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Voice of the Burngreave Community

Wicker developments

Plans for the Wicker were revealed on 15th May at SADACCA, with a small window of opportunity to have your say.

The multi-million pound developments on both sides of the Wicker have already started with the building on Blonk Street. Funding of £2.8million is in place for new paving, street lights, trees, parking bays and bus shelters for the Wicker to commence this summer.

Proposals

Redevelopment of many buildings for apartments and business, pocket parks and street cafés seem to be the intention, but funding and investment are needed. A multi storey car park is set for Stanley St.

Cut off?

In response to concerns that the Ring Road will cut Burngreave off, Senior planning officer Simon Ogden told us Spital Hill will return to two-way traffic soon. Buses will get priority into town from Spital Hill and pedestrian access should be improved, but access to the Wicker by car will be difficult.

Wholesale demolition and rebuilding is only one aspect of the commercial sector growing on the North side of the city centre. Plans for the sprucing up of Spital Hill are being discussed with separate plans for Tesco's new store. Now a £400 million plan by private developers for the Corporation St area has been agreed, including office space and apartments, bars, restaurants, a hotel - and another supermarket.

To comment on the Wicker developments, contact Sue McGrail of SCC on 273 4404.



Proposed Pocket Park on Nursery Street.



Apartments and offices on Blonk Street.



Proposed renovated Wicker Arches viewed from Spital Hill.

Luxury Woodside

Campaigners for more affordable housing on Woodside failed to persuade Council members to rethink their plans at a recent meeting. Pleas for more public consultation over the options were ignored as residents were told the "Market Brief" – first shown at this meeting - had already gone to potential developers.

Manager David Shepherd and Councillor Chris Weldon were adamant that only 7% of the 283 homes planned for Woodside will be for rent, through Arches Housing.

Assets stripped

Requests for more information about ways to fund affordability were refused, along with the suggestion that money from the sale of the land could be used. Chris Weldon claimed they would consider any plan for more affordable housing if it stacked up financially - but the financial information was confidential.

Ben Morris, a campaigner for more council housing, said in two years the government is going to allow the council to build houses, and we should wait for this opportunity. But John Clark of New Deal told the meeting:

"I don't think the majority of people agree with the campaign for council housing on Woodside. People want the opportunity to buy houses for £150,000."

Councillor Chris Weldon said:

"Seven affordable homes is better than none. I don't agree that we can wait until Sheffield Homes is able to build homes to rent. It's a long way off and people want housing now."

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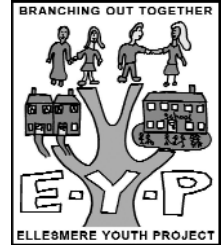
During this time you will complete a degree course in informal and community education, via distance learning, from YMCA George William's College, London.

- **Closing Date for applications: Friday 29th June**
- Information Event: Monday 11th June, Cornerstone Building, Cnr Grimsthorpe Road and Carwood Road. Time: 7.45–9pm. All welcome.
- Interview Day: Friday 13th July

For further information & application pack contact Jenny Tibbles on:

Telephone: (0114) 243 5854 or 07886 777 068

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For an application pack please send a S.A.E to the Practise Manager, David Emmas, Pitsmoor Surgery, 151 Burngreave Road, Sheffield, S3 9DL.

For more information, please call (0114) 274 3652.

Closing date for receipt of applications: 21st June 2007

Schools set to expand

Story: Ian Clifford

The Council has just revealed plans to expand four schools in Burngreave and Fir Vale to cope with increased numbers of children. St Catherine's and Pye Bank schools would double in size, from one class of 30 in each year group to two classes. In Fir Vale, both Owlter Brook and Whiteways would change to taking both infant and junior children, with two classes of 30 children in each year group.

The Messenger asked the Council's Director of Children's Services, Jonathan Crossley-Holland whether this would be sufficient or whether a whole new school was needed. Jonathan said that the Council's Cabinet had considered this, but there was no land to build a new school and because the demand for school places was from both Burngreave and Fir Vale, a new school would inevitably be far away for some.

Jonathan admitted that earlier estimates of pupil numbers when the present Pye Bank school was built a few years ago were wrong, but pointed out that Burngreave had a 17% rise in pupil numbers in Burngreave recently.

Jonathan claimed that "the amalgamated Pye Bank School was built in such a way that it would be easy to expand."

When the Messenger pointed out that two of the schools being expanded were church schools and asked about parents of no faith or different faiths, Jonathan said, "Our soundings show that Muslim parents are not unhappy about sending their children to a faith school since respect for spirituality is something they value, as long as the school shows respect for their particular faith by providing prayer rooms etc. Without pre-empting the consultation, that seems to be the view of Muslim parents across the city and nationally."

Referring to Pye Bank School, Jonathan said:

"Making sure that Pye Bank offers high quality education is important whatever size it is. I can assure local residents that the Local Authority and the Diocese are working extremely closely together to solve the standards issues. We share the view of residents that standards are not high enough and are confident we will see improvements."

Details of consultation events are on page 18 and a longer version of this article is on the Messenger website.

Vestry Hall news

Story: Saleema Imam & Lisa Swift

Burngreave Vestry Hall refurbishment reached the last lap recently, but there are concerns that little is planned for the provision at the Centre.

Lord Mayor Councillor Jackie Drayton joined members of the Vestry Hall Trust and Burngreave New Deal to unveil a plaque to celebrate the completion of the rooms fronting Burngreave Road. In an emotional speech, the Lord Mayor recalled holding councillors surgeries in the building in years gone by and said how proud and delighted she was to see the building returning to the place it once held as the community focus.

However, Sally Seymour, the officer with responsibility for steering the Vestry Hall was dismissed by New Deal in May after less than a year in post and with nothing in place for delivery of adult education. Asked whether he was concerned that there was still no deal with Sheffield College, New Deal Chief John Clark said a New Deal task group of three staff members had been set up.



"Nothing has been set up with the main education providers yet but we will be meeting them soon. We expect to have involvement from Sheffield College, Learn Direct, WEA and the universities. I'm confident a programme of courses will be in place ready for the opening in September. Space will be available to book for running short courses, keep fit, events and weddings. A new Centre Manager will be recruited to co-ordinate this.

"We hope to get £25,000-£50,000 per year from Tesco to help run the centre, as well as providing a venue for them to train their employees. Of all the projects we're doing, this is the one people are most excited about. It's very high profile. I'm confident it will happen on time."

Sold out

This month we see a defeat for those campaigning for social housing on Woodside. At the same time developments around the Wicker and Corporation Street continue the build of luxury flats, leisure facilities, supermarkets and work places. All that is missing are luxury family homes for those working in the emerging business quarter.

Now that all the plans are revealed, a Woodside full of luxury homes fits into the schemes very well. Was this the plan all along?

In Burngreave, and further afield, it's essential that we all unite to demand more housing that people in Burngreave can afford, to ensure that the less well off are not pushed away from a redeveloped city centre, while competing with each other for dwindling council housing stock.

Messenger in Fir Vale

This month sees the Messenger expand into Fir Vale, being delivered in the Cannon Hall, Hampton Road, Goddard Hall, triangle and available from schools; doctors' surgeries, community centres and other venues in Fir Vale.

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Pavilion saved

Story & photos: Abid Hussain

The plan to demolish the Pavilion building in Osgathorpe Park was on the agenda at the Area Panel meeting that took place on Thursday 24th May 2007 at The Furnival on Verdon Street.

Over 40 people turned up to hear the future of the Pavilion, including many young people, workers and committee members from the Firvale Youth Project (FYP), Burngreave Youth Council, Elaine Virgo and Islam Khan from Sheffield Futures and members of the public. We saw a presentation from FYP, users of the Pavilion, and heard strong positive comments from the people who were there to oppose the demolition of the Pavilion.

The proposal to demolish the Pavilion was suggested by the architects for Sheffield City Council. Friends of Osgathorpe Park, who did not attend the meeting, provided a lengthy report strongly supporting the proposal which stated that: "The Pavilion attracts anti-



social behaviour. Its shelter provides a haven for drug dealing/using, prostitution and drinking". However, these views were not accepted by the majority of members of the public in the meeting, including Burngreave Youth Council members, Maxwell Ayamba from SHEBEEN, Irshad Akbar from Pakistan Muslim Centre, Omer Mohammed from Youth Offending Team and the Police.

In response to claims of Anti social behaviour at the Pavilion; Burngreave Youth Council said:

*"Do we have ASBO's? NO!"
"Are we anti-social? NO!"*

Ibrar asked Inspector Jon Ekwibiri if prostitution and drug dealing were an

issue in the park; "It's not on our radar, no major problems".

When asked if the Pavilion should be demolished, the meeting shouted; "No"!

Councillors Ibrar Hussain and Steve Jones said; "It won't be demolished, we want to defend it".

Following the meeting, Mohammed Ali from FYP said:

"Now we have a fantastic opportunity for all members of the community to work together with the Council and Friends of Osgathorpe Park to develop Osgathorpe Park and the Pavilion into a centre with excellent sport and youth facilities."

Imran inspires

Story: Abid Hussain

Earlier this month I visited a small building in the centre of Osgathorpe Park called the Pavilion. It was full of young people enjoying themselves. Here I met a young man called Imran Ali, a youth worker who obviously had a natural ability to inspire young people.

Imran, a resident of Firvale for 25 years, used to work in the Firvale Forum and the Pakistani Advice Centre before going abroad for some time out. Now back and raring to go he starts his new post as the Youth Activity Officer for Sheffield City Council.

I asked Imran what brought him to Youth Work:

"I got involved in a project called 'Wot's the Crack', that pushed me further into helping youngsters."

Imran has done a lot of work in the local mosques helping young people learn about life and different religions and keeping them off the streets.

"It's not about 24 hours a day prayer, it's about knowing what's right from wrong."

Imran understands that young people face lots of issues in our community, but he is very positive that there are solutions



to divert young people from trouble.

"Young people need more opportunities available to them, we need to understand individual cultures, they need role models, and those delivering information to youngsters need to understand how to engage with young people. People need to understand the values of young people."

He felt that mosques and the education system had important roles to play to help young people develop their own ethics and morals.

"We need the local education authority to understand young people, come into the community to interact with them and

then maybe we'd see some changes. As a community we need to have more links so we can work together to deliver activities for young people in places like mosques, churches, youth clubs and the streets! We need more Youth Clubs, parental classes; we need to take young people on countryside trips to educate them about their environment"

Imran works most evenings teaching a short Civil Leadership course which has ASDAN recognition. If any young people would like to take part please come into the Pavilion on Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 6 - 9pm. Alternatively contact him on 07768 888 716.



Earl Marshall Juniors under 11s

Story: Mick Ashman

This season saw Earl Marshall Under 11s play their first ever 11-a-side matches. Early wins in August's friendlies ensured a real sense of optimism for the season.



Three disappointing league games followed but the Trophy provided consolation, with a 9-0 victory at the expense of The Hallam Rangers. October started well with three wins. An easily avoidable defeat against Darfield was a setback but then a run of victories took them up to fifth in the table.

A windswept pitch at the beginning of December was the scene of Earl Marshall's heaviest defeat. But the 7-0 score line against Sheffield Wednesday Young Owls didn't deter the team from battling on to victory against unbeaten Sheffield Six's and claiming their place in the Trophy Semi Finals.

Earl Marshall began the New Year with an away win, at Millhouses. Back home a frustrating defeat upset their chances of making the top three but they bounced back thrashing Darfield 10-0. Five more victories followed, including a win against Hackenthorpe Juniors, which earned them their place in the Trophy Finals. Despite more impressive performances they missed out on league promotion.

Earl Marshall faced Worksop Boys in the Trophy Final and took an early lead, but were pegged back in the second half. They looked to have won it with a fine solo effort by Kenan McKenzie Grey in extra time, but Worksop levelled and eventually Earl Marshall lost in a penalty shoot out.

A season of considerable progress and superb displays have put Earl Marshall in a strong position for next season.

New players for the 2007/8 season:
Under 7s (Year 2 in September)
Under 12s (Year 7 in September)
Enquiries to Garfield - 07760 240 366 or Mark - 07776 457 732



Burngreave Saints under 10s

Story: Brent Moya

It's been another successful season for the Burngreave Saints under 10s who marked their debut campaign in the Sheffield and District Junior League with an impressive 6th place and a move to a new venue.



Following promotion last year, the boys have wasted little time finding their feet with a series of scintillating performances including the defeat of eventual League champions Sheffield Rangers.

The highlight came when the boys played in a tournament in Blackpool, beating 4 out of 5 teams and lifting silverware after a thrilling victory over Castle Park Juniors.

Team secretary, Emma Wilkinson says every game was like a cup final. "The last game of the season was against Sheffield Wednesday Young Owls which was drawn 6-6 - they never say die."

Already planning for success next season, the club is moving from Petre Street to Parkwood - citing the need for a bigger pitch. The move also compliments their training sessions close by at the Sheffield United Academy, Shirecliffe. Team manager Patrick Black will be taking training during the summer months to which all are welcome.

Trials for the new season are as follows:
17th June, 24th June, 1st July at 11am, Petre Street Playing Fields. All boys under 11, Y6 are welcome. For more information please contact Emma Wilkinson at wilko.13@blueyonder.co.uk or by phone on 07902 121 629.

The future looks bright for Burngreave Saints with their new venue on the horizon and another promising campaign to look forward to.

Burngreave/ Canklow Crusaders

Story: Steve Richardson

The Crusaders secured 2nd position, a trophy and promotion to the first division, in what was a truly fantastic and very competitive under 18s league.



For part of the season we were at the top, but the team has been plagued by injuries and work commitments which make the final position even more remarkable.

The Crusaders also had a tremendous cup run and took out a couple of Premiere league teams on the way. We were the only team to play in every round up to the Semi Finals. We went out 2 - 1 to a good team but we had goals disallowed that would have put us in the Final.

The team has come to the end of their eligibility to play in the 1st division as it is strictly for under 18's. We are now looking for new players to take on the mantle of the Burngreave Crusaders, without the Canklow tag for the coming season. All potential players need to be over 16 and under 18 by the 1st September 2007. Eligible players can contact Steve Richardson, Burngreave Community Football Development Officer, Activity Sheffield, on 07810 685 519.

We hope to have a home pitch in Burngreave this season at Parkwood near Shirecliffe, we only await the permission of the Council to get things going.

The Sheffield United Training Academy, off

Firhill Avenue, Shirecliffe, offers training sessions on Fridays 4pm - 5pm for girls aged 8 and upwards, and on Fridays 4pm - 6pm for boys aged 8 and upwards. Both sessions cost 30p. It is hoped that these sessions will provide a player base for Burngreave Saints F.C who will host boys teams in the Under 10s, 11s, and 12s and Girls teams in the under 10s and 12s divisions.

Training and fun games are also available for those who don't want to play for a team - come along and join in. Contact Steve on: 07810 685 519



Caring lives

11th - 17th June is Carers Week and the campaign aims to highlight the issues facing carers. We speak to two local carers about their lives.

Sue Lawrence

Story & photos: Douglas Johnson

Looking back on it, Sue's always been a carer. The eldest of five children, she soon started helping out with her younger siblings. With her dad working full-time, her mum was left in the traditional role of looking after relatives. Sue helped out and gradually took on more and more.



Now her own mother is elderly, partially blind and moving in and out of dementia. She battled to get her mum a house close by and provides daily care.

At the age of 36, her son Ben was born. At 9 months, her health visitor raised concerns about his development. "It was a shock, but I knew in the back of my mind from day one really." He has a rare condition called Soto's syndrome. It's meant solid work as a carer for Ben too, attending to every detail of his life. Ben is now 16 and goes to East Hill School, but they are facing the challenge of arranging a place in college.

Sue has become highly experienced - dealing with social services, benefits, education provision, etc - but it wasn't always like that. She felt on her own when Ben was first diagnosed. Dealing with everything - practically as well as emotionally - was a lot to cope with.

She talks about some of the wonderful people who have helped her along the way - the health visitors, Dr McCullough at Pitsmoor surgery, the staff at Ryegate

Children's Centre, Betty Gelsthorpe at Ivy Lodge Clinic, Pippa at Burngreave Young Children's Centre, Keith Jenkins at East Hill School and John Lawson at the Carers' Centre are just a few of the names mentioned.

Has it taken a toll on her? She's done the sums and the money works out at a mere pound an hour. Anti-depressants have helped. She's learnt to cope, though, and is obviously very experienced at it. She knows when she needs time out and how to plan for it.

Pat Love

Story: Grace Love

Pat has been a Pitsmoor resident for ten years. She has a nine-year-old son, Jordan, who has autism and learning difficulties. He attends Rowan School.

Pat is a dedicated, resilient woman where her son is concerned. She looks after him full-time, with some help and support from local family members, but despite many attempts, none from social services.



"Hardest thing is, that I don't have the freedom to go where I want when I want. I have to take Jordan everywhere with me, which can be difficult."

Although respite care is available, Pat says she felt she was letting her son down if she 'gave' him to a 'stranger' to look after, even though they will be perfectly competent and qualified.

The most enjoyable part of caring, is the 'love and affection from her son' that could not be put into words, despite the difficulties.

Services for Elders

Valuing the needs of older people: 'When will our voice be heard?'

Story: Abtisam Mohamed & Gulnaz Hussain

On 24th April over 100 older people came to voice their concerns at a BME consultation day jointly organised by the Pakistan Advice Centre, Yemeni Community Association and Somali Disability Group.

Countless frustrations were voiced. One frustrated older person stated:

"We've lost faith in Council services and want services from our own community voluntary groups."

Others claimed they "do not know what's on offer." One elder argued, "The service provision needs to take into account cultural preferences."



A Yemeni woman said, "Several days a week a minibus picks up my neighbour to take her to a day-care centre. Why does no-one do this for me? Is it because I can't speak English?"

Undervalued and ignored

Many were disconcerted that despite contributing to support the economy for many years, often working in dismal and underpaid conditions, they were now undervalued and ignored.

It is clear that older people feel their needs have been ignored and that they have little optimism things will change. A Pakistani man said:

"It seems that the Council and the rest of the world do not care for the elderly. What little help provided by the Council is often inappropriate and too late."

Council officers listened to what the older people had to say. A report based on the findings is to be published and given to the people with the power to make a difference.

Will the findings change the way services are commissioned or delivered? We'll have to wait and see!

If you are a carer and want help, advice or support, you can contact Sheffield Carers Centre's Helpline on 272 8362 between 10am and 12.30 Monday to Friday. Website: www.sheffieldcarers.org.uk

Bicentenary of the Abolition of Slavery

Story & photos: Camille Daughma

The commemoration event - 200 years since the abolition of the slave trade - was held on the 27th March at the Winter Gardens and hosted by Lord Mayor Jackie Drayton. Seated serenely among the greenery, we were far removed from the reality of the horrors of slavery.

Children from SADACCA's Study Support Group presented readings about black individuals - both men and women - who became martyrs for the cause of freedom, reminding us that abolition was possible only because these individuals stood up and were counted. They included Sam Sharpe, Cojoe, Copie, and Nanny of the Maroons.

Legacy of slavery

There were speakers from the African Caribbean community. One spoke of the legacy of slavery that has left our children marginalized. The reality of institutional racism comes from slavery - where we are seen as less capable and more as property. We were used to build this



country, yet unworthy of enjoying the benefits of our own labour. We are used as society's scapegoat. The lack of acknowledgement of the harm done to us as a people and the gap it created in Africa's economy remain issues to be addressed.

Addressing racism

Jonathan Crossley-Holland - the council's Executive Director for Education - reminded us that there needs to be more done to address racism. He acknowledged

that Britain's wealth is directly attributed to the slave trade. He hoped that, with time, children from African and Caribbean backgrounds would be given equal opportunity in schools and allowed to develop to their true potential.

In the Lord Mayor's closing words, she hoped that 200 years from now they wouldn't be standing there repeating the same situation but that equality amongst all would be achieved. To conclude, the African group performed the freedom song, "I will never be a slave any more."

SADACCA's 21st Anniversary

Story & photos: Camille Daughma

On the 31st March 2007, SADACCA celebrated its 21st anniversary since obtaining the building at the Wicker.

Lord Mayor Councillor Jackie Drayton attended, with the Archbishop of Sheffield, the Chief Executive of Sheffield City Council, Sir Bob Kerslake and the first Chair of SADACCA, Mrs Sybil Roach-Tennant.



Hard work and dedication

The Lord Mayor told of her move to Burngreave in the 1970's and her anticipation of the opening of SADACCA. Remembering the derelict building as it was, she praised members for their hard work and dedication over the years, commending their determination. She was honoured to address the 21st Anniversary as, ironically, the building previously belonged to Samuel Osborne - himself a Lord Mayor in his time. She ended her address, "I applaud you."

Sir Bob Kerslake addressed the crowd with humour. He has worked with SADACCA in the past and hopes to continue in the future.

Present Chair, Mr Des Smith, started his address with a profound statement, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will do." He gave a history of the organisation and plans for the future.

Well known Burngreave resident Mrs Dorrett Buckley-Greaves had us all in stitches as she addressed the gathering with her natural gift of humour and story telling. She was one of the vibrant founding members of SADACCA and she expressed pride and joy to see the organisation grow.

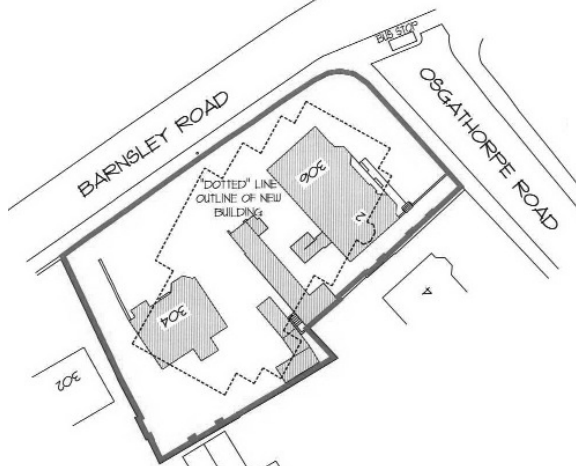
Hopes for the future

The Chair launched the Bicentenary Programme with a moving poem written by a slave on board ship. One could only imagine the mental torment coupled with fear on this long journey. He commented that whilst Britain was the first to abolish the slave trade, it is yet to apologise for its role in slavery. France already has. While the slave trade itself has been abolished, slavery persists around the world.

All we require is respect and equality. We remain optimistic about the future.

Plans to build a Mosque and Madressa

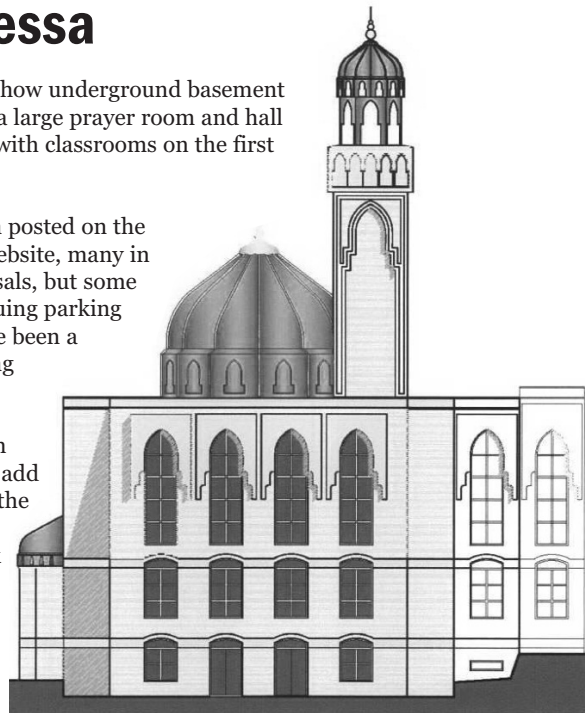
The Masjid-E-Umar mosque has put in a planning application to demolish the existing mosque, in buildings at 304-306 Barnsley Road, and to replace it with a three storey, purposed built mosque and madressa with a minaret and dome.



The proposed plans show underground basement parking for ten cars, a large prayer room and hall on the ground floor, with classrooms on the first and second floors.

Comments have been posted on the Council's planning website, many in support of the proposals, but some residents fear continuing parking problems, which have been a concern at the existing mosque.

For more information about the plans or to add your comments visit the Council's website at www.sheffield.gov.uk and follow the planning link. The application reference is 07/1306/FUL.



From factory to church

Story: Amanda Wyatt

On Saturday night 24th March, more than 170 guests gathered in an old factory along Carlisle Street in Burngreave. People from more than 20 countries came to celebrate the official opening of the new Rock Christian Centre.

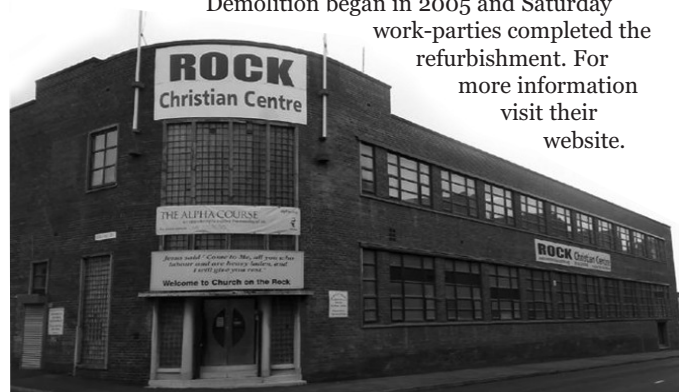
"Tonight we are witnessing a miracle," said Pastor Jon Watts as he welcomed everyone. It has taken a little more than two years to convert the ground floor of the old factory into a 300 seat auditorium for the multicultural congregation. Remarkably, the church has done almost all the work themselves and has never had to borrow a penny.

The celebration began with an international feast. Mountains of food prepared by church members included mouth-watering delicacies from several African countries, parts of Asia, Europe, the Middle East and even England.

The owner of the factory, Ken Ellis, of Sheffield Foods, cut the ribbon to open the new church. The rest of the evening was filled with entertainment as members shared personal testimonies and musical traditions from their home cultures.

The church has been meeting in the factory since 2001.

Demolition began in 2005 and Saturday work-parties completed the refurbishment. For more information visit their website.



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Surtag Hack

Story: Ian Clifford. Photo: Camille Daughma

Ms Surtag Hack lives on Wensley Estate with a garden full of colourful flowers and a patio set out with parasols. She is volunteer co-ordinator of Petsearch, which puts people in touch with lost pets, is of Indian descent and has three successful adult children of joint Arab-Indian heritage.

Ms Hack grew up in what is now the Yemen and has a story which is of a slice of British colonial history. Ms Hack spread out documents before me that show that her family were originally from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh. Ms Hack's great grandmother was Egyptian and her father was working in Aden and Ethiopia, from the 1920's. In 1933, he changed his name from 'Haq' to 'Hack', at the request of the German diplomats he was working for. "My mother had 21 children, but only five of us survived," she told me.

Chairs and Cushions

"In 1941, my father bought land in the Khormaksar area of Aden for 1 rupee a yard and eventually owned a cinema, casino, steakhouse, houses and bungalows. The cinema was called the Regal and even though my father, as a Muslim didn't drink, the casino served alcohol to the British."

Ms Hack shows me a letter from a British Army officer thanking her father for the kind loan of "chairs and cushions" for an amateur dramatics production. Other letters from the British Government refer to Mr Hack being awarded the British Empire medal, for his free service and kindness to the British government, including his expression of condolences after the death of King George VI. "See what kind, friendly letters of praise and thanks they wrote him," says Ms Hack.

Black bow ties

Ms Hack remembers the British Governor from when she was a child, Sir Tom Hickinbotham. "He was my father's closest friend", she said. "He used to visit us and have dinner and sit on a swing dressed smartly with a black bow tie. I used to tease him and he used to pull me by my pigtails. He had an open invitation at all times to the casino and cinema".

A brutal war of independence saw the British leave in 1967. Ms Hack says:



"I saw the British being blown up. We had to go out and pick up all the pieces. I remember the British consulate announcing that all British personnel had to go to the pier at Steamer Point (Tawahi) and Tawahi beach where ships were collecting foreign personnel. I saw the ships over-crowded, people leaving things behind. I remember a lot of Indians left behind, all stranded on the beaches. I was 17 or 18 at the time."

Following independence, and in keeping with the new Republic's socialist policies, the property of the rich was nationalised in 1971, including that of many in the Indian community. "Daddy was grabbed by his shirt and chucked out of the cinema. We had to live in just one of our bungalows – it was unfit and unsafe."



Dog takes bullet

The Hack family, including Ms Hack, experienced some harsh times during this period and her father sadly died from injuries sustained then. Ms Hack relates how, one evening during Ramadan, she had to take her dog

Drago, outside the flat to relieve itself. "Suddenly a young lad shouts out: 'be careful auntie'. Drago became very agitated and jumped up in front of me. Immediately he fell to the ground with his chest full of blood. Drago had taken a bullet for me." Despite treatment, Drago later died from the air-gun wound and was buried in Ms Hack's garden in 2005.

Over an extended period, Ms Hack tried to become resident in the UK, but, despite her parents having British passports, it was only after a long struggle that she and her children gained entry to the UK in 1994, and it took 10 years before she was granted full British citizenship two years ago.

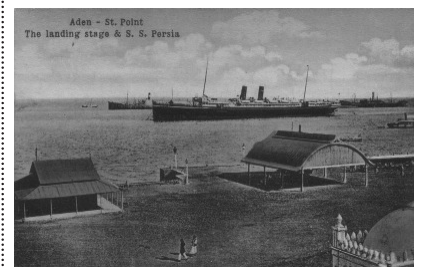
Prince Phillip

Ms Hack continues to campaign for the return of her father's property in the Yemen. She showed me a letter from Prince Philip acknowledging correspondence about her claim. Ms Hack also wrote to the freemasons, but received no reply.

I put it to Ms Hack that she's as much a victim of British colonialism as the Yemeni people who fought for independence in the 60's. "Yes, that's true," she said. "But it was worse for us, we had so far to fall. Daddy was very wealthy – he was the first non-European in Aden to own a Bentley and the first to own a Jaguar. I can't tell you what price we paid because of the British dumping us. Is this what we deserved after what my father did for them? My father was always there for the British".

Some history

1838 - After a deal with local chief, Sultan Muhsin bin Fadl, Britain starts to occupy and control parts of Southern Yemen, as "the Aden Settlement" and rule them as part of British India.



1937 - Aden Settlement was detached from India to become a British Crown Colony.

1967 - British leave Aden after war of independence, Aden becomes capital of People's Republic of Yemen.

1990 - After a civil war, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen unified with North Yemen, which was never a British colony.

Good luck to all young people taking exams in the coming weeks.

Study support conference

Story: Ian Clifford.

Photos: Richard Hanson (left), Kamida Khan (right)

During the Easter holidays the New Deal funded Burngreave Study Support Consortium met to look back over the year and enjoy activities together.

Young people from Somali, Yemeni and Pakistani backgrounds enjoyed football, T-shirt accessorising, team-building and workshops around Healthy Eating from the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and the dangers of weapons from South Yorkshire Police.



Burngreave Celebrates Learning – A truly multicultural event!

Story & photos: Anne Grange

Where else but Burngreave Celebrates Learning Festival would you get Bollywood dancing, a bus with its own IT suite, art and crafts, an Adult learners award ceremony and Johnny Cash songs in one place?

Despite a few showers, most of the event took place outside in the sunshine. Highlights included the award ceremony and 'Bollywood' dancing by Whiteways School's future performance stars. Khulu African Arts sent local children into frenzies with their Zulu dancing and drumming and an enthusiastic group joined in.

A great example of the way many cultures come together to make Burngreave Celebrates Learning a big success.



It's Fantastic!

Story: Gaby Spinks, with contributions from KSI children

The Parents Group at Fir Hill School recently bought new play equipment for one of the playgrounds with funding from New Deal and the school.

"The children have been asking for something to play on for years," said Doreen Rushforth, treasurer of the Parents Group, "It's great seeing them all having so much fun!"

We asked the children what they thought of it, but all we managed to get out of them was, "It's Fantastic!"

The Parents Group is organising their Summer Fair for 27th June, so if any businesses would like to donate something that can be used as a raffle prize, please contact the Parents Group on pta@firhill.sheffield.sch.uk or Gaby on 0787 627 1857.



Burngreave Environment Day Fun and Falconry!

Story & photos: Anne Grange

After last year's torrential downpours, to everyone's relief the Environment Day on Sunday 20th May took place in perfect May weather

Dry-stone walling, community forestry, recycling information, tools to borrow or hanging baskets to buy, free cycle testing, an inflatable football pitch and mobile climbing wall were all there to tempt you.

A falconry display – with a trained peregrine falcon and a vulture flying millimetres over their heads – drew a fascinated crowd of local children.

"It's really chilled out – a real community event," commented one visitor relaxing on the steps of Abbeyfield Park House with a drink from Betty's tea stall.




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The Sheffield Landlord Expo 2007 will be held on Thursday 14th June 2007 at Don Valley Stadium, 1pm to 7pm.

This event is open to all landlords in the area, as well as people thinking of entering the private rented/buy-to-let market.

There will be a variety of stands from companies and organisations supplying services to the private rented sector. Plus, there will be free seminars during the day on subjects such as housing law, the Tenancy Deposit Scheme, and raising finance.

If you would like more information then:

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Website: www.sheffield.gov.uk/landlordexpo



Kung Fu in China

Story: Saleema Imam

Local Lau Gar Kung Fu Sifu (teacher) Graham Abdulla recently visited Wong Fei Heung Temple at Foshan in China to train with the Chinese National Wu Shu Champion - Master Xia.

Nine instructors from around the UK recently spent 20 days with Chinese martial arts masters studying 'double swords' and the Dragon Fist form, and joining the local population who perform Qi Kong and Tai Chi exercises in their hundreds every morning at 6.00 am on green spaces around the town.

Former Grand champion Graham was amazed at the dedication of the people of Foshan to Tai chi and martial arts. They in turn were surprised to see that westerners, whom most had never met before, were interested enough in their culture to visit and share the training sessions.

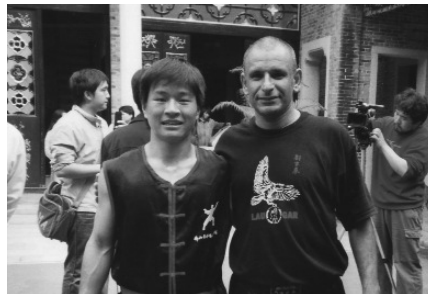
Graham commented that he was like a baby in a sweet shop "I lived and breathed Kung Fu so this was a dream come true."

Graham, who grew up in Abbeyfield

Road, started teaching Kung Fu both in Buxton and at St James church on Scott Road as long ago as 1979 and several of Graham's former students are themselves now teachers.

Over the years hundreds of children and adults from our area have attended the Tuesday and Thursday classes which are still as popular as ever. People of any age are always welcome to join the St James' club.

Contact Graham on 07790 844 020 or graham_abdulla@hotmail.co.uk.



More photographs of the Chinese journey can be found on our website www.burngreavemessenger.org and information about Lau Gar Kung Fu in Sheffield can be found on the website www.sheffield-laugar.co.uk

Women's Bowling sessions at Abbeyfield Park

The bowling green will be open for women's practice sessions on Thursdays at 2pm, starting 7th June.

For more information contact Winnie Bentley on 276 1575.

Burngreave Ramblers dates

Saturday 16th and 30th June

Walks leave from Abbeyfield Park gates, Abbeyfield Road at 10.45am and usually return about 3.30pm

Walks are 5-7 miles and moderately easy - usually in the Peak District. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Take packed lunch and drink.

Please confirm arrangements and suitability of walk for children beforehand.

Contact information:

David: 242 3870 or Jill/Charlie: 243 8867

Carwood TARA

Carwood Tenants and Residents Association office, 22 Carwood Green is now open Tuesdays 3-5pm and Thursdays 4.30-6pm. Providing support and advice on housing, welfare and estate issues. This is ahead of an official opening of the premises in June.

The next General Meeting of the TARA will take place on Wednesday 13th June, 5.30pm, St. Peter's Meeting Room, Lyon's Close.

For further information - contact Dave on 0788 197 3167



Green City Action

Festival 2007

The 9th Abbeyfield Park Multicultural Festival takes place on Sunday 8th July, thanks to the support of BNDfC.

The headline band is Celloman, supported by world fusion band, Peyoti for President and performances by Ellesmere Youth Project, Firs Hill School and Bollywood Dancers. Get your skates on and enjoy activities, including an outdoor ice rink, great music and fabulous food.

To book a stall, perform at the festival or volunteer to help on the day, please call Bob on 244 0353.

There will be no door-to-door collections of money. If anybody calls asking for donations, please refuse politely and contact the police.

Deliver it Green

We have worked on 50 older residents' gardens on our incredibly popular OAP gardening scheme. The volume of work means that we can't take on any new gardens for the time being.



The team will concentrate on the area's green spaces in June. If you are a resident interested in conservation work, please call Garry on 244 0353. Volunteer hours can be used to gain qualifications and we can help you to access training in conservation landscaping and horticulture.

Hanging baskets and bird boxes

Do not despair if you missed out on the special offer of hanging baskets full of lovely flowers at the Abbeyfield Park Environment Day. We are selling them until the end of June. Contact us for more details.

Deliver it green...



Verdon Recreation Centre : Activity Timetable

Day	Time	Activity	Price
Monday	9:45am-10:45am	Keep Fit Class	£1.00
Monday	4:00pm-5:30pm	Slimming Club (women only)	£1.00
Tuesday	11:30am-12:15pm	Tai - Chi	£1.00
Tuesday	7:00am-8:30am	Pilsung (Streetworx) Olympic Taekwondo	Under 18 £2.00 Over 18's £3.00
Wednesday	9:30am-10:30am	Aerobics (women only)	£1.00
Wednesday	9:30am-10:30am	Health Walk	Free
Thursday	6:30pm-7:30pm	Stretch and Tone & Aerobics (women only)	£1.00

For further details telephone (0114) 249 1626

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Telephone: (0114) 258 0220

E-mail: carers@roshnisheffield.org

Celebrate Refugee Week! 18th - 24th June 2007

Refugee Week highlights the realities of life for asylum seekers and refugees. Events include:

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The **Moving Here walk-through exhibition**, which takes visitors through the experience of arriving in the UK. Located in the new Voluntary Action Sheffield building, Rockingham Lane (school and group visits welcome - Tel 253 6650 for details).

.....
Banner Theatre Company presents **They get free mobiles... don't they?** a performance about myths about asylum, on Wednesday 20th June at 7.00pm at the Broomhall Centre (Broomspring Centre), Broomspring Lane (admission free).

.....
One World Over concert at the Crucible Theatre on Sunday 24th June at 7.30pm. A showcase of music and dance from refugee communities.

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For full details pick up a Refugee Week leaflet from your local library.

Website: www.refugeeweek.org.uk

Spital Tunnel, the Fiery Jack!

Story & photos: Lewis Sadler

As Tesco prepares its application to redevelop the Hartwell's site on Savile Street, an issue of history and heritage arises because the Hartwell's site has not always been a car dealership!

Whenever you walk up Spital Hill, did you know that a 160 year old tunnel runs beneath your feet? Behind Hartwell's is a huge railway-style retaining wall, a massive stone ramp for moving rail freight and the blocked mouth of a railway tunnel. These are the remains of the Spital Tunnel and Sheffield Wicker Railway Station.

The tunnel climbs from here up to Brunswick Road where the other end, or portal, is a listed building owned by Sheffield City Council.

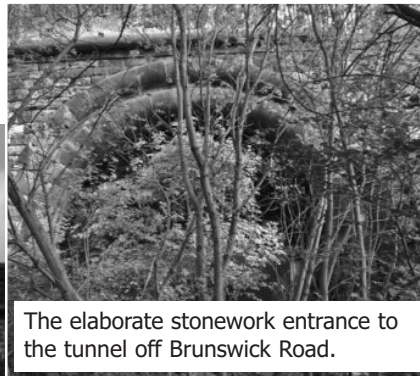
The tunnel was cut in 1847 to link Midlands bound Wicker Station with Manchester bound Bridgehouses and was nick-named Fiery Jack. Why? Some say

because an accident once burned passengers alive, but it's probably because the tunnel is so steep. Fire and sparks thrown out by locos struggling up the tunnel to Bridgehouses must have been an amazing sight.

Think of how high the top of the Wicker Arches are from the road surface of Savile Street. This is the height the tunnel has to climb in just a few hundred metres!

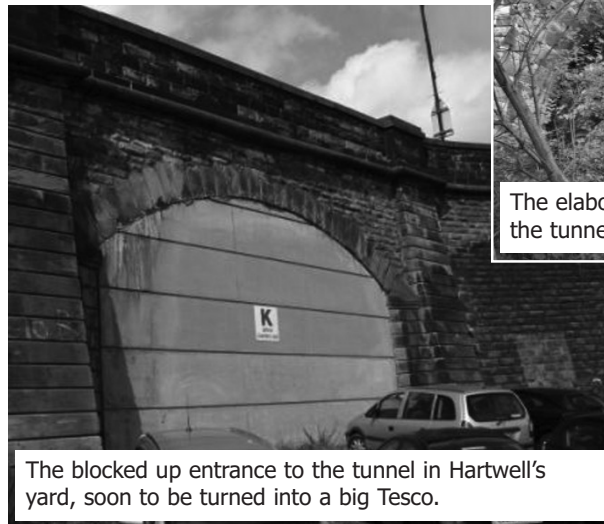
When the Midland Station and Victoria Station opened, the Wicker and Bridgehouses were relegated to goods yards, but the tunnel carried on its sterling service, even bringing the circus into Sheffield on more than one occasion!

After the Second World War the tunnel was closed and the Wicker Station demolished. In the sixties it was used by a rifle club, shooting down the length of the tunnel! Local children used it as their playground, former resident Margaret Ryan recalls playing up on "Bull Rocks" above the tunnel entrance and narrowly missing a summons to court for railway trespass!



The elaborate stonework entrance to the tunnel off Brunswick Road.

Tesco say they are keen to make a feature of the tunnel, perhaps with an information board or a plaque to commemorate the time when the Burngreave area was the Victorian powerhouse of Sheffield's railway!



The blocked up entrance to the tunnel in Hartwell's yard, soon to be turned into a big Tesco.

Council sells land

As the Council sells off its assets, local home-owners have had the land sold under their feet.

Freeholds of homes on Lyons Street, Earldom Road, Lucas Street, Shirecliffe Lane and Woodspring Court have been sold to private companies. These home-owners used to pay a ground rent of just £5-10 per year to the Council. Cookwood Road resident Graham Dixon became concerned after running into difficulties contacting the new owners.

Cookwood sold

Story: Graham Dixon

The 'Ground Rent Investments' were sold in November 2005 at auction, in two lots (Nos 1-65 Cookwood Road & 281-283 Rutland Road and Nos 4-58 Cookwood Road & 285-287 Rutland Road). Most of the properties are held on leases of 200 years starting from 1939-40, but an organisation called Upland Estates Ltd paid £10,000 for each lot.

Why on earth would they spend £20,000 on land which only brings a gross return of £310 per year?

In January 2006, the Council told residents to pay rent to Upland Estates Ltd in the future. A number of residents attempted to contact them - without success. The Council had given us the wrong address. Advice from the Council is that - provided we make every reasonable attempt to pay the ground rent - our rights are fully protected. But what if we fail to maintain ground rents through no fault of our own?

I received no advance notice of the auction and I feel Sheffield City Council has let us down.

If you are affected by the sale of freeholds, the Messenger would like to hear from you. Contact us on 242 0564.

St Peter's Church activities

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Chairobics:

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St Peter's Church Hall, Lyons Street.

Coach trip to Scarborough:

Saturday, 11th August.
Departure: 9.00am from St Peter's.

Coach trip to Blackpool:

Saturday, 20th October.
Departure: 9.00am from St Peter's.

For further information about these activities please phone (0114) 243 6305.



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New post for Regeneration Manager

Cecilia Shields, BNDfC Regeneration Manager for Employment & Skills, has recently taken on the post of the Neighbourhood Enterprise Champions Programme Manager for 'Generation Enterprise'. Generation Enterprise is the title of Sheffield's bid to the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI).

LEGI, announced by the Chancellor in his 2005 Budget, is a joint programme between the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), the Treasury and the Department of Trade and Industry. The programme aims to increase entrepreneurial activity, support the growth and reduce the failure rate of locally-owned businesses and attract inward investment taking advantage of a local work force.

BNDfC contributed to the development of the successful bid to central government. Cecilia said:

"I am really excited about this new challenge and look forward to working with our partners Netherthorpe and Upperthorpe Community Alliance, Manor and Castle Development Trust and Southey and Owlerton Area Regeneration and the rest of the city in supporting entrepreneurial activity to help deliver real economic sustainability and change within our communities."

Whilst Cecilia will still be employed by BNDfC, her new responsibility means that the position of Regeneration Manager for the Priority Area of Employment and Skills has become available and is advertised below.



Regeneration Manager – Employment and Skills

Salary £27,313 – £35,771

This is a key post within the programme and will develop and expand the activities that are already underway and integrate them into the Local Economic Development Strategy for the area that links into city wide, regional and national strategies to raise skills, reduce unemployment, nurture enterprise and support business development.

To be considered you will need to have:-

- Sound understanding of local, regional and national economic policies and their impact on communities
- Working knowledge and experience of employment and skills, training and enterprise programmes and how they can support local initiatives
- Demonstrable experience of the development and implementation of employment, training and enterprise strategies

- A working knowledge of funding regimes for employment and skills, training and enterprise support and development
- Knowledge of growth areas of employment and skills in Sheffield and the South Yorkshire sub-region and key initiatives linked to employment
- Experience of effective partnership working, project management and networking skills
- Excellent team working ability

If you are interested in this position and require further details, please ring Martin Smith on 0114 279 6932 for an application pack. Alternatively you can request an application pack via our e-mail address – enquiries@bndfc.co.uk.

**Closing date:
Thursday 28 June 2007 at 12.00 noon**

Interviews will be held: Tuesday 10 July 2007

BNDfC Community Representative elections

Countdown to elections...

These are the last few days for your opportunity to register to vote in the BNDfC Community Representatives elections and for you to put yourself forward as a candidate to stand as a Community Representative on the BNDfC Board.

Everyone over the age of 15 who lives in the BNDfC area is entitled to vote in the forthcoming elections for six Community Representatives on the New Deal Board. You are included even if you do not have residency status from the Home Office or if you have recently moved to the area.

If you are over 18 years old, interested in representing your community and taking their views forward and you want to help the BNDfC programme deliver projects in Burngreave, this is your opportunity to stand for election.

Deadline extended

We have extended the closing date by a few days to **Wednesday 6th June** to ensure you have time to register to vote or to submit your Nomination Forms to stand. Call in at the Information Shop and register to vote. Nomination Forms are also available from the Information Shop on Spital Hill or by phoning Mark Stringfellow at BNDfC on 292 2910.

Look out for your Ballot packs which will be sent by post to everyone on the BNDfC electoral register from 15th June. Each pack will contain a ballot paper, information on each candidate and a pre-paid envelope for you to return your vote. Also this year, you will have the opportunity to vote by text, so, it couldn't be simpler!

From June 25th there will be a number of opportunities for you to meet your new candidates, so look out for posters and leaflets advertising venues. Candidates will be making themselves known to you around Burngreave in the next few weeks, so stop and have a chat with them.

Results will be announced on Monday 9th July with a celebration to welcome the new Board members.

The information supplied for our electoral register will be treated as confidential and will not be shared with any other organisation.

6th June

- ~~2nd June~~: **Deadline for nominations and registering to vote**
- **15th June: Ballot packs delivered**
- **From 25th June: Opportunities to meet candidates**
- **8th July: Deadline for voting - Ballot box at the Abbeyfield Festival**
- **9th July: Results announced**



Everyone over the age of 15 who lives in the BNDfC area is entitled to vote in the forthcoming elections.



Cricketers in Abbeyfield Park

The Abbeyfield Park tennis courts are set to host a 'mainly cricket MUGA' or multi use games area as Council staff, working with the local Burngreave youth, attract money from a national sports body.

There was much talk about creating a 'MUGA' on this site in 2004 and 2005, but the tennis courts are still awaiting tender loving care. Very recently, you might have noticed some new cricket stumps and work being done on the surface of the informal 'cricket pitch'.

Now the English Cricket Board (ECB) have decided to invest further. The ECB have been impressed with the development of 'cricket cages' in Mount Pleasant Park in Sharrow, which, despite continual use over two years, are as good as new - cared for by the youngsters who play there and the staff who look after them. As a result, the regional cricketing officer of the ECB met with Council officers from Parks and the cricketers of Abbeyfield Park.

The ECB were so impressed with the seriousness and commitment of the Abbeyfield cricketers, that it decided last month the mainly cricket MUGA. It will take a few months to agree the particular designs, working alongside the Abbeyfield junior cricketers, Friends of Abbeyfield Park, Council staff and local cricket clubs. In the meantime the Friends group at the park and the cricketers have raised funds from the Youth Opportunities Fund for the "temporary improvement" (pictured right) which can be transferred elsewhere when the MUGA arrives.

The ECB will give £80,000 to the Abbeyfield Park MUGA and another £50,000 for new playground markings and extra coaching time at five local primary schools.

Is it too much to hope that in four years time, the England cricket team won't have the same experience that it suffered recently in the Caribbean - backed up by Burngreave batters and bowlers?



Schools Expansion Consultation

Special meetings have been arranged to explain to parents the proposed expansion of four local primary schools in Burngreave, Pitsmoor and Fir Vale and to hear what you think. Try and make sure you get along to them, to ask questions, and have your say.

The Area Panel has also agreed to hold a special meeting in June for anyone in the area - particularly parents of young, pre-school age children - who want to know what might happen. Ring the Area Panel office on 276 9134 for further details. The dates and times of the school meetings are shown on the right.

Pye Bank CofE School	9.00am	Thursday 7th June
Pye Bank CofE School	2.30pm	Thursday 7th June
St Catherine's RC School	9.00am	Wednesday 13th June
St Catherine's RC School	6.00pm	Wednesday 13th June
Hucklow School	6.00pm	Thursday 14th June
Hucklow School	9.00am	Friday 15th June
Hucklow School	2.30pm	Friday 15th June
Owler Brook School	9.00am	Tuesday 19th June
Whiteways School	2.30pm	Tuesday 19th June
Whiteways School	9.00am	Thursday 21st June
Owler Brook School	2.30pm	Thursday 21st June
Whiteways School	6.00pm	Tuesday 26th June
Pye Bank School	6.00pm	Wednesday 27th June

Councillors' Surgery Dates

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



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9th June: Jackie Drayton, 11am-12 noon Burngreave Library and 12.15-1.15pm: Firhill TARA

23rd June: Ibrar Hussain, 11am-12 noon Burngreave Library

14th July: Steve Jones, 11am-12 noon Burngreave Library and 12.15-1.00pm: Firhill TARA

28th July: Jackie Drayton, 11am-12 noon Burngreave Library

Next Area Panel Meeting

Thursday 19th July, 6-8pm at Fir Vale School. For more information see the Council's website:

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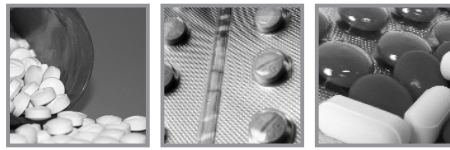
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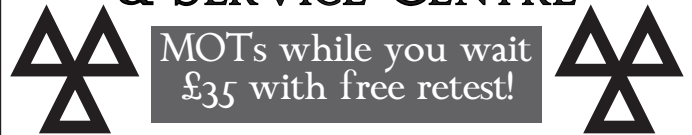
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