residents should arrive at 7.00pm in order to look around the new building before the meeting starts at 7.30pm.