

## Join us and say goodbye to an icon as Noel Street Baths closes

Local residents association, the Forest Fields Improvement Association, is planning a special farewell party to mark the closure of Noel Street Leisure Centre, New Basford on Saturday 13th March from 12.30pm - 4.30pm.

Local people and anyone who has enjoyed Noel Street's facilities over the years are very welcome to attend the event, which will include free activities such as a fun sports day, children's bouncy castle, family and toddler swim, a community water polo match and a tea and cake stall.

In addition, the event will relive the history of Noel Street Leisure Centre, built in 1931.

Noel Street Leisure Centre is closing before the opening of the new Community Leisure Centre in April, situated by Djanogly City Academy opposite the Forest Recreation Ground on Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.

Noel Street is currently home to a gym, sports hall and multi-purpose activity room, as well as a swimming pool and children's teaching pool.

As well as helping to keep local people fit and entertained over the years, Noel Street has also been home to many of the city's sports clubs including the Nottingham Leander Swimming Club, Colwick Park Long Distance Swimming Club, Nottingham Scuba Club and Adult Kung Fu.

Throughout its history Noel Street has provided activities such as fitness classes and activities for children and older people - as well as public swimming sessions.

### **Moby Farrands from the Forest Fields Improvement Association says the closure of Noel Street will be a sad day for the community:**

*"Noel Street Leisure Centre is very much part of the community in Forest Fields, New Basford and Hyson Green.*

*Older people remember the washhouse and baths from the days when many houses lacked bathrooms. Countless local adults remember their childhood making weekly visits carrying the family laundry to wash and dry, but also learning to swim here.*

*'Noel Street' has been a sports centre right on people's doorstep, full of friendly, familiar faces. We organised the farewell event because we believe Noel Street deserves a really good send-off. It'll long be remembered as a treasure in the area."*

### **Local resident and swimmer Adam Mckillop agrees:**

*"I swim at Noel Street 2 or 3 times a week and although the pool may be old in some respects the community atmosphere is brilliant. I've got to know people from every walk of life at Noel Street, from serious club swimmers and athletes to people in their 70's and 80's who still enjoy a good swim. I'll be very sad to see the baths close."*

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**Come and say goodbye to Noel Street and share your memories of a local treasure anytime from 12.30pm onwards at Noel Street Leisure Centre, 212 Noel Street, New Basford, Nottingham, NG7 6AT.**

**You can also email your thoughts and memories of Noel Street Baths to:  
weloveforestfields@googlemail.com**

**The event is being supported by local charity the Partnership Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.**

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