



# Mulberry Close Residents Society Newsletter

November 2006

## Mulberry Close Leaf Clear and Bonfire Night

The annual leaf clear and bonfire will be on **Saturday 11 November** this year. Leaf clearing starts about 11am Saturday and the bonfire will take place at about 7pm on the Green. **All are welcome - do bring your friends. Children are especially invited to the leaf clearing which is always good fun.** We will also have sparklers for the children in the evening and soup/mulled wine for all.

Please save any bonfire-suitable wood for the event. You can add it to the bonfire pile during the morning. Please also save some space in your green bin for leaves (they don't go in the bonfire).

Megan at No.33 will be building a guy during the morning so any old clothes you can spare her will be much appreciated. All are welcome to help.

If you normally park your car in the spaces in front of Nos. 1 to 4 please find an alternative parking spot from Friday 10 November so the bonfire can be built!

### Skip dates

The November skip date has not been confirmed at the time of copying. It will be either 4/5 November or 11/12.

Dr Frank Stajano of No.32 repeats the request that the MCRS Directors have made in the past that residents do not use

the skip for disposing of compostable waste. As the skip contents go to landfill which we pay for it is an expensive way of disposing of something that might be got rid of more cheaply via the Council green bin scheme.

A reminder: there are 5 communal MCRS green bins around the Close for use by any resident. Just put the bin out on collection day and put it back afterwards.

### Area improvements

Good news from the City Council: **the Close has been awarded a Sustainable City grant of £1,400** towards the costs of improving the area between the Close and the garages behind the Milton Road shops.

Volunteers will be sought (as ever!) in the next month or so to help plant a hedge in the area to provide a wildlife habitat and make the area a little more welcoming.

### Thanks to...

Marko Hyvonen at No.18 who very kindly cleared around the Mulberry Close shed.

### Gates and Locks

The wooden gates around the Close need continual maintenance as the expansion of the wood causes the locks to jam. We have decided not to maintain the existing locks and will, instead, be fitting chain combination locks. These will prevent the gates being opened but will also allow the wood to expand in wet weather. One gate has already been modified and if this is a success we hope to

adjust all the other gates.

### **Use of the Green**

If you have building or garden materials delivered please specify to your supplier that bags etc *must not* be put on to the Green. Thank you.

### **Found: mobile phone**

If you lost a bronze Nokia between Mulberry Close and Milton Road in September and would like it back do see Rosie and Charlotte at No.57.

### **Dog Walker wanted**

Ellen at No.33 seeks a lunch time dog walker for Paddy and Floss from January 2007. Contact her on 07771 926 916.

### **Baby Sitting Service**

Megan Lee, No.33 offers babysitting at £10 for 3 hours. Tel. 572368

### **Music lessons**

Ellen at No.33 recommends her recorder teacher, Evelyn Nallen who teaches at No.33 every Monday afternoon and evening. If you have children and you would like them to learn an instrument that's not too difficult or expensive (or you are interested yourself!) give Ellen a call on 07771 926 916.

### **Gutters**

A number of people have asked if anyone has a recommendation for someone to clear and mend gutters. Good work has been done by: Chris Stephenson whose telephone no. is 07881 932 552.

### **For sale/wanted**

**Thule roof rack**- 2 bars with fixings. Occasionally used on CitroenBX. £15. Eckart Jack, No.28.

**Garage for sale or rent** - block nearest Milton Road. Contact Michael Swinhoe No.26, 07956 569 979

**Child's first bicycle** - mudguards and sturdy stabilisers. Blue. Very good condition. £25. Eckart Jack. No.28.

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