

# Burngreave Messenger



**Voice of the Burngreave Community**

Including: Pitsmoor, Ellesmere, Carwood, Firhill, Fir Vale, Pye Bank, Shirecliffe and Woodside

## Radio Burngreave

**Radio Burngreave has shut up shop after a month of broadcasting to the community. The station opened its doors on 14th August and played host to a wide variety of programmes provided by Burngreave residents.**



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The one month station was broadcast as part of a project to investigate setting up a permanent FM Station in Burngreave. The Community Media Association studied the station to see if the project would benefit the Burngreave community if it was permanent.

The shows on offer demonstrated a huge range of entertainment, music and information, mixing urban music, chat and culture specific slots, with the latest information that is relevant to Burngreave and beyond.

Vincent Turner of the Creative Burngreave show described his input:

*"The show was composed of interviews with local artists, music and publicising local events. It gave me a chance to play my old reggae vinyl. I haven't DJed for years so it was nice to have a little taste of it again. Although people haven't rushed me in the street for my autograph yet!"*

Chatting to MCs Shinobi and Longshot, and DJ Skills, a local garage act, about the day to day running of the station, they stated, "The management have kept the station locked down, they ensure that everyone gets their slot and have managed to keep the vibe respectful which is all good for everyone involved... Having a chance to publicise your musical talents to the community in legit surroundings, gives our crew a chance to demonstrate what we are about."

New Deal's Overarching Theme Manager, Ian Clifford said: "The 28 day license has been a brilliant opportunity to showcase some of the DJing and radio presenter talent in the area and to publicise some of our BNDfC projects."

While there is still work to be done training members of the Burngreave Community Radio Group to make programming, presentation and talk radio even better, the consultants from the Community Media Association were impressed enough to advise that the Radio Group makes an application to OFCOM for a Permanent Licence as soon as possible.

The *Messenger* will be keeping you informed about future progress with the station. Watch this space!

by Carl Rose

## Burngreave Business Forum

Invites you to an event  
no business can afford to miss!

Mama Training & Resource Centre, 91 Spital Hill  
(next door to Malcolm X Bookstore)

**Tuesday 28th September**  
**5.30-8.00pm**

Contact the Business Support  
Team on 292 0463

### Reasons to attend...

- Chance to profile your business
- Update on local plans
- Marketing tips and advice
- Networking
- Food from around the world



*It's the  
business*



# The Burngreave Survival Challenge 2

Following the success of the event last year, The Burngreave Survival Challenge returns to Roe Woods on...

**Wednesday 27th October 2004  
12.00-4.00pm**

For the challenge you will undertake various tasks in Roe Woods where teamwork is essential to succeed. This year we are looking for teams of about 6 people, so if you are aged 10-13 then get a team together and come and have some woodland fun with the Burngreave Community Forestry Project.

The challenge will begin and end at Firhill School Arts Centre. Please wear sensible shoes and old clothes.

For further information, contact Simon Hill, Community Forestry Assistant. Tel: 0114 273 4190; e-mail: [simon.hill@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:simon.hill@sheffield.gov.uk).

*Are you up to the challenge?*



# Burngreave Green Environment Programme Events



## Saturday 2nd October – Woodland Craft Event

9.30am-3.00pm at Pitsmoor Adventure Playground. Try your hand at dry stone walling, dress up as a Roman and go for a gentle walk.

## Saturday 9th October – Help bring wildlife to Grimesthorpe Open Spaces

10.00am-3.00pm. Meet at the entrance to Grimesthorpe Allotments. Spruce up the area and encourage more wildlife.

All tools provided for above activities. Bring stout boots and a packed lunch.

## Sunday 10th October – Seed Gathering

1.30pm. Meet at Roe Woods, Norwood Road entrance (near Northern General Hospital). Gather seeds and help build our stock of local trees. Drinks provided.

## Sunday 24th October – Autumn Leaf Falling Walk

1.00-3.00pm. Meet at Grimesthorpe Allotments. A gentle Autumn walk around Burngreave for all the family.

Contact the Burngreave Rangers on 278 9651 for more information.



## You are cordially invited to attend the launch of the Burngreave Round Walk And Booklet

The booklet will be launched by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield on Saturday 16th October at Ellesmere Green at 11.00am.

Come along and join the Burngreave Ramblers and members of Green City Action, who will be walking this excellent inner city walk. For more details phone Jill on 243 8867.

Copies of the booklet can be purchased for £2.50 from Green City Action, ring 244 0353.

## Burngreave Voices Open Day

Saturday 9 October, 11am-4pm  
Verdon Street Recreation Centre

**Free drop-in event**

Burngreave Voices: Our Stories Celebrated is a new project working with different communities in Burngreave to celebrate the cultural history of the area and its people. Come along to Burngreave Voices Open Day to find out more.

- Have a look at displays and photographs of Burngreave today and in the past
- Share your memories and stories about Burngreave
- Take part in children's art and craft activities
- Enjoy Live music
- Food and drink served

For more information contact  
Nicky Wilson on 0114 276 1900



## Celebration in music

An evening of international music  
with sosa-xa choir & others

Saturday Oct. 9th  
7.30pm

Christ Church  
Pitsmoor Road

in aid of Bungokho Rural Development Centre, Uganda

Tickets £3 on the door or phone Anne on 242 4033

# Cactus Club bids for legality



**The Cactus Club, situated on Earsham Street near Heath and Sons Funeral Directors has been closed most of the year. Anwar Suliman and Trenton Wiggins, associates of club owner Castell Fanty, have been working together with the Police to re-establish the premises as a legitimate business.**

“We’ve not only been working with the Police, but the Fire Service, licensing, as well as health and safety departments,” adds Anwar Suliman. “Proper architect’s plans have been done to enable us to accommodate functions within the building.”

“The building will be run by a highly professional security firm that employs male and female security people,” explained Mr Fanty. “It will also have state-of-the-art CCTV monitoring systems that, of course, would be accessible to the police. The club will employ up to 30 people – I’m hoping most of them will be from this community.”

Jon Ekwubiri, Community Safety Inspector for Burngreave, informed us that the club was closed in January. “Many people will know the Cactus Club by reputation,” explained the Inspector. “It’s had its fair share of trouble. There have been a series of public order incidents in and around it. We also had incidents of criminals running inside the building to escape police officers. This has led to raids where drugs and alcohol were found. The Club had no licence to serve alcohol or host public events.”

## Licence faces objections

The Inspector went on to explain that he’s been working with the statutory agencies and the owner of the club, “With Mr Castell Fanty, known to many as ‘Dakka’, and others I’ve been to six meetings concerning the matter, in the hope we can get the club up and running in a safe way and as a legitimate business. Getting the proper licences is not an easy task and can be expensive. I have invited environmental health and the fire brigade, amongst others, to look at the premises so that a proper submission for a licence can be made. But any of these agencies can make an objection and I can’t say any more because the licence request is due in court.”

The Cactus Club licence bid will be heard in late October. If unsuccessful this may force Castell Fanty and those who’ve helped him back to the drawing board. Again this raises issues about the lack of weekend club facilities being allowed to flourish and catering for this large section of our community.

by Rob Smith

# Carwood shop attack

They rushed in without warning. The masked one, wielding a metal bar, struck out with intent to cause harm to the shop’s keeper, Robert Dixon. This wasn’t a racial or black on black crime, one youth assailant was white and the masked attacker black. Smashing windows and counter displays the sustained attack on the premises continued, with intent on causing destruction and serious bodily harm to Robert.

Robert explained that, fighting back, he realised the first motive wasn’t robbery. Requests for contents and the till remained unvoiced until they were leaving the scene. As I left having heard it all I felt angry. Does someone have a notion to gain from forcing Carwood community’s most convenient shop to again close down?

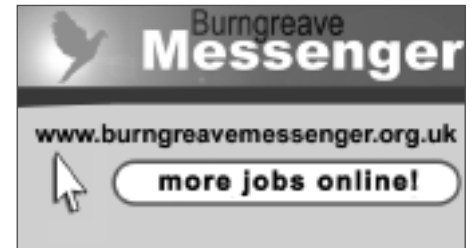
Luckily Robert wasn’t seriously injured but I believe this could have resulted in Robert being seriously or even fatally injured and two youths facing the prospect of life sentences. As the attackers prime motive wasn’t directly robbery – they stole almost nothing from their attack – like others I realise this boils down to someone else’s greed and selfishness.

by Rob Smith



Last month we reported on residents relief at the re-opening of the Carwood Mini Market after the previous owners had been forced to close down due to repeated harassment. Residents looked forward to a turning point in Carwood’s future. This month, someone seemed prepared to waste other people’s lives to carry out a deed that inconveniences many and has only one direct beneficiary, themselves.

This is a community issue. The youths stole almost nothing from their attack, so what what did they risk life sentences for? Did they receive wages from a paymaster? If people are angry it’s because of the inconvenience not having that shop has, and will, cause so many.



The Burngreave Messenger is a community newspaper, funded by New Deal, with editorial independence. We aim to increase and encourage communication in Burngreave. Each edition is put together by an editorial team who write articles not otherwise credited. This month’s team: Farzana Ahmed, Kate Atkinson, Annie Blindell, Clare Burnell, Mark Lankshear, Jamie Marriott, Carl Rose, Rob Smith, Lisa Swift and Paul Taylor.

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# BTCV Green Gym in Burngreave

**Following on from nearly 50 other BTCV Green Gyms across the country, Burngreave now has its own, thanks to funding from Burngreave New Deal for Communities.**

The BTCV Green Gym offers the chance for people to get out into the fresh air and get active by taking part in gardening and nature conservation.

Unlike a traditional gym or exercise classes, the Green Gym is free, you don't need any fancy clothing and you don't need to worry about feeling unfit – everyone works at their own pace.

By taking part in the BTCV Green Gym you can improve your health and fitness, reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, make new friends and feel more positive about life. You can also make a real difference to your local environment.

Sessions are held every Monday, with a women only session starting soon on Wednesdays. If you have children we can pay for childcare costs to enable you to come and take part.

by Clare Mulhall (BTCV)



If you would like to know more about the BTCV Green Gym or are interested in giving it a go, please phone Clare Mulhall on 272 3591 or email [c.mulhall@btecv.org.uk](mailto:c.mulhall@btecv.org.uk).

## October Green Gym

**To take part in any of the events below, please phone Clare in advance - 272 3591 - to find out where to meet and what you need to bring.**

**Mon 4th – Burngreave Rec** – Clearing back along overgrown footpaths to make walking safer and easier.

**Mon 11th – Catherine Street Open Space** – Clearing back weeds to reveal stone benches.

**Wed 13th – Women's Taster Day – Abbeyfield Park** – A tidy up of overgrown vegetation.

**Mon 18th – Nottingham Street Green Space** – scrub clearance to prepare for replanting.

**Wed 20th – Women's Session – Catherine Street Open Space** – Tidying up rose beds and clearing scrub.

**Mon 25th – Abbeyfield Park** – more cutting back of overgrown shrubs.

**Wed 27th – Women's Session** – Away day to Wyming Brook Nature Reserve, on the edge of Sheffield, carrying out heathland management.

## Fun with OWLS

**Over the past six weeks the Burngreave Community Forestry Project (BCFP) and the Burngreave Rangers have been working with school children in Roe Woods on an Outdoor Woodland Learning Scheme (OWLS).**

OWLS ran every Wednesday during the summer with the Ellesmere Out of School Club and proved very popular.

The activities the children took part in, including pond dipping, mini-beast hunting and survival skills, encouraged outdoor play and allowed them to explore some of the ancient woodland of Burngreave. There was even a 'Roman day' where Richard Taylor, a specialist in re-enactments, taught the children Roman infantry drills and tactics. "We had a great time," said Elyssa. "My favourite thing was pond-dipping and making fires."

Everyone had great fun roaming the woods, whilst learning about the historical and environmental value of their ancient



*Children from Ellesmere Out of School Club enjoy Roman re-enactment in Roe Woods.*

surroundings. Carlene said, "I hadn't been in Roe Woods before, but I will go with my mum and dog now, because it was fun!"

BCFP's One World: Talking Trees Project will follow in Autumn, aiming to encourage cultural awareness and celebration of the rich cultural diversity of Burngreave through trees. School children will gather stories about trees from the different countries and cultures represented in our area, culminating in a tree planting event at Abbeyfield Park on Saturday November 27th 10.30am, with everyone welcome.

For further information please contact the Burngreave Community Foresters at Sheffield City Council, Parks, Woodlands & Countryside, Meersbrook Park, Brook Road, Sheffield S8 9FL. Call: 273 4190 or e-mail: [richard.gill@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:richard.gill@sheffield.gov.uk).

by Simon Hill (Community Forestry)

# Bowling Green remains closed



Both © Carl Rose

*Bowlers enjoy the facilities at Firth Park*

**In response to residents calls for a better environment New Deal is funding a Green Environment Programme. Last year they also signed a £2 million 3-year deal with the Council called 'Advancing Together', providing extra money to maintain the visible appearance of Burngreave, additional to existing provision. Despite all this, in the last year Burngreave's older generation have lost a valued amenity - Abbeyfield Bowling Green. Rob Smith went out to see to how our green spaces compared to others across the city.**

The search for decent park spaces led photographer Carl and myself on a mission across the city. Beginning at Burngreave's Nottingham Cliff recreation ground we made our way towards hilly Osgathorpe Park before entering the gradually deteriorating surroundings of Abbeyfield. Our entrance into Longley Park was in stark contrast as the bowling green greeted us. (This is where this story begins to unfold.)

Longley Park Bowling Green has a full membership and a pavilion building. A big game was in full swing as I entered, and I noticed a six-foot fence protected the green. Mrs Pam Hunter told me she knew what had happened at Abbeyfield as some of their members has joined Longley Park.

Why are young people destroying the bowling greens? It gives pleasure and exercise to so many elder people. Don't they know yet, that one day I will be old and so will they.

The same day, another game of bowls was taking place in Firth Park. Here I met an ex-member of Abbeyfield Park bowling group. What the wife of the Presiding Chair of Abbeyfield Bowlers Club, Mrs Maureen Tew, told me gave me cause for concern.

**"My husband is 70 and he and others were asked to help by watering the seeds. But they couldn't do it anymore, it took it out of them. Do you know what it takes to water turf regularly enough for bowls Rob?"**

"Do you know last week a family were having a picnic here on Firth Park bowling green? The week before a football trainer held a full squad training session on it." explained Maureen.

Later, discussion on this revealed Burngreave Green Environment Programme had laid plans to erect fencing

around Abbeyfield bowling green using BNDfC funding. But what happened to the service paid for by taxpayers that supposedly maintains bowling greens?

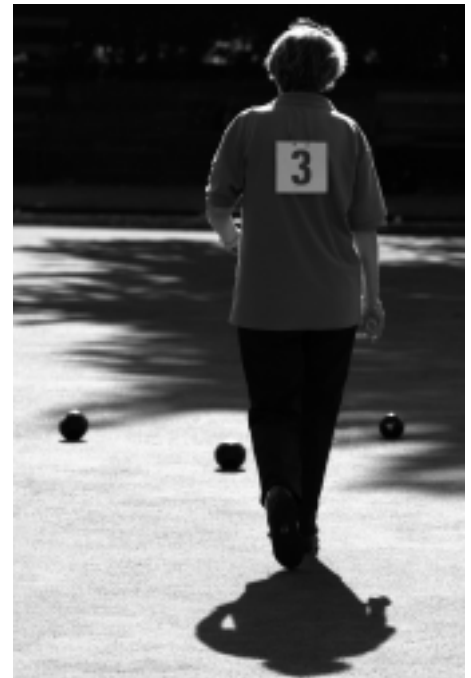
In 2003 the Council attempted to reseed Abbeyfield's pitch, but a hot summer meant watering was needed and the attempt failed. A further attempt also failed. Misuse of the pitch was blamed, but no signs were put up to explain what was being attempted. Since then the pitch has been left to over grow.

I spoke to Park and Woodlands' Council Officer, Paul Tankard, whose department is responsible for maintaining bowling greens across Sheffield. He said:

**"After we seeded Abbeyfield's green Rob, we were short of staff and couldn't find anyone to water the seeds. So Parks and Woodlands asked the members to water it. I'm aware this became too much for them, so I put workers on overtime to do it."**

Paul was quick to mention Burngreave Green Environment Programme funding being in place for fencing around Abbeyfield Bowling Green and added that some bowling clubs across the city are self-managed and maintained.

**"Like other clubs, Longley Park and Firth Park financed their own fencing having sought funding. Vandalism and misuse of our greens is a big problem Rob, for which I could put up advisory signs. But without co-operation from the police and environmental services, we'd have a problem enforcing them."**



*Firth Park puts Abbeyfield to shame*

John Clark, New Deal Chief Exec, told the *Messenger*:

**"Abbeyfield bowling green should get re seeded by the end of March 2005 as part of the Green Environment Programme. The plans also include a multi-purpose sports facility where the tennis courts used to be and fencing round the green. I do think the maintenance of the green spaces is awful. Advancing Together doesn't cover parks at the moment, but we are discussing this and the possibility of transferring the budget to maintain the park to Green City Action."**

**Members of Abbeyfield Bowling Group have shown they are willing to contribute their time and effort to maintaining their green. With all the New Deal funding in place, promising the environment will not only be maintained but improved, how come this well-established and popular amenity has now become unusable?**

by Rob Smith

# A lack of respect

**The Messenger was shocked to discover the recent damage to monuments in Burngreave Cemetery wasn't due to vandals, but Sheffield City Council's Bereavement Services.**

Burngreave Cemetery is the largest green space in our area and for 150 years it has been a sacred place for remembering the dead of many faiths. It is with sadness and some anger that residents have watched the decay of the cemetery and its buildings. The effects of nature and the neglect of our under-funded City Council have resulted in dangerously uneven ground, collapsing graves and unsafe monuments.

However the *Messenger* was surprised to learn that deliberate dismantling of monuments was taking place, not by young people, as many are quick to assume, but by Bereavement Services themselves. A resident of Burngreave for over 50 years, who has several family graves in Burngreave Cemetery, told the *Messenger* how her family grave had been desecrated when the headstone was removed and leant against the side of the grave so it couldn't be read.



**"I was so upset, and angry. We have another family grave in Shiregreen and when this was loose we cemented it ourselves. I know that if my Grandparent's headstone had been loose we would have done the same, we visit at least twice a year and my cousin visits every month. I know it wasn't loose, but when I read in *The Sun* that a council in Wales had pushed over 370 headstones I knew what had happened."**



The resident contacted Bereavement Services to find out why she hadn't been told the stone was loose. They told her they only have the address of her late grandmother, and so couldn't inform her of what was happening. But the *Messenger* has discovered that the damage is being done in such a disorganised way that letters could not have been sent in advance.

Another Burngreave resident, who is often in the cemetery walking her dog, told us she had seen Council workers wobbling headstones and pushing them over.

**"The workers themselves were very considerate in some ways. When testing one of the really old stones the face, with all the writing on, came clean off. They carefully picked it up and brought it into the Chapel for the Friends of the Cemetery to look after and preserve."**

The resident went on to complain that it is the general policy of randomly pushing and wobbling stones that is the problem.

**"I know they have specialist equipment to test stones and I have seen them with a specialist crane that can lift the headstones carefully and lay them down. But these workers have been told to test stones by hand and inevitably they are being damaged. These stones are full of the history of the people that lived here in Burngreave and it is being lost because the Council are doing things on the cheap."**

The *Messenger* approached Bereavement Services with these complaints and spoke to John Batley who told us:

**"We have an obligation to make the cemetery safe, and in the last year the Health and Safety Commission have raised their concerns with Burial Authorities across the country after several deaths and injuries due to unsafe memorials. We are doing tests in Burngreave Cemetery to identify the most dangerous headstones which we have to lay down immediately. This is done by a hand test, if this is passed then by an electronic device which tests for movement. If there is any movement they are laid down face up on the grave by specialist equipment."**

Mr Batley denied that stones were being pushed over randomly, "We have staff working systematically on the most dangerous stones until Christmas, but this is part of a five year programme, which will eventually re-erect headstones. We understand that moving monuments can be distressing, for relatives and the general public, if anyone has any concerns they can contact Bereavement Services on 239 6068 or approach our staff on site."

Mr Batley urged our resident to contact him to discuss the matter, and offered to have the stone laid face up on the grave, as it should have been. However, Bereavement Services cannot pay for modern memorials to be mended.

by Lisa Swift



## Decision time

**The Neighbourhood Commissions have recommended to the Council's Cabinet 'Arms Length Management Organisation' (ALMO) as the best way of getting extra investment for Council housing stock. But tenants will get their chance to have their say on the decision, and will receive their ballot papers this month.**

Milton Graham, a member of the Commission and Chair of Firshill Tenants' & Residents' Association, was in favour of the move to ALMOs:

**"ALMOs will mean we can get new bathrooms and kitchens, and be brought up to the Decent Homes standards. Once that is done there will be enough money in the general budget for regular maintenance. The ALMO will mean we can remain as council tenants, and we want to stay with the council."**

But other campaigners are still angry the option of direct investment into housing stock was never even asked. Local campaigner Alison Brown said:

**"ALMOs are all about slicing up the housing stock into choosy chunks, hiving off the 'desirable' areas and slowly privatising them. The government admits it has the money available for the investments needed, but are trying to blackmail tenants by only giving it if there is a vote to move away from democratic council ownership and control."**

A number of consultation meetings are being held in November prior to the ballot: 1st Nov Roe Lane Social Club 6.30pm, 8th Nov St Peter's, Lyon Street 6.30pm and 17th Nov Verdon Recreation Centre 2.30pm

For more information contact Neighbourhood Investment Team on 0800 169 7580.

by Richard Belbin

## Community News

### Calling all young women!

Come to the young women's health event on Friday 1st October at St James Church 10am-4pm.

Workshops on nutrition, career and education, child development and behaviour, stress management and women's health. Also henna painting, nails and hair, baby massage, free lunch and information stalls.

Crèche available on a first come, first served basis. Limited places available.

For more information contact Chetna Patel on 271 6978 or Saduf Khan on 0786 677 9819.

### SCRAP Ltd's recycling database

[www.recyclingmatters.org.uk](http://www.recyclingmatters.org.uk)

Everything you ever wanted to know about recycling and reuse in Sheffield on one website and more.

**Wednesday 6th October, 8pm  
Recycling Matters! Information Bureau,  
127 Spital Hill, S4 7LF**

Organic refreshments will be served and the database will be projected onto a large screen, enabling everyone to see the site.

The database development has been funded by Onyx Environmental Trust through the landfill tax credit scheme.

For more information contact Nicola on 275 8985.

## Community asset or expensive toy?

**August 2004 saw the launch of the BNDfC Super Truck vehicle on Ellesmere Green and although fully hyped around the community the turn out was abysmal.**

I might have thought it was because the community is tired of launches but as I arrived I saw the chair of our Partnership Board Rose Ardron being told by a local man that the whole thing was a waste of money, a bad design and idea.

"What do New Deal people think they're doing, wasting our money on that," he said pointing to the object that was sat on the green beside a large marquee in a vain attempt to draw attention to itself.

I already knew that £100k had been spent on the vehicle, but was surprised to find out it couldn't be hired out to the community for money and so would



*The truck in use at Abbeyfield Festival.*

go on needing New Deal funding to keep it on the road. I went to New Deal to find out what was going on.

John Clark, BNDfC Executive Director said: "The primary purpose of the information vehicle is to support BNDfC and local organisations to ensure that local people are aware of and able to participate in activities in the area. However, where there are opportunities to generate income by

hiring the vehicle out to statutory organisations, these opportunities will be taken in order to develop an income stream that supports the vehicle beyond the life of New Deal. As with other New Deal assets, the intention is to transfer assets over to the most appropriate community/voluntary organisations at the end of the programme."

### Free truck

Ian Clifford, Over Arching Theme Manager, encouraged people to use the bus. "The vehicle is available for hire by any community organisation in the Burngreave Corporate Area, free of charge, with driver provided. Where there are competing demands, events in the Burngreave New Deal Area take priority. For bookings and further information, phone Carol Anderson, 292 0460."

by Rob Smith

# Mental Health – it's not Black and White

**October 10th is World Mental Health Day, which aims to raise awareness of and destigmatise mental illhealth and promote mental well-being. This month the Messenger heard from Owen Smith, a mental health worker and Trustee of Sheffield African Caribbean Mental Health Association (SACMHA). "Mental health services are crying out for black workers," he told us.**



*Owen (left) and Patrick enjoying a fine West Indian meal, cooked by Frank and Marion at the SACMHA lunch club.*

Burngreave has the 9th highest level of depression in the city. In 2001 50% of us reported significant stress and nearly 30% were anxious or depressed. Despite this, we came 21st when it came to accessing support, this may be partly because 41% of Burngreave residents are from minority ethnic communities.

Claims of racial inequalities in mental health services are well established. Research has shown that black men are more likely to be detained against their will, restrained and heavily medicated. The recent inquiry into the death of David 'Rocky' Bennett in a Norfolk clinic, reported psychiatric patients from ethnic minorities face institutional racism.

## Owen Smith – Mental Health Worker

**Owen Smith is passionate about mental health. Ever since his childhood in and around Pitsmoor, he's overcome many obstacles to become one of the few, highly valued, black members of community mental health teams. He has nine children and a grand-daughter, but he still finds time to volunteer at SACMHA. He works with clients to help them back into their community and loves it. Despite suggestions he should move up and be a co-ordinator, Owen says he just wants to keep doing what he's good at.**

Everyone has a mental illness in them, the smallest thing can bring it out. I can understand the frustration 'cos of my dyslexia. There's a lot of fear around mental illness, especially for black men. Yeah I've been spat at and abused, but I give people the support they need, "I'm here for you, tell me what you need." I have my own clients and I feel like I'm doing something right!

### *What was growing up in Pitsmoor like?*

No place could beat my childhood. We were four in a big old iron bed in a house on Burngreave Bank. They've been knocked down now, but I remember a Blues club in one of the houses, I wanted to be like the guys in the big cars. I remember having a fear of snow, crawling on my hands and knees up the path to Burngreave Middle School (now Byron Wood), scared that I'd slide back down onto the road.

### *How did you do at school?*

School was horrible, very racist in those times, we were always getting kicked out or put at the back. I stuttered and was in hospital with asthma every summer. I got into trouble with the police as a teenager, but I always wanted to get into mental health work, I just didn't know how.

### *So how did you start out?*

About sixteen years ago, in an old people's home. I still remember working one to one, six days a week for five years, with a disabled man. We got on really well and I saw his behaviour really change. Since then I've worked all over – on psychiatric wards, in secure units, for SACMHA. I had a great experience at Sandy Lee working with people with learning disabilities.

### *Why do you think black men get such a rough deal from the system?*

It's because there aren't enough black workers, no one to say "It's a black

Since 1988 SACMHA has been supporting African and Caribbean people living with mental health problems, and their carers. They provide supported accommodation and run a resource centre and lunch clubs, as well as advocacy for people in the community, hospitals and secure units. Their new manager, Ashton Wynter, explained they are going through a number of changes, focusing on the quality of their services. He hopes to develop more user participation, "We've got some very astute clients, we want them actively involved in our planning."

Patrick Anyomi, SACMHA's acute advocacy worker, explained their community resources were open to

anyone with mental health problems, "The impression is often that SACHMA is defined by colour, it's not. It's about descent and connections – we bring a cultural perspective that is often missing."

To mark World Mental Health Day SACMHA are holding an event at the Seventh Day Adventist church on Andover Street, 10.30am to 7pm on October 9th, buffet provided. They will be focusing on mental health and spirituality. To contact SACMHA phone 272 6393 or email [admin@sacmha.org.uk](mailto:admin@sacmha.org.uk).

thing." The system doesn't deal with or understand black culture. Really and truly misunderstandings arise, tempers get lost, leading to fear and more restraint. I was really lucky to get the job at Wathwood, I got good training, but there were no other black staff. I hated parts of it, I felt like a screw. There are lots of black men in secure units, they need help to sort out their problems, deal with their temper and get on with their lives.

### *So what needs to happen?*

We need more training schemes to draw black people into mental health work, give them experience and fight the fear of mental illness.

### *What would you say to someone thinking of mental health work?*

No matter what, stay at school, do your exams, so you can start at the level you want to, not the bottom.

If you'd like to work in mental health you could link up with SACMHA, or contact the South Yorkshire NHS Recruitment Information Line on 08000 380 100 or the NHS Careers Hotline, 0845 60 60 655.

by Mark Lankshear



# A month of culture

October sees two big celebrations of culture come together, the national *Black History Month* and *Off the Shelf*, Sheffield's annual festival of writing and reading. Burngreave has its own plans to mark and celebrate these two events, check out what's on in the area...

## Black History Month

### Burngreave Library

Ongoing displays and events all through October.

### Opening times

Mo	9.30-12.30, 1.30-6.30
Tu, Th	closed
We, Fr	9.30-12.30, 1.30-5.30
Sa	9.30-12.30

### Burngreave Voices Launch

**Saturday 9th October, 11am-4pm, Verdon Recreation Centre**  
Launch of Sheffield Museum's Burngreave history project.

### Liverpool trip

**23rd October**

Visiting Merseyside Maritime Museum, to look at Liverpool's slave past. Dinner and evening entertainment at Merseyside Caribbean Centre. Dominos for the elderly. Football, basketball and netball for the young people. £5.00 - limited places.

For more details telephone 279 7770

Jamaica Aid Group working in partnership with Listen to Us.

This trip is subject to funding.

### Burngreave Hall of Fame

Is there someone from the Black Community of Burngreave that you would like to nominate to the Burngreave Hall of Fame? Nominees will receive a certificate of recognition and a permanent reminder of their achievement will be displayed at BCAT on an engraved plaque.

**Presentation and exhibition for all the nominees**

**Wednesday 27th October, 7-9pm**

**SADACCA Day Care Centre, Wiley Street**

Contact the Listen to Us Project, 279 7770, to put forward your nomination.

### SADACCA, 48 Wicker

**13th 10.30am-4pm, Open Day at Moorfoot building - Display of black achievements across Sheffield**

**15th SADACCA Women's Group Cut & Stitch Fashion Show**

**16th 4pm onwards, Men's Dominos Night**

**20th 4-10pm, EMSAG Student Awards**

**22nd 7.30-10pm, SADACCA Women's Group Night of Fun and Laughter • £2**

**29th 7pm till late, Revival Night • £4**

For more information contact SADACCA on 275 3479.

### Oral History Project

*Preserve your experiences for the next generation!*

Destinations Arts is running some Caribbean history workshops in October. We would love to hear from different generations. Tell us about the differences between the Caribbean and the UK! We would like to hear about mongoose tales and folk tales, or bring something interesting in to show us.

If you were born in the Caribbean or are related to someone who was, please contact us on 220 2330 or email: [info@makedigital.org](mailto:info@makedigital.org) or visit our website at [www.makedigital.org](http://www.makedigital.org).

## Off the Shelf

**Bibliotherapy** - using books for well being and relaxation  
**Monday, 18th October, 2-3pm**

**Burngreave Library**

Bernard Murphy talks about the 'Reading and You' scheme and how it has helped people to improve their health.



**Chinese Brush Writing** - for ages 4-7 with artist Panni Poh Yoke Loh

**Thursday 21st October, 1.30-2.30pm, Burngreave Library**

Have a go at putting brush to paper and learning Chinese characters.

### Poetry Slam

**Saturday 23 October, 2-4pm**

**The Furnival**

Two teams of poets - Burngreave vs 'The Rest' - in a contest of words, wit and performance. Poets have two minutes to make their mark on 'judges' selected from the audience. All welcome. For more information contact Matt on 255 4030.

**'Potty Poetry'** - for young children and their parents

**Monday 25th October, 11am-12pm**

**Burngreave Library**



**Poetry with Rob Smith**

**Monday 25th October, 2-3pm**

**Burngreave Library**

Local author and journalist Rob Smith, reads his own poetry and encourages the audience to perform their own pieces.

**Poetry with Cyril Redhead**

**Wednesday 27th October, time TBC**

**Burngreave Library**

Local poet Cyril Redhead reads his own poetry and encourages the audience to perform their own pieces.

Burngreave Off the Shelf is organised by Burngreave Community Learning Campaign (BCLC), Burngreave Library and the WEA. For more information contact Anne at BCLC on 279 4960.

## Poetry Competition

*Can you write 20 lines of poetry about Burngreave?*

Enter up to three poems on the theme of Burngreave, maximum 20 lines per poem. Winning entries will be published in the *Messenger* and broadcast on BBC Radio Sheffield. Winner will receive a £20 book token and be notified by post.

Please send your entries to: Burngreave Community Learning Campaign, Forum House, 25 Spital Hill, Sheffield S4 7LD or drop it into Burngreave Library on Spital Hill. Judging will be anonymous so don't put your name on the front. Write your name, address and phone number on the back of each poem.

**Closing date 29th October**

**Poetry Workshop**

**Wednesday 20th October, 1.30-3pm, Burngreave Library**

Advice for writers entering the Poetry Competition or for anyone waiting to shape their ideas into words. Bring along the spark of a poem and we'll see if we can kindle it.

# creative burngreave

After a hugely successful year for the Creative Burngreave Steering Group and Team, we are pleased to announce that we have met all our targets for artist training, mentoring, and artists funding during 2003–2004.

Our second year, 2004–2005, promises to be equally dynamic. We have already funded 16 projects this year: 3 performance based projects; 2 music projects; the Osgathorpe Jam, One Love Festival; 5 visual arts projects; 4 film projects and the Positive Negative Film Festival. Here's a snap shot of some of the projects we have funded:

**Vernon Williams** will be presenting Twelfth Night at the Crucible Theatre, with leading Zimbabwean theatre company, Over the Edge.

**Matthew Thompkins** will be producing a short digital film about a gardener who grows vegetable people at night. This promises to be an eerie drama using dance and music.

**Burngreave Photographic Group** launched an exhibition of work by Burngreave artists at the Cemetery Chapel.

**Natasha McFarlane** will be producing a music-recording project culminating in a CD that will be distributed to local A&R scouts.

**Chill Foo Front** is teaching youngsters basic radio presenting, DJ and street dancing skills.

**Cathy Everard** is producing a film with local young people, which will detail the leisure opportunities open to them in the Burngreave area. The completed film is to be distributed to schools and youth groups across Sheffield.



The Film Makers

The Burngreave Artist Placement Agency, which is essentially a database for artists who live in the Burngreave Area, is proving to be a big hit with artists. This summer we placed 3 artists from our Burngreave Artist Placement Agency, Jennifer Booth, Vernon Williams and Tracey Schawsmith (all previously on our artist-training programme) as tutors on the media arts summer school.

The youngsters produced 3 films on drug abuse over the summer which will be submitted to the BBC and hopefully screened this autumn, with a second screening at Sheffield's Showcomotion Festival in June 2005.

With regards to how the course went, Jennifer Booth said, "working with individuals from the creative industries really gave them a chance to explore and expand their own creativity".

If you wish to get in touch with us about any of our programmes or projects, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our steering group or a member of the Creative Burngreave Team on 221 1890. Lungani Sibanda and Vincent Turner can also be reached at the New Deal Info Shop on Tuesday and Thursday on 292 0464 from 2–4pm.

## The Creative Burngreave Steering Group

Jackie Drayton, Caroline Veal, Natasha McFarlane, Panni Poh Yoke Loh, Peter Murphy, Vernon Williams, Sarah Fowler, Dianne Senior, Aisha Special K, Tony Tingle, Cassie Limb, and two new members: Farhad Ahrarnia and Jennifer Booth.

This page is produced by Creative Burngreave.  
A New Deal funded project  
managed by Sheffield Arts Education



# Sunny day transforms Wensley

**On 8th September 2004 all roads led to the Wensley estate. There was music and live stage entertainment on the new BNDfC truck, with No Excuse heading the bill. Craft stalls, information and games blended with jugglers and clowns on stilts. While alongside the sports activity van, a Sports Network driven football tournament took place.**

The arrival of the Lord and Lady Mayor, Mike Pye and wife Josephine, saw them greeted by organiser of the event Panni Loh alongside Councillors Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain and Steve Jones.

“This is a wonderful turnaround for Wensley,” said Cllr Drayton. “What we need to see is continuity. Maybe an annual festival here.”

“I’d never believe I’d ever see the Lord Mayor on Wensley!” claimed two young lads before being allowed to have their photos taken with the Lord and Lady Mayor.

I could see many organisations had put in a lot of effort – setting up information and activity stalls. This went a long way to help make this event a worthwhile success.

by Rob Smith



**“The Wensley Street Autumn Festival was a wonderful event, the sun was scorching and thousands of people came. Local residents came out of their houses to join together enjoying stage music and dance, circus and craft workshops, with the backdrop of Wincobank Woods and Sheffield Centre in the distance. As the sun was setting children and families went home relaxed and happy.”**

Panni Poh Yoke Loh, GCA Events Co-ordinator

# Celebrating Shirecliffe



**Saturday 4th September was a great day for Shirecliffe as residents, visitors and volunteers celebrated at the Shirecliffe Festival in Parkwood School.**

Following the official opening by local MP David Blunkett, there was a constant flow of visitors to the festival from the outset.

The free rides were very popular with all the children, and young performers dazzled the audience with their talent in the video and music/DJ workshops.

Shirecliffe and Southey SureStart created their very own seaside with sand, deckchairs and even a quartet of donkeys parading for a queue of eager children.

The festival provided a chance to comment on the Master Plan for housing redevelopment in the area, information about new adult education groups and gave local groups the opportunity to raise awareness of their causes and raise funds.



CHYPPI, a collection of groups working with and for young people in North Sheffield, had their own big top marquee full of information from sexual health workers, as well as drug information projects and healthy eating.

Shirecliffe Forum would like to thank everyone who took part and helped make the day such a success. A special thank you to the staff of Parkwood High School, but most of all, to our team of volunteers who worked tirelessly in the lead up and on the festival day itself... We'll be back.

by Lyn Brandon  
(Development Worker Shirecliffe)

# Jobs, jobs, jobs...

## Yemeni Community Association



### Job vacancies

#### Post 1: Finance Officer/Admin Officer

Salary Scale: £10/hour, 17-20 hours/week (£19,500 pro rata)

Working hours negotiable

Essential skills:

- Experience in SAGE or equivalent.
- Experience in Financial systems (including Petty Cash)
- Must be fluent in EXCEL and WORD.
- Ability to learn new systems quickly.
- Administrative skills

#### Post 2: Finance Officer/Admin Officer

Salary Scale: £10,920 (£13,650 pro rata)

Hours of work: 30 hours/week

Essential skills:

- Excellent communication skills.
- Skills in IT especially EXCEL and WORD.
- Ability to learn new systems quickly.
- Administrative skills

Contract: 1 year, with a view to extend based on security of future funding

Contact person: Alison King

Application forms via phone or email.

Address: **Yemeni Community Association**, Vestry Hall,  
43 Attercliffe Common, Sheffield S9 2AE

Tel: 0114 261 5163 • Email: [aking@yetc.co.uk](mailto:aking@yetc.co.uk)

Deadline for applications: **October 15th 2004**



The Primary Mental Health Care Project  
at Pitsmoor Surgery require a

## Community Mental Health Worker

Salary: up to £25,000 p.a. pro rata.

18 hours per week for one year.

Secondments welcome.

The Primary Mental Health Care Project is small, innovative service for people with severe mental health problems. We work closely with GPs, practice staff, statutory and voluntary agencies, community groups and local residential homes to provide care co-ordination, individual support and activity based group work.

Due to changes in the role of the current Community Mental Health Worker/Project Leader we are able to offer this opportunity to join our team at time when primary care based mental health care is a developing specialism both locally and nationally.

We are looking for someone who holds a relevant professional qualification, (e.g. social work, nursing, occupational therapy) and has at least two years post qualifying experience.

Days and hours worked are open to negotiation.

For an informal discussion, please contact:

Alison Frost, Project Leader on (0114) 276 2644  
(available Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

For an application pack, please either send a large SAE to:

**Alison Frost, Primary Mental Health Care Project**  
Pitsmoor Surgery, 151 Burngreave Road, Sheffield S3 9DL

or e-mail: [Alison.Frost@gp-c88008.nhs.uk](mailto:Alison.Frost@gp-c88008.nhs.uk)

Closing date for completed applications

**5pm Monday 18th October**

Interviews will be held on **Friday 5th November**

*In promoting equal opportunities, we welcome applications from all sections of the community.*

## Job Vacancy

### Burngreave New Deal for Communities (BNDfC) Community Warden

The BNDfC Community Wardens forms part of the Strategy to create a Cleaner & Safer Burngreave funded through Burngreave New Deal for Communities.

### 3 Full-time Community Wardens

SUG 1/2 - £13,071-14,931

Job number: SH0095

Closing Date: 15th October 2004

The post holder will be part of a very high profile team, which will work closely with the local community. You will need to be motivated and have the energy and ability to work under pressure and to tight deadlines. Whilst you need to be able to work on your own initiative, you will also be a key player in a team.

The post holder will be required to work within the Burngreave New Deal area.

You will be required to work 37 hours per week over 7 days on a two-shift basis.

This will involve some evening and weekend working.

Shift one 8.00am-4.00pm • Shift two 12.00 noon-8.00pm

Sat/Sun 9.00am-5.00pm

For an application form please contact

**Jobcentre Plus on 259 0002** quoting above job number.

If you are interested in this post and would like to know more, we have arranged a drop in to talk to Wardens at the Wardens base, 47 Spital Lane on Wed 6th October between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

For informal enquiries please contact:

Sue Lodge - 272 5057



## Is teaching for you?

### Get a taste with Sheffield Hallam University

Our **FREE** three day taster course aimed at black and ethnic minority applicants\* on **9 - 11 November 2004** will provide you with all the information you need to see if teaching is for you.

#### What does the course involve?

You will spend some time in the University finding out about the teaching profession and the National Curriculum, and then have the opportunity to visit a local school to observe and chat to practising teachers. We will also advise you on making an application for an initial teacher training course.

#### Who is the course for?

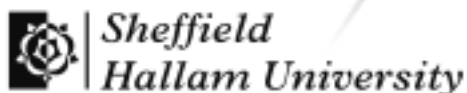
The course is designed for people from an ethnic minority background who are eligible to start teacher training, but want to find out more before making any decisions.

To find about eligibility, request an application form and further course details, please contact our taster enquiry line on

**0114 225 5651**

or email [Education-Tasters@shu.ac.uk](mailto:Education-Tasters@shu.ac.uk)

\* This course is sponsored by the Teacher Training Agency to encourage people from these under-represented groups to consider teaching as a career



## BLSA Training - Extra Courses



In partnership with the Sheffield College, Burngreave Language Support Agency (BLSA) is successfully running its Translation/Interpretation training programme in Burngreave. BLSA is now making arrangements for further courses to improve English language and IT skills so that all interested bilinguals can access our training programme.

Please contact the BLSA team if:

- You have language problems and would like to improve your English language to the class level or
- You are a qualified translator and want to improve your IT skills or
- Your English is good enough for class level and you want to join the Translation/Interpretation course which is currently running

**Telephone: 272 2833**

**Email: [info@blsa.org.uk](mailto:info@blsa.org.uk)**

**Or visit us at 12 Burngreave Road,  
Sheffield S3 9DD**

**Please note! The courses are  
free for Burngreave residents.**

## Workhorse Short Film Projects

is running a

### Free Video & Photography Course

in Burngreave starting in October 2004



Ten **FREE** places are available for  
**16-25 year olds living in the Burngreave area**

The course will involve a series of hands-on workshops in video and photography, followed by small-scale practical projects set within the local community.

No experience is necessary and beginners are welcome.

But don't wait! There are only **10 places** available and the project starts in **early October**.

For more info, and to find out how to apply, contact

**Robin Forsyth**

by telephone **261 7558** (answer message)  
or **0773 492 4627**

by text **0773 492 4627**  
by e-mail **[workhorse.sfp@burngreave.net](mailto:workhorse.sfp@burngreave.net)**  
or write to **Workhorse Short Film Projects**  
Abbeyfield Park House, Abbeyfield  
Road, Sheffield S4 7AT



Project developed and co-ordinated by  
Workhorse Short Film Projects and supported by  
Awards For All and the WEA.



The Sheffield  
College



## African-Caribbean & Multiple Heritage Parents Education Awareness Day

Sparks Restaurant, The Sheffield College, Castle Southside

**Saturday 23rd October 2004 - 11:00am-3:00pm**

There will be various activities including:

- Careers Advisors
- Exhibitions
- Curriculum Area Representatives
- Advice and Guidance.....
- and much more.

## African-Caribbean & Multiple Heritage Achievement Evening

SADACCA, 48 Wicker

**Wednesday 20th October 2004 - 7.00pm-10.00pm**

"Come and join us celebrate Sheffield's African-Caribbean & Multiple Heritage Communities Achievements, with EMSAG, The Sheffield College".

**Contact:** Adella Grant

**Tel:** 0114 260 2448

**Email:** [adella.grant@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:adella.grant@sheffcol.ac.uk)

## News in Brief

### Government visit

BNDfC has welcomed the visit of Alan Bowman, a representative from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

Alan, Head of Programmes at the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit, came to talk to local people and to see the interventions that BNDfC is making to address the social and economic issues in Burngreave.

He was shown the excellent work taking place in the area by John Clark, Chief Executive of BNDfC, and early indications are that he was impressed with what he saw.

### Public meeting success

Burngreave residents were asked to have their say about the community they live in by attending a special public meeting in September organised by BNDfC.

The meeting, the second to have been held, aimed to keep local people informed about BNDfC activities and enable them to influence what happens in the area.

Now a six monthly event, the very first meeting, which took place earlier in the year, was such a success it was decided it should become a regular occurrence. Look out for details of the next meeting to be held early in the New Year.

### On a mission

Burngreave will receive visitors with a difference in October as BNDfC welcomes representatives from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and British Diplomatic Missions.

To increase understanding of domestic issues and to see how they play out in practice, British Diplomats have regular briefings across the UK to familiarise themselves with major initiatives or projects such as the New Deal programme.

The visitors will be given demonstrations of the work of New Deal in Burngreave.

## Warm welcome back Magda



Both © iD•8

Magda and baby Charlie.

**BNDfC is pleased to welcome back Magda Boo, Health and Crime Theme Manager, who has just returned from six months maternity leave. We are also delighted to say hello to Magda's new addition, baby Charlie.**

Magda will be working three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) until April 2005.

Says Magda: "I've been enjoying time off with my baby boy, Charlie, going to Aqua Baby, learning baby massage and making very good use of our Bookstart library card! Charlie is six months old now and has just begun experimenting with solid food which mostly ends up on his bib, in his hair, in my hair..."

"While I have been away a lot has been going on and I am really excited about two new health projects which are up and running – 'Community

Advocacy' and the 'Green Gym'. The Crime Theme has also been focussing on getting the message into households through 'SmartWater' property marking and community safety roadshows with great giveaways like cycle/skate helmets and car disk locks."

## Apprenticeships for all

A new scheme to give people in Burngreave of all ages who are out of work the opportunity to increase their skills and gain employment is set to be launched.

Funded by BNDfC and working in conjunction with Sheffield City Council's Employment Unit and the Learning and Skills Council, the Burngreave 'Apprenticeship for all' programme will give local people access to city-wide training and job opportunities across a range of sectors including regeneration, retail, mechanics and construction.

The first intake of apprentices are expected to be in place by October and all will leave the programme with at least an NVQ level 2 qualification and hopefully a full time job!

BNDfC itself is also expecting to take

on some apprentices as part of this initiative to give them experience of working within the regeneration field. Trywell Kalyata, Employment and Enterprise Theme Manager for New Deal, said:

"Since the BNDfC programme was established 188 jobs have been created – more than 50 per cent of these have gone to local residents. We take our role as an employer within Burngreave very seriously and want to encourage local people to take up these kind of opportunities and get involved. We are proud to be helping people to develop their skills and gain employment."

If you are an employer who would like to get involved or you would like more information about becoming an apprentice please contact Trywell Kalyata at BNDfC on 0114 292 2907.

# A New Deal for Burngreave



## New faces join our team



From left to right: Shokat Hayat, Amin Mussallami, Mushall Khan, Kayan Thomas and Eloise Clarke.

Over the past few months BNDfC has introduced a number of brand new faces to our team.

The friendly folk who are ready to help in your area include a new Assistant Programmes Director and an Enterprise and Employment Theme Group Manager.

Here's your chance to keep up-to-date with the who's who of latest additions at New Deal:

**Mushall Khan** – Assistant Programmes Director

**Trywell Kalyata** – Enterprise and

Employment Theme Group Manager  
**Shokat Hayat** – Appraisal Officer  
**Kayan Thomas** – Administrator  
**Yvonne Witter-Watts** – Contracts and Monitoring Officer  
**Eloise Clarke** – Communications Officer  
**Amin Mussallami** – Information Officer

And the changes don't end with the new faces – BNDfC have shown our commitment to development and promoted **Roy Sinclair** from Administrator to Senior Administrator.

## Let us know what matters

BNDfC is always looking to get ideas from the local community and the monthly Theme Focus Group meetings have proved ideal.

They provide the chance for local people to meet up with BNDfC Theme Managers, workers in the area and, most importantly, other residents to discuss and identify solutions to issues in the seven different theme areas.

From September, while the Theme Focus Group meetings will continue, there will also be Theme Strategy Group meetings. The membership of Theme Strategy Groups, established through a recruitment campaign during the summer, includes local residents, voluntary and community organisation representatives and BNDfC Partnership Board members.

These Groups will oversee the

development and implementation of the Theme Strategy, carry out an annual review of the Theme and assess the effectiveness of projects to ensure they are delivering changes to local people. They will also assess new projects against the aims and objectives of the BNDfC 10 year plan and annual Delivery Plan.

For BNDfC to achieve change in Burngreave residents, need to be at the heart of the design, delivery and evaluation of everything we do.

The Theme Focus Group meetings, held every month, are an opportunity for local people to get involved. Let us know what is important to you, tell us what is working, what is not and what can be improved.

Get involved and help us make a difference!

## News In Brief

### It's a Sure Start

Work on the Sure Start centre is getting underway and it is due to open its doors to the local community in 2005/2006.

The new building, funded by £451,000 from BNDfC and £514,000 from Sure Start, will be built on Spital Street. The centre will house a range of services for families with children up to five years old.

These include:

- A team of Sure Start family support workers and their manager who will provide practical and emotional support to families via referral from professionals as well as self-referrals from service users.
- The family support area co-ordinator who will enhance partnership working.
- The Burngreave Domestic Abuse Project.
- Health visitors and link workers will be based in the building alongside a Sure Start health visitor and midwife.
- A training room with registered crèche.
- Parenting classes with child care.
- Family learning.

### Theme Meetings

Everyone is welcome at the following theme meetings?

**Health:** 4 October, St Peter's, 5.30–7.30pm

**Employment & Enterprise:** 6 October, Ellesmere Children's Centre, 1.30–3.30pm

**Over-arching:** 12 October, The Furnival, Verdon Street, 6–8pm

**Education:** 13 October, St Peter's Church Hall, Lyons Street, 6–8pm

**Housing:** 14 October, BCAT meeting room, 6–8pm

**Crime:** 19 October, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm

**Environment:** 28 October, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm



contact: 276 9134

# Burngreave Area Panel

## Burngreave New Year's Honours Awards 2005

Is there a person or local group who you think has made an outstanding contribution to improving the lives of people in Burngreave? If so we want to hear from you. The Burngreave Area Panel is now looking for your nominations for the Burngreave New Year's Honours Awards 2005. We want to acknowledge and celebrate the work people in this area are doing to improve the lives of those around them. As part of this we will once again be awarding Honours to people and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to their local community.



Recipients of the 2004 awards.

### Looking for local heroes

The 2004 awards were a huge success with eight awards being given out to a wide range of people and groups at a packed reception in the Town Hall. We hope to build on this success for 2005 so we can carry on to make this an annual celebration.

We would like to hear who you think the awards should go to. There are three categories of award you can nominate people for:

- 1 A local resident living in the area who has made an outstanding contribution to improving the lives of local people.

- 2 Someone who works in the area who has made an exceptional difference to the lives of local people above and beyond the call of their job.
- 3 A local community group or organisation that has made a major contribution to improving the lives of local people or the quality of the local environment.

If there is a person or group you would like to put forward then please contact the Burngreave Area Action Office on 276 9134 for a nomination form. We will be presenting the awards at special celebratory event on Thursday 27th January 2005 at 6.30pm in the Sheffield Town Hall.

### Master Planning Update

LDA Urban Design are currently working on pulling all the comments everyone made at the consultation events back in July in to a draft Master Plan for Burngreave and Fir Vale. They will be coming back to ask if you think they have got it right in the next few weeks at a series of consultation events across the area. Look out for further information letting you know what is proposed and how you can have your say or contact the Area Action Office on 276 9134 to find out more.

### Councillor's Surgery Dates

Your local councillors, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain and Steve Jones (pictured left to right below), share surgeries on a rota basis.



- 9th October from 11.00 to 12.00am at Burngreave Library, Spital Hill and 12.15 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. at Firhill Tenants' and Residents' Association, 11a Firhill Glade (Steve Jones)
- 12th October from 5.30 to 6.00pm at Wensley, Tenants' and Residents, Association, 5 Wensley Croft (Ibrar Hussain)
- 14th October from 10.30 to 11.30am at the Furnival, Verdon Street (Ibrar Hussain)

- 21st October from 12.30 to 1.30pm at Earl Marshal Youth Centre, Heathcote Street (Jackie Drayton)
- 28th October from 6.00 to 7.00pm at Shirecliffe Community Centre opposite Busk Meadow Park (Jackie Drayton)
- 29th October from 2.30 to 3.30pm at Carwood Cornerstone, Grimesthorpe Road/Carwood Road (Steve Jones)

### Next Area Panel Meeting Dates

- Thursday 30th September, 6.30 to 8.30pm, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, Christ Church Road – The Burngreave Area Plan 2004-7
- Thursday 28th October, 6.30 to 8.30pm, venue to be confirmed – Master Planning Burngreave and Fir Vale
- Thursday 25th November, 6.30 to 8.30pm, venue and topic to be confirmed
- Thursday 27th January, 6.30pm at Sheffield Town Hall – Burngreave New Year's Honours Awards

Don't forget you can contact the Area Panel and Burngreave Area Action Team at: 12-14 Burngreave Road, S3 9DD.  
Tel/Fax: 276 9134 Email: kieron.williams@sheffield.gov.uk



# Convincing victories for Saints

Burngreave's under 8s football team have made an astounding start to the season with two easy victories. They beat Norton Lees 10-1 and repeated the performance with a 7-1 victory over Brunsmeer.



Patrick Edwards, who has helped bring the teams together, told the *Messenger*, "The under 8s are a really strong team this year. They've got a whole season behind them and they've played a lot of these teams before."

## Burngreave Saints JFC 2004-05 season

Affiliated to the Sheffield and District Junior Sunday League. Home matches played at Petre Street playing field at 11am.

### September results

Date	Under 7s	Under 8s	@
5th	L (4-5) vs Bramley	W (10-1) vs Norton Lees	away
12th	—	W (7-1) vs Brunsmeer	away

### October Fixtures

Date	Under 7s	Under 8s	@
3th	Bighton Magpies	Greenhill Lowedges	home
10th	Greenhill Lowedges	Charnock Ridgeway	away
24th	Ecclesfield Red Rose	Hoyland Falcons	home
31st	—	Rotherham Town	away

For more information contact:

Under 7s Patrick Edwards on 0774 783 1856

Under 8s Brian Hilton on 0794 044 1074

**Petre Street Festival**  
Saturday 16th October  
10am-7pm

As part of Black History Month Celebrations

Organisers: Burngreave Sports Network, Engagement Team, Creative Burngreave, Sheffield Futures, Burngreave Urban Music Project.

Arts, Sports, Junior football, adult football, live performances, history exhibition, cricket, DJ competition, SWFC in the Community, Green Top Circus, DJ dance Workshop, SCC Sports Van, graffiti, Bouncy Castles, FURD Street Kick, The sound truck, Food, Boxing, Face painting, refreshments, WWF-style wrestling, Arts, Sports, Junior football, dancers, Xbox challenge, adult football, live performances, history exhibition, cricket, DJ competition, SWFC in the Community, Green Top Circus, DJ dance Workshop, SCC Sports Van

# Burngreave Sports Project

## Steering group

We are re-launching our steering group and would love to hear from anyone interested in getting involved on any level. Old or young, fit or not – all you need to have is enthusiasm!

## Two new teams

Two teams are about to begin competing in local leagues for the area, Basketball (9-13 year old boys and girls) and girls Football (under 14s). If you are interested in becoming involved as a player, manager, coach or in a supporting role it's not too late!

## Cricket Update

Burngreave Sports Project is looking to develop an under 13s team to compete in the Sheffield League next season. If you are interested the training sessions are at Fir Vale Sports Centre with Steve Taylor, Mondays 6-7pm for 12-16 and Wednesday, 6-7pm for over 11s.

## October Half Term

The Programme is as follows:

Day	Time	Venue	Activity	Cost
Mon	11-13	Fir Vale Sports Centre	Multi sports	Free
Mon	11-3	Carwood Community Centre	Multi Sports	Free
Tue	—	SUFC Academy & Bramall Lane	Football coaching	50p
<i>Coaching and match at SUFC Academy followed by a behind the scenes tour of Bramall Lane! Coach picks up: 10.30am Earl Marshall Youth Centre, 10.45am Pitsmoor Adventure Playground, 10.50am Verdon St Recreation Centre. Drop offs from 3.30pm onwards at same points.</i>				
Wed	11-1	Nottingham Cliff Sports Facility	Golf Van	Free
Wed	1-4	Firs Hill Sports & Arts Facility	Survivor Challenge	
<i>Tree climbing, fire making and much more!</i>				
Thu	10-4	Fir Vale Sports Centre	Basketball camp boys	50p
<i>With Sheffield Hatters. Must be booked in advance (Ben Hamilton: 0781 068 5523)</i>				
Fri	10-4	Fir Vale Sports Centre	Basketball camp girls	50p
<i>With Sheffield Hatters. Must be booked in advance (Ben Hamilton: 0781 068 5523)</i>				
Fri	11-1	Abbeyfield Park	Golf Van	Free
Fri	11-3	Verdon Recreation Centre	Multi sports	20p



For more information on any of the Burngreave Sports Project activities contact Katy on 0790 993 6381.



Dear *Messenger*

It is with a certain sadness that I hear you are no longer producing your website edition, other than publishing your print copy as an Adobe PDF file, for the foreseeable future! Surely this is a retrograde step.

The web edition of the *Burngreave Messenger* has become the *de facto* historical source of information on our area. Want to know the history of Woodside, Carwood, Abbeyfield Park House, or Shirecliffe? Google for them, and the *Burngreave Messenger's* quality reporting is the number one hit.

Yes, Google will index PDF files, but given the choice of a 20 minute download or something quicker (when all you require is some specific information) what would you take?

There is an unofficial *Burngreave Messenger* web site available here:  
<http://aland.burngreave.net/community/messenger/>

Sure, it's not as pretty as your highly-engineered official site, but it's a lot cheaper to maintain, easy to navigate (now you don't release your content as plain web pages), and easily indexable by search engines.

Please consider linking to it from your official web site – this would aid search engines in ranking your content – and perhaps helping to make it look better by providing positive criticism, and support.

Do you have plans to take on another ILM worker to help you regain your capacity to maintain your own web site?

Alan Dawson

*We are very proud of our site, which was started and maintained for several years by volunteers, and then a web developer, employed through the Step Up scheme, similar to ILM. This has now finished. He is now employed with us to work on the New Deal website, and has had no time to maintain our own site. We were unable to take on another ILM-type worker because we can't support any more people at present.*

*However, we think we have a technical solution to the problem and hope to have the full Messenger available as HTML pages again soon. Thanks for the push! – [ed]*

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Dear *Messenger*

Congrats to the Burngreave Community Radio. It must have taken a lot of hard work, vision and dedication to make it happen, and the work has paid off. Well done. I've started listening and it's really great to hear people from our own community on the radio.

Already people are buzzing about it and have really enjoyed listening. I hope it grows from strength to strength, to one day be a permanent station. Bravo for the hard work and the community spirit that has brought it to life. I

take my hat off to the people who made it happen and our communities in Burngreave who are supporting the radio. It's great to see everyone coming together.

It's a major step and a great achievement. Really done our community proud. That's what I call vision.

Adam Taha

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Dear *Messenger*,

I read a book the other day that was mentioned in *The Sheffield Star*. Part of it is about Sheffield and Burngreave. I found the book very exciting and funny in places. It was a fictional book about Yemeni and Iranian gangsters in the pizza takeaway business. It was also about politics. Thought you might like to know. It is not very flattering about Arab politicians and governments, but I enjoyed seeing something written by a Sheffield-born Yemeni. It's one little success story that shows we can do it too. The book is *Pizza Wars* by Ahmed Dehani. Well done Ahmed and let's have more books from local Yemenis.

Marsoud Ali

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Dear *Messenger*

In June I entered my front garden into the Lord Mayor's 'Sheffield In Bloom' contest. I didn't think I would get very far when there are so many lovely gardens in villages like Dore. The encouragement I received from my neighbours was amazing, they inspired me and made me realise that my small garden was for all of us.

I was invited to the Lord Mayor's Parlour, where there were lots of people. We heard speeches that told us we were all winners.

I proudly received the runner up Award 'highly commended, best kept front garden' for my category and a round steel-framed certificate. It's not just for me though, it's for everyone who helped by picking up rubbish etc and who gave me the inspiration to put S4 firmly on the map. I am very grateful to my loving husband Jonathon and family who's help has been invaluable.

The winners came from Wincobank, I offer my congratulations to them.

So I invite everyone from Dore to our area, to be welcomed into our proudly maintained gardens. S4 has a great deal to be proud about, so come on Abbeyfield Road, let's show them our front gardens next year. Wishing you all happy gardening.

Susannah Youdan

PS Who ever borrowed it, please could I have my little Japanese lady back even if broken-she's part of the display? No questions asked, thank you.

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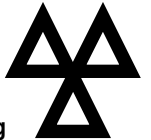
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Examples of ideas that have been funded before are:

- A series of health taster sessions organised by a parents' group who wanted to reduce social isolation and build confidence on health issues.
- A local group wanting to increase participation in sports for young Asian women.

For further information contact  
**Chetna** on 271 6978 or email  
chetna.patel@sheffieldn-pct.nhs.uk  
for a two-page application form and guidelines.

The maximum grant that can be  
applied for is £500.

North Sheffield Primary Care Trust



## Fourth AGM

Saturday 16th October 1pm

Community Room, Abbeyfield  
Park House, Abbeyfield Road,  
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## All Welcome

The Burngreave Messenger aims to increase communication and be a voice for the whole community. We need people from all parts of the community to come and join us.

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