

Holme Pierrepont Fire Walkers Wanted

ADVENTUROUS participants are wanted to join the Notts Royal Society for the Blind for their fourth fundraising Firewalk at the National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont on the evening of July 11.

Organisers say a motivational seminar will help volunteers across 20 feet of wood embers burning at over 1200 degrees Fahrenheit without experiencing any pain or injury. Open to everyone over the age of 16., registration is £10. There are also discount deals available for groups and corporate teams. For a registration pack call 01159 706806 or alternatively email vickis@nrsb.org.uk

Chilwell/ City The Real Apprentice

COULD you be the next Alan Sugar? Castle College is looking for employers to take on an Apprentice of their own. The College runs training in the Construction and Technology trades at the new London Road Construction & Technology Centre in the city centre, and at the Ellis Grove Construction Workshop in Chilwell. Apprenticeships can be offered for students aged 16-24, part trained in Bricklaying, Carpentry, Electrical Installation, Engineering, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Plastering and Plumbing. Opportunities also exist for employed applicants who are 25 or older to gain vocational qualifications in their chosen field. Call Louise Rowling on 0115 884 2043 or Dave Mattison on 0115 884 2025 for more information.

Lenton Landlord Fined

THE City Council has successfully prosecuted a landlord for failing to apply for a house of multiple occupation (HMO) licence.

The landlord, Maurice John Doyle, rents a 3 storey house on Sherwin Road, Lenton, to a group of students. Despite given many warning by the City Council, Mr Doyle failed to apply for the appropriate licence and the case was bought to the Nottingham Magistrates Court on Wednesday May 28. Mr Doyle did not attend court but the case was heard in his absence. He was fined £1,200 and ordered to pay all the Council's costs of £658.

CAMPAIGN GROUP HITS SNEINTON STREETS FOR VIEWS ON NEW CENTRE

SAVIOURS BECOME SURVEYORS

By Ed Palmer

THEY saved Victoria Leisure Centre in Sneinton and now they're looking to make it one of the best facilities in the city! The Save Victoria Baths campaign group took to the streets in the suburb on May 31 to ask local residents' views on what they wanted to see at the new centre when it gets refurbished next year.

After being saved from closure in March, the ten strong group took it upon themselves to draw up their own consultation for local people to get their views heard-after the city council said it simply didn't have time to.

The survey coincided with a fun day at the centre where people could try out most of the existing facilities free of charge.

Now working closely alongside councillors on the development of the plans, the survey is the only comprehensive consultation which will take place before the design brief is finalised in October. Everything from people's views on new gym and swimming facilities, what historical parts of the building should be kept and thoughts on how the centre can advertise its facilities better were amongst the topics questioned. And hundreds took the chance to get their views across.

Spokesperson Ellie Harrison highlighted just how important the survey was given local residents weren't set to be asked what they wanted at their local centre. She said: "Three members of our campaign are on the Victoria Leisure Centre working group together with councillors and council leisure workers so we're right at the heart of what's going on and we're going to be able influence what they decide to do."

"We're aiming to get 1000 responses. The council isn't going to do another consultation. It considers the consultation it did over the closure to be enough which we don't."

"All the questions then were geared up along the lines of 'the leisure centre is closing', it was negative and didn't give enough scope for imagination."



Clipboards at the ready: Members of the Save Victoria Baths team are pictured left to right, Ellie Harrison, Fidel Anderson, Bernard Harrison and Jon Trotsky.

"Our survey is very positive saying we have 7 million pounds, possibly even more-how do you want the council to spend it?" "We were really pleased with the outcome of the centre. Now it's just a case of making sure the council have ambition about what's possible." "We want this to be the best leisure centre in Nottingham and want it to be here for another 100 years."

The group are still looking for more feedback from residents. To complete the survey visit www.savevictoriabaths.org.uk



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Sex Attacker Hunt

POLICE are hunting a man who sexually assaulted a woman on her way home from a night out with friends.

It happened around 4am on Friday 23 May, as the woman reached Mount Hooton Road, near to the Forest Recreation Ground.

She noticed a man watching her and quickened her pace, but was grabbed from behind and pulled into a nearby wooded area.

The offender groped and sexually assaulted the 19-year-old, and put his hand over her mouth to prevent her from screaming. She struggled and kicked out and the suspect released his grip, enabling her to escape. She was not physically injured, but was distressed and shaken by what happened. The offender is described as Eastern European, possibly Oriental, between 5ft 5" and 5ft 10" tall, of medium build. He had tanned skin, a clean-shaven complexion and short hair