

IN BRIEF

Charity Box Stolen

OFFENDERS STOLE A charity box during a burglary at a hairdresser in Newark.

The incident happened 7.30pm on Wednesday February 27 and 8.20am on Thursday February 28 at Hair Raizin on Sleaford Road. Hair products, cash and a charity box containing cash were stolen in the incident.

Witnesses or anyone with further details about the incident is asked to contact Newark Police on 01636 605999 quoting incident number 0181-nh-280208.

Have Your Say

AN EXHIBITION SHOWCASING some of the activities and opportunities open to Cotgrave residents is taking place on March 11.

Held at Cotgrave Methodist Church between 3.30pm and 7pm, the exhibition will also enable residents to have their say in what they would like to see in the region in the future.

Everyone is welcome and there will be activities for younger people to take part in.

For further details call Katie Wilson on 01623 727600.

Carnival Time

THE MAYOR OF Gedling is organising the Borough's first carnival in celebration of children and young people in April.

The Celebration of Youth will be a carnival style event and will take place on Sunday April 13 starting at 10am from Mapperley Sports and Social Club.

To register a place at the carnival contact Janet Large, Secretary to the Mayor of Gedling, on 0115 901 3811 before March 21.

Take To The Sky

TO COMMEMORATE European Stroke Awareness day in May, The Stroke Association is seeking adventurous volunteers to 'Skydive for Stroke' on May 10.

Thrill seekers in Notts are being offered the chance to take the plunge with a tandem 10,000' skydive at Langar Airfield. No experience is necessary as full training is provided on the day. Places are limited.

Call 0115 840 2685 to book a place by March 27.

300 MARCH IN CITY TO PROTEST OVER PROPOSED LEISURE CENTRE CLOSURE

SAVE OUR BATHS!



Concern: Residents voiced their worries at the public meeting

OVER 300 DISGRUNTLED protesters marched through the city last weekend to voice their concerns over the proposed closure of the Victoria Leisure Centre.

The march led from Old Market Square to the centre itself on Gedling Street in Sneinton as the lead up to a public meeting to discuss the latest stage of campaigning.

It was in response to the city council's executive board decision in February to vote in principle for the closure of the centre—citing it as the second highest subsidised and the second lowest attended leisure centre in the city.

A statement on February 19 stated: "To build a new 25m pool and fitness suite on the same site would cost over £6 million and it would cost £1.3m to carry out basic repairs and maintenance which would not address the fundamental Disability Discrimination Act requirements or provide the quality of facilities that customers now expect."

Spokesperson for Save Victoria Baths

Mat Anderson said however the centre closing meant much more than just the issues over people missing out on leisure facilities.

He said: "The people of St Ann's and Sneinton don't really have the transport to get to other places or they wouldn't want to especially of places like The Meadows because of the difficulties there are between the two communities." "There was a young mother on Saturday who spoke very movingly about the dangers she felt her son would face if he went out of St Ann's to The Meadows for a swim which is quite sad really but that is the reality and I don't think anyone would pretend any different."

"The reason why people feel so strongly is partly because of a community affection

for the centre—it's had a profound impact on people's lives throughout its 150 year existence. Many, many people have learnt to swim there and have fond memories of family events."

"It's quite unusual for 300 people to come out and support just anything but especially 300 people from across the city all giving up their Saturday afternoons to come

to a public meeting." Only one local councillor from St Ann's and Sneinton, David Liversedge, attended the meeting. Michael Williams, corporate director for community and culture defended the council's views and re-iterated the cost of refurbishing the centre wouldn't be cost effective.

Two new purpose-built swimming facilities are in the pipeline to replace the centre—the Djanogly City Academy site due for completion in autumn 2010 and the development of Beechdale Swimming Centre by 2011. The Journal is backing

the campaign to save the centre. Visit www.savevictoria baths.org to get involved.

Those wishing to voice their opposition formally are asked to submit correspondence to the city council before March 18 when a final decision is made.

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Health Centre Boost For City

THE CITY IS set to benefit from three new GP Practices and a health centre.

The proposals have been drawn up in response to Government minister Lord Darzi's interim report on the Our NHS, our future review which called for improved access to GPs in some of the most 'under-doctored' areas of the country.

Nottingham City Primary Care Trust (PCT) has launched a public consultation to ask local people what they think of proposals for where the new facilities should be located and what sort of services are needed. It runs until Saturday May 24.

As part of the consultation process, the PCT is proposing the three new GP Practices are located in Bestwood, Bilborough and the city centre and the new GP-led health centre is located in the city centre. These proposals are based on studies of a range of information including current access to GPs, the workload for local GPs, and levels of health needs for the local populations.

Michelle Rhodes, Director of Commissioning for Nottingham City PCT, says: "Our proposals will see more GPs for Nottingham, more care for local people and more local services."

"We want to hear the public's views, from individuals and organisations, on what they think. We want to hear from as many people as possible as to whether they agree with our proposals."



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