

# Burngreave Messenger



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## Community backs Abbeyfield Festival

Story: Viva Radja

**Abbeyfield Multicultural Festival brought thousands of people to celebrate in Abbeyfield Park on a hot summer day in July.**

The event was opened by the ex-Home Secretary David Blunkett, who congratulated all the festival volunteers for making the event happen, without funding from New Deal and on less money than previous years.

The multicultural event brought residents from Burngreave and outside to share a delightful atmosphere, "The festival is very good. I think it's good

to see lots of people looking very happy," said one festival-goer.

The event was an amazing sight in the park, which seemed enormous with everyone in it. Many different kinds of people came out to enjoy themselves, to hear many types of music such as reggae, Roma music, break-dancing style, and rapping style. On the main stage, local residents demonstrated their talents in Kung Fu, dance and singing.

There were lots of fascinating foods to try, including barbecue grills, which gave out

a delicious smell on the warm air. There was plenty of information, stalls and activities for children to participate in.

*"There's loads to do, loads of entertainment and really nice people. The food's right nice."*

*"I thought it wouldn't be this big. My girlfriend had found some information on housing – she's been looking for a flat."*

*"There is a nice family atmosphere and lots of stalls. The people are friendly, we've enjoyed it."*

*"I have been to the reggae area, which sounds good, and it's good to see the different food and the different cultures gathering together."*

*"It's very good, the weather helps. The people are fantastic and it's nice to see everyone enjoying themselves."*



Photos (clockwise from left) by Farzana Khan, Steven Lang, Sherin T Rajan and Anwar Suliman.



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## 'Good' news for Watoto

**Watoto Preschool are celebrating a 'good' Ofsted report with areas of 'outstanding' exceptional quality.**

Ofsted praised the children's progress towards early learning goals saying: "staff plan and focus activities around children's preferences as well as the six areas of learning, offering children many opportunities to be active learners".

Ofsted also commended excellent information exchange between staff, parents and professionals and the detailed knowledge of individual needs and family background. "There are well forged links with local schools with staff informing them of relevant information as they accompany children into school to ease the transition"

### Dreams and aspirations

Manager Sharon Brown said "Since we opened in 1996, partnerships have underpinned everything we do. I passionately believe in working with parents to positively nurture children's strengths, dreams and aspirations."

"Our last Ofsted in 2004 was also 'good'" says Watoto chairperson Terry Garvey.

*"The additional 'outstanding' areas in this report demonstrate staff and management commitment to continuous improvement."*

"Brilliant service" says parent Erica Patterson, "I feel standards are high, the staff are warm, friendly and approachable."

Norma Euter's daughters both attend the preschool and she is really happy with the help Watoto provides her youngest, who has Down's Syndrome. "The staff respond to Josephine's development needs to complement what I do at home," said Norma.

Deputy Lillian Linton, with Watoto since 1996, said: "I love working here. It's fantastic that our work has been recognised by Ofsted so highly."

### Purpose built

Watoto moved into a purpose built location with Council support in May 2008. Parent Alison Thompson said: "This has been a great success the new premises are excellent with a lot more space for the children especially outside".

**Watoto Preschool has 57 places catering for children 6 months to five and is open from 8am to 6pm all year round except Bank Holidays. Staff support a range of languages. Call 2751 817 for further information.**

### Alice Ingham 1916-2009

**Alice Ingham of Fox Street died on 1st July aged 93. Alice featured in the Messenger in September 2005, when she told us about her life in Pitsmoor, where she had lived all her life.**

Alice, who regularly attended Christ Church Pitsmoor, was a friend to many and will be sadly missed.



## Shootings continue

Violent crime has featured in the Messenger too often in its 10-year history. In 2003, the deaths of Lester Divers and Gerald Smith sparked calls for action to prevent another generation facing violent deaths. But four residents have been shot dead since then and July saw another young life lost.

22 year old James Kamara was shot in Broomhall on 1st July. The four young men arrested and charged with his murder all have connections with Pitsmoor. It shows that violence and criminality are still part of our lives despite the efforts of local people and agencies.

As we go to print, the trial for the murder of Tarek Chaiboub continues. Tarek was just 17 when he died on Spital St, while those on trial are all under the age of 22.

Work continues to prevent young people from falling into dangerous and criminal activities, but Burngreave will have to fight to keep resources for young people coming to our area, and we will have to keep hoping that this work will stop another generation of young people seeing their peers die in the street.

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# Vestry Hall flooding

Story: Ben Kirby  
Photo/s: ??????

**Heavy rainfall on 10th June caused extensive damage to the main hall at the Vestry Hall. Repairs will be carried out at the Vestry Hall over the summer holidays, the costs will be covered by the insurance.**

New Deal's Ann Allen told the Messenger, "Rainwater came in through the Vestry Hall roof and ran down the rear wall of the building, damaging the walls and blinds of the main hall. The water ran into the basement, under the stage, and under the main hall floor. The wooden floor expanded because of the amount of water and buckled."

## Mud and Rubbish

Ann explained that the repairs will be made before the start of the new term in September: "We aim to do the work during the summer holidays so that we don't disturb the Vestry Hall's other users. The main hall floor will be taken up and dried out."

A build up of mud and rubbish on the roof blocking the drains appears to be the cause, which could have been left by the contractors. The Messenger ask Ann if



New Deal was looking into this, "We intend to work with the project manager of the original Vestry Hall renovation to determine why the rainwater came through the roof."

In the meantime, events to be held in the main hall have been cancelled: "The first thing we did was to offer alternative locations for all the events we've had to cancel. Obviously we have stopped taking bookings for events, but we are happy to offer alternative locations."

For more information about the Vestry Hall contact New Deal on 213 2300. The steering group for the Vestry Hall will be restarting on 8th September at 6pm, if you would like to be involved contact New Deal.

# Wicker floods again

Story: Douglas Johnson | Photo: Ellie Bennett

**Two years ago, the Wicker was flooded, causing extensive damage to businesses and disruption to everyone. The clean-up operation took huge resources and many businesses have still not fully recovered.**

So traders were worried to find the Wicker flooding again - not once, but three times in a month - as drains failed to cope with torrential, but predictable, summer downpours. On Monday 6th July, the chaos was compounded by a broken-down bus on the Wicker all morning.

Ellie Bennett of the Wicker Chemist said their cellars were flooded again by water backing up the drains and that their front doors were threatened with the wash caused by buses travelling through the



water. Like other people who had attended the Wicker Community Forum meetings, she was concerned that the drainage recently laid in the construction of the ring road was unfit for purpose.

It is unclear what solutions can be found. "At least the council are talking to us," said Ellie.

On another note, the Wicker Community Forum heard definite plans to improve signage for motorists on the Wicker.

# New Deal post mortem

Story: Ian Clifford

**On 11th June, the Council's Scrutiny Board met for a final post-mortem into what went wrong with the Council's Accountable Body role with Burngreave New Deal and what could be learnt for the future.**

Senior Council Officer Evelyn Milne admitted that mistakes had been made and the Council needed to learn from these. Evelyn explained that Burngreave residents distrusted the Council at the start of New Deal and the national programme philosophy was that Councils were poor at serving poorer areas. This context made it difficult for the Council to have a 'hands-on' approach to the Accountable Body role.

Evelyn said ultimately the Council, Government Office and the New Deal Board all took their eyes off the ball and failed to properly scrutinise the programme's spend.

Particularly alarming was the admission that Council projects had not been audited properly for several years as New Deal funded Council activity had not been properly separated from other activity.

Councillors present seemed to have a poor grip of the issues, but this was made up for by questions from Burngreave residents. The Messenger pointed out that the Council, as Accountable Body, had all the audit certificates from projects, yet seemed unable to add up a row of figures to establish that the programme was overspent.

Jennifer Booth pointed out the Council was paid £15,000 for its accountable body role and asked for this money to be returned to the community as the Council had clearly failed in this role.

When asked why the Council had been so unchallenging to Burngreave New Deal given that they knew some senior managers were incompetent, Evelyn Milne accepted there were issues of incompetence but said she had encouraged previous New Deal Chief Executive, John Clark, to manage certain people tightly.

Recommendations from the Scrutiny Board will go to the Council's Cabinet.

For an update of how projects are coping without New Deal funding and details of what New Deal spent its money on, go to [www.burngreavemessenger.org.uk](http://www.burngreavemessenger.org.uk)

# Burngreave Cemetery public meeting

Story: Lisa Swift

**Following months of campaigning by local resident, John Duignan, on the maintenance of Burngreave Cemetery, Bereavement Services have agreed to hold a public meeting.**

In November 2008, John took a petition to Full Council with the names of unhappy grave owners, who were distressed about the poor state of the cemetery. John asked the Council to hold a public meeting to address the issue.

Cllr Ibrar Hussain who is supporting the campaign, said "The Lib Dem Council



have really dragged their heels on this issue and it's really unfair to the people who live in Burngreave, and also the visitors to this cemetery who have to see all this mess when paying their respects to the people they miss."

Residents and grave owners will now have the chance to express their concerns and hear about the plans Bereavement Services has to tackle the problem.

The meeting will be on Monday 10th August, 6pm in the Cemetery Chapel.

Hall Road, Hampton Road, Cannon Hall Road, Fir Vale Road, Coningsby Road, Hampton Road, Blyde Road, Herries Road, Longley Hall Road, Norwood Grange Drive and Fairbank Road.

The Council is again asking for feedback on what effect the new restrictions have. If you have comments, contact Brian Hey at Traffic Regulations on 273 6086, [brian.hey@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:brian.hey@sheffield.gov.uk)

However, residents remain frustrated at the lack of progress from the Northern General towards building their multi-storey car park. Despite receiving conditional planning permission in October 2008, the hospital have yet to finalise legal documents that are conditional to full planning permission. The legal agreement will tie the hospital to responsibilities around managing any parking issues off site.

symptoms, do not visit your GP or hospital - instead phone your GP or call NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 or go to the website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

GPs will be able to diagnose swine flu on the basis of patients' symptoms rather than waiting for laboratory testing and medicines will continue to be offered to all those who show symptoms of swine flu at their doctor's discretion.

If you want more general information about swine flu call the automated information line on 0800 1513 513 or go to the NHS Sheffield website at [www.sheffield.nhs.uk/swineflu/](http://www.sheffield.nhs.uk/swineflu/).

# Rubbish at Grimesthorpe

**Residents are again complaining about rubbish dumped on the land at Grimesthorpe owned by developer Redwall.**



The site at the top of Smithies Field has been covered in rubbish and waste since Redwall cleared the green space prior to submitting a planning application for housing and flats in 2005. The Council's Environmental Services have agreed to take action to make the developer clear the rubbish, after the issue was raised by councillors.

Local resident, Sylvia Pennington, said:

*"It's disgusting - it used to be such a beautiful place, a real bit of the countryside in the city, I used to take my children down the path to play in the fields but I couldn't do that with my grandchildren now. Redwall should look after the site."*

Redwall are still pursuing planning permission to build on the site. Their application for flats and houses was submitted in April 2008 which provoked objections from local residents, who said the development was too large. Redwall have now changed the design, removing the block of flats with eight levels and replacing it with a care home for the elderly, with six levels.

The planning applications are likely to be considered by the board in August. Residents can submit comments by post or on the planning website until the planning board meeting.

If you wish to comment contact the Council planning department on 273 4215 or submit a comment via the council website [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk)

## Application numbers

08/01990/REM 20 houses  
08/01999/REM 24 houses  
09/02110/FUL care home (this is a new application replacing the proposed 124 flats)

# Hospital parking problems persist

**Parking continues to be a daily nightmare for residents near the Northern General. The Council put in place an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in March 2009, which means the Council can try parking restrictions to see how well they work.**

The Traffic Regulation department told the Messenger they have received a lot of feedback so far. In response to what residents have said, during July further lines will be put down to protect access to drives and to prevent parking. The work will affect the following streets: Norwood Road, Drive and Place, Crabtree Road, Close, Crescent, Lane and Place, Goddard

# Swine flu advice

**Byron Wood was the first school in our area to confirm cases of swine flu. Since then it has become more widespread but the health authority tells people not to panic.**

Symptoms of swine flu are similar to the symptoms of regular seasonal flu and may include fever, fatigue, lack of appetite, coughing, sore throat, pain in muscles and joints, headache and chills.

The current advice to help limit the spread of swine flu is that if you have





# Sun shines on the Environment Day

Story: Lisa Harrison-Winfindale & Fran Belbin

The sun shone on 31st May the annual Environment Day in Abbeyfield Park, generating the event's best turnout yet. Many of the regular stalls and activities were on display, with seedlings and hanging baskets on sale and plenty of information available about green issues such as recycling and composting. The bike doctors were kept very busy as residents brought their bikes out and made the most of the lovely weather!

Charlie from Melrose Road had a book 'recycling' stall, to promote the idea of a book swap group. "The group could meet every couple of months, each person

Photos by Anwar Suliman except top right by Fran Belbin



initially places six books to swap and takes away up to six books."

To get involved in the book swap group: [downes.charlie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:downes.charlie@yahoo.co.uk)

Staff from Rotherham based Phoenix Falconry, showed their birds of prey to an appreciative crowd.



They said, "We have a static display and a flying display. We have about 20 birds - barn owls, tawny owls, falcons etc. There's been a lot of people asking questions, especially about what we feed them on: - day old chicks, rabbits etc."

Many younger residents were delighted by pony rides. Five year old Erin said "I rode the brown pony called Toby - he had a black mane. I loved it when he walked round in circles!"

# Glorious Firth Park Festival

Story: Lisa Harrison-Winfindale

The Firth Park Festival took place on 28th June, on a gloriously sunny day in the middle of the recent heat wave. Residents from the surrounding areas took full advantage of the beautiful weather to come together and celebrate in a day filled with music, activities, information and fun.

Young people in particular had plenty to do, as much of the festival was taken up by rides for children, and the local police had a car present which children could sit in, try on a helmet and play with the siren.

Fir Vale resident Vince McCarthy said, "It's a lovely day for it. My kids are well occupied, and I'm getting tired just watching them. It's a shame the only food is burgers and hotdogs though - I'm a Celiac so I can't have the bread. I popped up to Somerfield though and grabbed some fruit so I'm happy."



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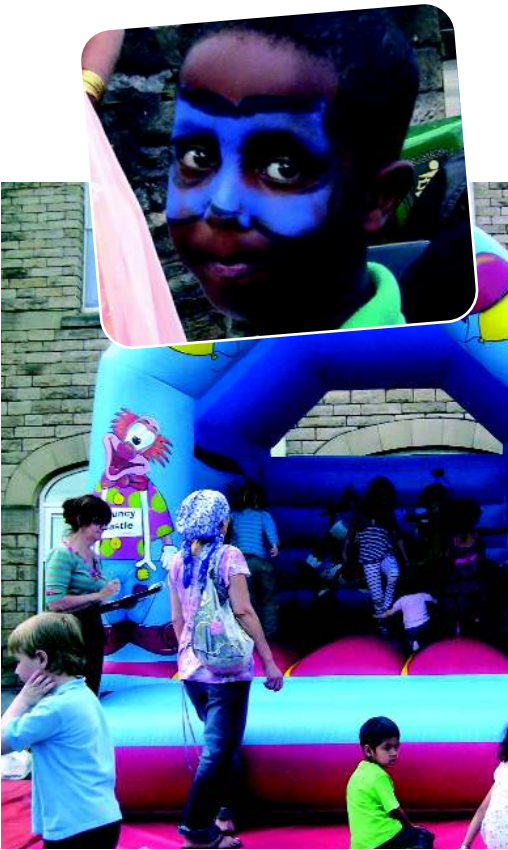
# Fun at Firshill

Story & photos: Rukaiya Hassanali Y5

**On Tuesday 23rd June, Firshill Community Primary School booked a bouncy castle, made some cakes and had a summer fair!**

Thankfully, on that day it was sunshine like no other so we were alright weather wise but what would we do on the stalls? We did: a cake stall, food stall, lollypop stall; a henna stall, a stall where you find a fiver from yellow pages and all sorts of other things as well. A few people actually got soaked by water when we were throwing wet sponges at them. How fun!

Some children got to leave class at 2:00 but some of them had to stay until school was over. This was the best summer fair that we had since...ages!



# Family fun at Byron Wood

Story & photos: Alexis Cowan



**On Wednesday 24th June, Byron Wood's Family Fun Day took place. The weather was great and everyone came out to support the school and have some fun!**

After a difficult year, parents and staff were determined to organise a fun event and to raise money to make activities more sustainable. A grand total of £629 was raised, proving that it was a huge success. £200 is for Year 5 to ensure their trip to Whitby can take place and the rest of the money will be spent on holiday club activities, courses for parents and more events like this.

The event was organised by the Parents' Group, along with Dave Hall (Learning Mentor), Smaira Sadique (Family Advocacy Officer), Alexis Cowan (Extended Schools Coordinator) and Kaltun Mohamed (Community Worker) with the support of the Year 5 team and



# Parkwood Summer Fair

Story & photos: Douglas Johnson

**For "just" a school fair, Parkwood School's summer do was a fun-filled and well-attended day.**



all the school staff on the day. Everyone worked so hard making food and posters, setting up and tidying up the mess afterwards. It was a real team effort!

Norman Hanashi (parent of Farid Hanashi in Y1 and Lina Hanashi in F2) said,

*"It was brilliant! It was a good chance for children to be with their friends and take part in all of the activities. The kids all enjoyed the activities and the food was great. My daughter and son had a really good time - they kept on talking about it, especially the bouncy castle. I think that the school should organise more things similar to this."*



With a sound system, lots of stalls, activities and displays, there was plenty to do for the crowd who attended. There were police dog displays, fire engine rides, dance and singing competitions – and plenty of food.

The presence of primary schools, such as Pye Bank and Watercliffe Meadows, and family activities showed Parkwood's welcoming approach to the younger generation and the whole community.

# A marvellous day

Story: Viva Radja

**A marvellous day of gathering for all the refugees and asylum seekers from all over Burngreave and Sheffield was held on 19th June in the familiar atmosphere of SADACCA.**



The Celebration of Culture was part of refugee week, and was organised by one of the community initiatives officers, Mr Barry Brown, from Refugee Support. He brought together all communities of refugees to celebrate and to demonstrate their original hidden culture. People experienced incredible things such as dancing, traditional food and music from different parts of the world. They were invited to breathe in the cultural atmosphere and to discover what other people provided at the event.

Guests from the Refugee Support were called up on stage to receive their certificates after successfully completed their resettlement programme. Talented people then gave amazing performances of drumming, dancing and poetry that made your eyes pop out!

It was more exciting, brilliant and enjoyable to see other countries dancing styles, and movement. It made you feel like getting out of your chair and having the courage to follow the performers on stage.

Station foyer resident said, "The music, the people and not forgetting the food; I loved all these and it was well planned and organised. I loved all the refugee week events, which took place in June and I found out about other cultures. The food was great."

To find out more about refugee support contact Barry Brown, Community Initiatives Officer at Refugee Support on 267 5250

# ESOL presentation

Story: Farzana & Djamilia | Photos: Farzana Khan



**On 15th June ESOL learners from Whiteways School received certificates for completing entry level one, two and three in English.**

Thirty learners were awarded certificates by Mary Blacka from the Council's Life Long Learning and Skills. Everyone celebrated success by sharing food, which the learners had made.

Usha Blackham, family learning development worker, organises family learning at Whiteways, she told us how the programme had developed:

*"We started off with three or four people doing ESOL, now we have around 36 learners, working in mixed groups. It's good to see people working together and achieving well."*

Students thanked their tutor Margaret Gibson for all her support and presented her with flowers. All the students are visiting Chatsworth House as a reward for their achievements.

Students Aparna and Nareen said, "It's thanks to Margaret our teacher that we have reached this level and succeeded in our exams. She always works hard and is very helpful and supportive. Working in a mixed class was difficult at first but now we work as a group and help each other."

To find out more about family learning at Whiteways contact Usha Blackham on 242 3169.

# Justice and Peace

Story: Pye Bank School Entry 2 ESOL class

**Dave Havard lives and works in New Roots in Burngreave. He and other staff welcome many different people in the café and help them with many things. Dave visited our class and we asked him questions about his life and work in Burngreave.**

He was born and grew up in Chelmsford, near London. He has 3 grown-up children and now lives with his second wife, Arwa.

He has travelled a lot and had different jobs. He first studied to be an electrician. After that he worked in a theatre. In 1985 he became a Christian and trained to be a Deacon in the Church of England. He wanted to work to help people in the community. He said, "I feel that my work in the Church is about justice and peace."



He moved to Canada and lived there for 14 years to work with disabled people. He came to Sheffield in 2002. Now he is working as a volunteer at New Roots and he is also a midday supervisor (or dinner lady) at Firs Hill School.

New Roots started in 2000 and has been "a place where people can come together from different cultures and religions," Dave explained. All the food they sell is Fair Trade, so that it helps the people who grow it. They are also involved in

other activities in the community and campaigning to help local people to keep their shops and jobs.

Dave has visited many countries, including Palestine where he met Arwa. We were very interested to hear about his experiences. He went there in 2007 as a Peacekeeper because he wanted to help the people suffering because of the Israeli occupation. He told us, "life is very difficult for Palestinians living in Hebron because Israeli settlers have moved into their town and soldiers are there to protect the settlers. They stop Palestinians living a normal life and often attack people in the streets." Dave himself was beaten four times while he was helping the Palestinians.

Dave feels himself at home among the many different cultures in Burngreave. He said, "I love to travel, but living in Burngreave I don't have to – the world comes to me". His life is guided by his strong faith and the desire to help people get justice and improve their lives.



# BCR 103.1fm unites the community!

Story: Farhan Ahmed

This is DJ Samosa hitting the keyboard to tell all you lovely readers out there that the one and only BCR radio is on the air. From June this year we heard a full programme bring to the audience a sensation of sound.

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## Jazz at SADACCA

Story: Ben Kirby, Photos: Jack Flanagan

On the evening of Friday 3rd July, "Jazzmotic", a local five-piece jazz collective, played the first of a series of gigs at SADACCA.



With the warm evening sun streaming in through the windows of SADACCA's upstairs hall, it was rather apt that the band opened with the classic jazz standard, "Summertime". With the setting sun on their necks and cool drinks in their hands, a mixed audience settled down at their tables for an informal and relaxing evening of good conversation and quality music.

As candles were lit, the spectators involuntarily tapped, slapped and nodded their way through a diverse selection of lively jazz numbers. Alongside polished renditions of John Coltrane and Herbie Hancock, and a fitting tribute to the late Michael Jackson's musical genius, there was a definite Latin twist to Jazzmotic's set – between the likes of Dizzy Gillespie and Duke Ellington, there was even scope for a bit of bossa nova.

As the evening drew to a close, a member of the audience spoke for everyone when he expressed his frustration that too few people had come along, when the music was so good. Stephen "Mongoose" Naylor (tenor and soprano saxophone) simply replied: "Until you've heard us, we can't convince you that we play 'real' music!"

With cries for more from the audience, the band, clearly at ease and enjoying themselves, slid into one final number – a beautiful rendition of Miles Davis' "All Blue", which topped off a delightful evening, perfectly.

Jazzmotic are Stephen "Mongoose" Naylor (tenor and soprano saxophone), Kent Roach (tenor and baritone saxophone), Errol Francis (piano), Smyli (drums), and Stephen Mosel (double bass).

If you missed out this time, you can catch Jazzmotic the Red House pub, Solly Street on 23rd August. Jazzmotic will be back at SADACCA in the autumn, check the Messenger website for details.

## Sing into summer women's group

Story & photo: Saleema Iman

Three-part harmonies wafted from the Welcome Centre as I approached Christ Church to visit the Tuesday afternoon singing group run by SAGE Greenfingers. Josephine, Lorna, Hazel, Barbara, Carol, Cynthia, Diana and tutors Helen and Kate made me welcome and invited me to join them in singing 'Rosa Parks' which they were rehearsing.

First run at the Burngreave Vestry Hall from October last year, calling itself 'Sing through the winter', this friendly group invite all women to their sessions.

On average 12 women turn up each week to share the sessions previously funded by New Deal, now by the City Council. The sessions finish in July, but Greenfingers very much hope to continue them if funding is available.

"Previous singing experience is not a requirement, just being able to enjoy making music in the company of others", said Helen. "It's the process of learning



what you can do individually and with others that is important. It's amazing to see relationships developing and the increase in confidence that some participants now show. All the feedback is positive."

During tea break Lorna talked about and played her personal favourite tracks from home. Each week someone different brings in their own music to share.

Suitably refreshed, we then launched into 'All Will Be Well', another four-part harmony song new to the group. The session ended with arrangements being made to visit a concert together and as I left, Carol called, "Come again."

**For more information, contact:**

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Helen: 0114 266 1943**





## St Catherine's old and new

Story: Year 3 class - Hamzah, Isbah, Alex, Hannah, Morgan, Danyaal, Zoe, Ben, Zo, Joshua, Armani and Daanish

**On Monday 29th June 2009 St Catherine's School held a Heritage Week to celebrate our school getting bigger.**

The old school used to be on Andover Street and it was shut down in 1974. The old school was knocked down and the new one was built on Firshill Crescent.

### Going to the past

Year 2 are doing a time-line with pictures about how long the old school was open for and when it was shut and when the new school opened. "We found putting a time-line together helped us understand the direction the school has taken," explained Miss Walker (Y2 teacher)

### Books come alive!

Year 6 and Year 5 are going to the library to meet real-life books. The Living Books were Mr Robinson (ex-Governor), Mrs Watson (ex - pupil), Father Stoker and Mrs Easton (teaching assistant). What you do is you ask questions and the visitors answer. "We are so lucky to have so many people who are willing to be books," said Miss Latter, Year 5 teacher. "I liked it when Mr Robinson told us about how the toilets used to freeze in the winter," said Jack Green

### Picture present

The 5 to 6 year old children were creating a scrap book about the new site. They looked at different photos and picked out which ones go in the scrapbook. "They have worked ever so hard. They have done it by using the computers and looking at other pictures" said Miss Barker. "It was very good" said Joshua.



Foundation pupils dress for each decade that St Catherine's has seen.

### Chatting to Mrs Bower

Mrs Bower was the head teacher before Mrs Rigby. She came and told everyone about the old school building on Andover Street. There was a massive hole in the roof and they were not allowed on the floor because they got splinters. Mrs Bower said that the playground was so small they didn't have enough places to play. They knocked it down because it was not safe.

### New site

Year 3 visited the new site and the builder called Clive explained the things that were in the building. We saw a multi-faith room that means any religion can come and pray. We had to wear helmets because bricks can fall on you and glowing vests for the people to see us.

### Andover Street

We visited the old school site at Andover Street. We saw where the school and playground used to be. We saw where the playground was on a steep hill. We saw where they used to get their food from.

Mrs Rigby said, "This week is going really well. This is a great day."

Everybody has had fun in what they are doing. The Y3 class have fun because their newspaper articles are going in the Burngreave Messenger.

Year 3 pupil's visit the site of the new school expansion.



### Living Book- Ken Robinson

Interview by Farah, Antonia and Adam as part of Heritage Week's living library.

#### How has the school changed?

I first came to St Catherine's on Andover Street in April 1929. There has been a dramatic change. There is no comparison between the new school and the one on Andover Street. It was a very old building. The windows started approximately two metres from the ground. There were 30 children per class, two children per desk. There were no school dinners, you brought your own sandwiches. We were made cups of coco though.

The school moved so that the children could have modern amenities. I was a school governor for 17 years. Initially the school was designed to be open plan, that was the vogue at the time.

#### Do you remember any funny stories from when you were at school?

I remember dashing out of school at the end of the day, running against the guard rail, banging my hand down, and breaking my wrist. It was my left hand and had to be set. The teacher thought I might try to get out of writing (because I'm left handed) and said I must learn to write with my right hand. The teacher's were very good. They were firm, rather than strict. Sister Vieni imparted a lot of information and knowledge to me. We had an excellent grounding in English..

#### How has the area changed?

The current school used to be allotments. In fact, Firshill wasn't buildings, it was all allotments. Pitsmoor was lived in by very high class people. Burngreave Road used to have seven or eight doctors living on it from Spital Hill to the Tollbar. There were a lot of dentists. And people from the steel works, all skilled jobs.

*St Catherine's are collecting the information from their Heritage Week for an exhibition to celebrate the opening of the school extension in September. You can find more photos and work by the children on the Messenger website.*



# Firshill and Pitsmoor Local History Group

Story: Marion Graham

**We are a small group of people who live on Firshill estate in Sheffield.**

When Adult Education offered to provide a tutor for any courses which might be of interest to people living in the area, the estate opted for IT lessons and the formation of a group of people interested in local history. For about a year we had help from the tutor, John Hopkins, who pointed us in the right direction for researching the history of Firshill and Pitsmoor. We included 'Pitsmoor' in the title of our group because many of our members (we started off with about 22) had been born and spent most of their lives in the Pitsmoor area - now generally referred to as Burngreave - and so most of their early memories were about Pitsmoor.

## A close community

Firshill estate was built in the 1970s and lots of people were moved from the Ellesmere, Petre Street and Carwood areas, to the new flats and houses at Firshill. So, at that time many of the people who came to Firshill already knew each other, having lived in quite a close community. They had attended the same schools, married in the same churches and raised their families around the same time. Lots of the men worked in the same local steelworks and factories and had spent their leisure time together in the local pubs. And, of course, they had gone through World War 2 together - the men in the armed forces and the women 'keeping the home-fires burning'.

So, when our History Group began, we just reminisced about old times and when we were young. We spent lots of time chatting and recollecting days gone by - we are champions at talking! We were encouraged by the tutor to bring in old photographs and other items to stir memories. We ended up with a huge collection of really old pictures and stories. Then we thought it would be good to get some of our recollections down on paper - so that they would not be lost completely. Hence our first venture into



publishing - "Down Memory Lane" - consisted of a mixed selection of reminiscences about living in Firshill and Pitsmoor from the 1920s onwards.

## Recording the past

Flushed with success at actually producing that journal, it seemed natural to make the next step a record of our time at school, so that today's children would realise what they had missed! Our "Schooldays" booklet followed and was very well-received.

We still couldn't stop chatting at our weekly gathering and the result was a third journal "Do you remember..." - another mixed collection of memories widely circulated amongst our members and their families - our contribution to posterity! Some of our articles have been reproduced in the Sheffield Weston Park Museum. And, not to be left out of modern technology, we also have several stories in the BBC People's War website.

We were also involved in a local project, supported by the Museums and Libraries Department which resulted in the publication of a comprehensive book of memories of people and places in the Burngreave (Pitsmoor) area of Sheffield - 'Burngreave Voices'.

So, maybe others of our and following generations might like to read some of our reminiscences. Our stories are primarily about the lives of the people in Firshill and Pitsmoor, rather than the physical history of the area and we hope they might prove interesting and/or amusing and stir a few memories. Maybe we will include some articles in future issues of The Messenger.

# Firshill TARA AGM

Story: Sarah Cooper

**The AGM of Firshill Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) on 16th June at St Catherine's School was very well attended, with local residents able to question the Fire Service, Police, Sheffield Homes, and local councillors.**

Wendy Barlow of Sheffield Homes took questions about the lettings policy in relation to properties with adaptations; the wide age-range living in some blocks and vacant properties. Residents were

assured that comments will be taken back and discussed at future board meetings. Wendy said that from the end of this summer Firshill will have its own dedicated Sheffield Homes officer, with regular surgeries.

P.C. Gareth Webb reported recent arrests of drug dealers causing problems on the estate and Sue Butler from South Yorkshire Fire Service offered free home fire-safety checks and the fitting of free smoke alarms with a 10 year battery-life, contact the Fire Service on 253 2314.

2009 will see work progressing on the 'Walking Wonderland', and funding bids

in for an Older Person's Play Area (outdoor fitness equipment), a spruce-up for the children's play area, and a Street Party to finish off the year.

Pauline West was elected Chair and Maureen Scott vice-chair, with Sue Harris secretary and Jo Wallis Treasurer. Other elected committee members were Barry Scott, Anne Murphy, Kevin Murphy, Vince Conroy and Jamie Reedman with Milton and Marian Graham Honorary Committee members.

If you can help report on news and issues on the Firshill Estate, contact the Messenger on 242 0564.

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# Summer activities for young people in Burngreave

All activities are free and open to all unless otherwise stated

## Art, Craft & Media

### Art, Craft & Games (8-18yrs)

27th July & 3rd August, 12pm-2pm  
Cornerstone Building, Carwood Road  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project 07886 777 068

### Arts & Craft (8-13yrs)

Tuesdays 28th July - 11th August, 2pm-4pm  
Pitsmoor Adventure Playground, Melrose Road  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project 07886 777 068

### Art & Graffiti Workshop on gun & knife crime (13-19yrs)

Fridays 24th, 31st July & 7th August, 5.30pm-9pm  
Earl Marshal Connexions Centre, Heathcote Street  
Contact Denise Raynes, Sheffield Futures 201 8580

### Bookstart Book Crawl (0-4yrs)

#### Quest Seekers (older children)

Read 6 books over the summer holidays and get a membership card, poster and certificate  
Burngreave Library, 179 Spital Hill  
Children need to join the library – ask staff for details  
Contact Janet, Burngreave Library 203 9002

### Radio Sessions (13-19yrs)

Thursdays from the 23rd July, 5pm-7pm  
Burngreave Community Radio, Sorby House  
Contact Streetworx 201 8570

### Beauty & Photography Course, Catwalk Project (12+)

Dates and times TBC  
10 sessions  
Fir Vale Centre  
Contact Diane Haimeed, Burngreave Study Support 303 0141

## Playschemes

### Reach High 2 Playscheme\* (8-13yrs) £1

Arts & crafts, beading, canvas painting, sports, healthy eating  
Monday to Friday 3rd - 28th August, 10am-3pm  
Firs Hill Community Primary School  
Contact Nasira Amin, (Reach High 2) 07834 468 138  
(Please wear trainers so you can take part in the sports)  
\*Details are subject to change

### SADACCA Playscheme (7-13yrs)

Monday - Thursday 27th July - 20th August, 10am-4pm  
SADACCA, 48 Wicker  
Contact Carmelita Duncan 275 3479

### Kids Can Do Project (8-13yrs)

Games, Art, Music, Drama, Dance and Sport  
Wednesdays 29th July - 12th August, 4pm-7pm  
SADACCA, 48 Wicker  
Contact Carmelita Duncan 275 3479

### All Saints Playscheme (8-12yrs)

Monday - Friday (ring to confirm dates) 10am-3pm  
All Saints Centre, Lyons Close  
Contact Courtney Sterling, Sheffield Futures 256 2940

## Outdoor Activities

### Fun activities - sports and play in the park (8-14yrs)

Mondays & Wednesdays 27th July - 12th August, 6.30pm-8pm  
Nottingham Cliff Park  
Contact Hendrik Klaver, Christ Church 07771 590 034  
(Clothing suitable for physical exercise)

### BME Young Women accessing the countryside (13-19yrs)

Thursdays 23th, 30th July & 13th August, All day  
Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures 201 8581

### Go Ape - Outdoor Activity Centre - Sherwood Forest (13yrs+)

Saturday 15th August, All Day  
Contact Diane Haimeed, Burngreave Study Support 303 0141  
(Trainers, jogging bottoms, loose clothing)

### Hesley Woods Activity Centre - Chapeltown (10yrs+)

Thursday 30th July, All Day  
Contact Diane Haimeed, Burngreave Study Support 303 0141  
(Trainers, jogging bottoms, loose clothing)

### Forest Playscheme (children & families)

Biking, sports, games and activities  
Thursdays 23rd July - 27 August, 11am-4pm  
Parkwood Springs, Cooks Wood Road  
Contact Catherine Nuttgens, Sheffield Council 273 6199

### Bushcraft Skills (10-14yrs accompanied by an adult)

Learn to make shelters, campfire cooking and using tools  
Tuesday 4th August, 10.30am-4.30pm - places limited  
Roe Woods, Norwood Road entrance  
Contact Council Rangers 240 3578

### Maps and things (10-14yrs)

Map reading and orienteering  
Fridays 7th & 28th August, 11am-2pm  
Parkwood Springs, Cooks Wood Road  
Contact Council Rangers 245 9749

### Grass sledging (children & families)

Monday 10th & Friday 21st August, 10am-12pm  
Osgathorpe Park, play area  
Contact Council Rangers 245 9749

### Canoeing Trip - Rother Valley Country Park (8-13yrs)

Thursday 6th August - limited places  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project 07886 777 068

## Pitsmoor Adventure Playground

### Summer Programme

(8-14yrs under 8s welcome if accompanied by an adult)  
Daily activities including junk modelling, painting, pool & table tennis, sports, treasure hunt, competitions and T-shirt printing  
Tuesday - Saturday 21st July - 2nd September, 10.30am-6pm

### Summer Read

Making posters, animal masks & story telling - free book  
Wednesday 22nd July & 19th August, 1pm-2pm

### Environmental Play

Tuesday 28th July, 10.30am-2pm  
Pitsmoor Adventure Playground, Melrose Road  
Contact Denise 203 9394



# Football

## 5-a-side Football (Mixed 8-16yrs)

Wednesdays 22nd July - 2nd September, 1pm-3pm  
Pitsmoor Adventure Playground, Melrose Road  
Contact Danny Kemp, Activity Sheffield 273 5559

## Football Coaching (Mixed 8-16yrs)

with Sheffield Wednesday  
Mondays 27th July - 17th August, 11am-3pm  
Fir Vale School, Owler Lane  
You will need: shin pads, suitable kit (no metal studs), packed lunch & drinks. Children must bring a completed application form in order to take part. Forms available from SWFC on 221 2215 or email: [community@sheffieldwednesday.co.uk](mailto:community@sheffieldwednesday.co.uk)

## Football Training Blast Off (11-16yrs)

Wednesdays through the summer, 4pm-5.30pm  
Fir Vale School, Owler Lane  
Contact Lee Smith 273 4266  
(Bring suitable clothing)

## Boxing & Football (13-19yrs)

Thursdays 23rd July - 13th August, 6pm-9.30pm  
Fir Vale Sports Centre  
Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures 201 8581

## Football Coaching (8-13yrs)

Thursdays 23rd July - 20th August, 5.30pm-7.30pm  
Byron Wood Football Pitch  
Contact Mohamed Bashe, IT-CSSS 07837 759 238

# Bikes & Cycling

## Mountain Biking Trip - Derwent Valley (8-13yrs)

Thursday 30th July - limited places  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project 07886 777 068

## Cycling\* (Girls 8-13yrs) 50p

Thursdays 6th - 27th August, 3pm-6pm

## Cycling\* (Boys 8-13yrs) 50p

Mondays 3rd - 24th August, 3pm-6pm  
Meet Firs Hill Community Primary School  
Bring bottled water/ drinks money. You must be able to ride a bike  
Contact Nasira Amin, (Reach High 2) 07834 468 138  
\*Details are subject to change

## Bike Riding, Canoeing at Rother Valley (13yrs+)

Thursday 23rd July, Wednesday 5th & 12th August  
and Monday 17th August, Half Day  
Contact Diane Haimeed, Burngreave Study Support 303 0141

## Bike Riding - Derwent Valley (Mixed 13-19yrs)

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 28th August, 9.30am-3.30pm  
Contact Streetworx 201 8570

## Bike Days at Pitsmoor Adventure Playground (8-14yrs)

Cycle maintenance, bike safety and off-road riding techniques  
Beginning in August - for more information look out for local publicity or contact: 07855 726 653 for details

# Dance and Circus Skills

## Circus Skills (8-13yrs)

Monday 3rd August, 2pm-4pm  
Cornerstone Building, Carwood Road  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project 07886 777 068

## Dance Workshop - Venue TBC (8-13yrs)

Tuesdays 4th & 11th August, 6.30pm-8.30pm  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project 07886 777 068  
(Wear clothing suitable for physical exercise)

## Acrobatics (12+ children accompanied by adult)

Learn handstands, cart wheels, hand springs and more!  
Thursdays 23rd July - 27th August, 5.30pm-7pm  
Greentop Community Circus Centre, 74 Holywell Road  
£7 or £5 Concessions  
Contact Beth Caudle, Greentop 244 8828

## Circus for All (All ages, children accompanied by adult)

Have a go at juggling, stilt walking, tight wire, trapeze and more!  
Saturdays July 25th & August 22nd, 11am-2pm  
Greentop Community Circus Centre, 74 Holywell Road  
£3 adults £1 kids  
Contact Beth Caudle, Greentop 244 8828

# Sports

## Karate (Mixed 8-16yrs) £3.50

Mondays 20th July - 31st August, 7pm-9pm  
Verdon Rec Centre  
Contact Danny Kemp, Activity Sheffield 273 5559

## Sports Van (8-16yrs)

**Abbeyfield Park:**  
Mondays 20th July to 31st August, 11am-1pm  
**Osgathorpe Park:**  
Tuesdays 21st July to 1st September, 2pm-3.30pm  
**Wensley Estate:**  
Fridays 24th July - 4th September, 2pm-3.30pm

Contact Danny Kemp, Activity Sheffield 273 5559

## Table Tennis (8-16yrs) 30p

Mondays 20th July to 31st August, 7pm-9pm  
Verdon Rec Centre  
Contact Danny Kemp, Activity Sheffield 273 5559

## Sports Camp (Mixed 8-16yrs) 30p

Tuesdays 21st July to 25th August, 1pm-3pm  
Verdon Rec Centre  
Contact Danny Kemp, Activity Sheffield 273 5559

## Boxing (Girls 13+)

Wednesdays 29th July - 19th August, 7pm-8pm  
Glyn Rhodes Gym, Burton Street  
Contact Diane Haimeed, Burngreave Study Support 303 0141

## Swimming (Girls 8yrs+) £1

Sundays 19th & 26th July and 16th August, 3pm-6pm  
House Of Elliott, Penistone Road  
Contact Diane Haimeed, Burngreave Study Support 303 0141

## Sports Van (8-13yrs)

Wednesdays 29th July - 12th August, 12pm-3pm  
Sports field next to All Saints Connexions Centre  
Thursday 13th August, 12pm-3pm - Abbeyfield Park  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project 07886 777 068  
(Wear clothing suitable for physical exercise)

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# Trips and Events

## Trips with Burngreave Study Support

Contact Diane Haimeed 303 0141

### Avon on Tyrell Residential Centre (Girls 13yrs+)

Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd July, 3 day residential

### Cinema – Cineworld (8yrs+)

Tuesdays 28th July - 18th August, 4pm

### Drayton Manor (10yrs+) £2

Monday 20th July, 8am-7pm

### London Residential (Girls 13+) 10 places available

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th August, 3 day residential

### Manchester Summer Mela (13+)

Saturday 25th July, All Day

### One-off activities through the summer (8-13yrs+)

Check 'Burngreave Study Support' on Facebook & bebo for details

Contact Diane Haimeed, Burngreave Study Support 303 0141

### Sistahood Residential with Chilypep (13-19yrs)

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th August

Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures 201 8581

### Trips with Streetworx

Contact Streetworx 201 8570

### Bowling – Centertainments (Mixed 13-19yrs)

Tuesdays 21st July & 25th August, 1.30pm

### Go Karting – Avago Karting, Rotherham (Mixed 13-19yrs)

Friday 14th August, 1pm-4.30pm

Wednesday 26th August, 1pm- 3.30pm

### Cinema - Virgin Cinema (13-19yrs)

Tuesday 4th August, 2.30pm-6pm

Tuesday 18th August, 2.30pm-4.30pm

### Music, Games, Food and Drink (13-19yrs)

Saturdays 8th & 22nd August, 1-4pm

Nottingham Cliff Park

Contact Streetworx 201 8570

### Celebrating diversity

Jamaican (6th) & Pakistani (14th) Independence (13-19yrs)

Thursday 6th & Friday 14th August, 11am-4pm

Earl Marshal Connexions Centre, Heathcote Street

Contact Elaine Virgo, Sheffield Futures 201 8580

# Training

## Lifeguard Training Course

(16+ separate courses - boys & girls)

4 full days at the end of August, 9am-6pm

Chapelton Baths

Contact Diane Haimeed, Burngreave Study Support 303 0141

## Young People's Health Clinic (13-19yrs)

Drugs, alcohol, smoking, healthy eating and sexual health

Thursdays 23rd July - 13th August, 3.30pm-5.30pm

Earl Marshal Connexions Centre, Heathcote Street

Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures 201 8581

## Young Fire Fighters Course (Mixed 13-19yrs)

Five full days in July, 9am-4pm

Elm Lane Fire Station

Contact Streetworx 201 8570 or Diane Haimeed 303 0141

# Youth Clubs

## The Hangout (8-14yrs)

Chillin' with the Wii, X-Box, table football, pool, arts, craft & snax

Tuesdays 28th July - 11th August, 6.30pm-8pm

Welcome Centre, Nottingham Street

Contact Hendrik Klaver, Christ Church 07771 590 034

## Youth Tower (15-18yrs)

Activities including watching movies, karaoke and active games

Wednesdays 29th July - 12th August, 8pm-9.30pm

Welcome Centre, Nottingham Street

Contact Hendrik Klaver, Christ Church 07771 590 034

## Just 4 Girls (13-19yrs)

A variety of activities including dance, art, hair and make-up

Tuesdays 21st July - 11th August, 2pm-5pm

Pakistani Advice & Community Association, Page Hall Rd

Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures 201 8581

## All Saints Youth Club (13-19yrs)

Monday – Friday 20th July - 28th August

3-9pm (Monday & Friday) 10am-9pm (Tuesday - Thursday)

All Saints Centre, Lyons Close

Contact Courtney Sterling, Sheffield Futures 256 2940

## Earl Marshal Youth Club (13-19yrs)

20th July - 13th August

Daytime: Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10am-4pm

Evening: Mondays 6.30pm-9pm & Fridays 5.30pm-9pm

Earl Marshal Connexions Centre, Heathcote Street

Contact Elaine Virgo, Sheffield Futures 201 8580

## Fir Vale Youth Project (13-19yrs)

Activities including football and cricket

20th July - 30th August

Monday - Thursday, 1pm-4pm & Sundays 4pm-7pm (8-13yrs)

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6pm-9pm (until 20th August)

The Pavilion, Osgathorpe Park

Contact Mahmood Hussain 07738 503 497

## Embrace - Refugees & Asylum Seekers (13-19yrs)

Wednesdays – ongoing, 4pm-6pm

Earl Marshal Connexions Centre, Heathcote Street

Contact Elaine Virgo, Sheffield Futures 201 8580

## Slovakian young people's group (13-19yrs)

Tuesdays 21st July, 4th & 11th August, 5pm-7pm

Earl Marshal Connexions Centre, Heathcote Street

Contact Elaine Virgo, Sheffield Futures 201 8580

## Verdon Rec Junior Club (8-16yrs) 30p

Tuesdays & Thursdays 21st July - 3rd September, 4.30pm-6pm

Verdon Rec Centre

Contact Danny Kemp, Activity Sheffield 273 5559

## Jeevan Project (13-19yrs)

Activities & trips with BME young people with disabilities

Summer Saturdays: Girls 2pm-4pm, Boys 4.30pm-6.30pm

Pakistani Advice & Community Association, Page Hall Rd

Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures 201 8581

## BME NEETs drop in (13-19yrs)

Thursdays 23rd July - 13rd August, 6.30pm-8.00pm

Earl Marshal Connexions Centre, Heathcote Street

Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures 201 8581



# Welcoming Café

Story: Derrick Okrah

**On July 16th last year a local support group: 'Dementia? Welcome! Cafe' was born. The group believes that living with Dementia can, and should, include joy in life and a sense of community. The group is made up of volunteers, some with dementia, and professionals with experience in coping with the disease.**

The Alzheimer's Society defines dementia as progressive symptoms that occur when the brain is affected by specific diseases and conditions, but how quickly symptoms get worse depends on the individual.

Nick Edmondson, volunteer and group contact, said: "We make each other welcome with drinks and biscuits, tell and listen to each other's long stories, share information, play dominoes and sometimes follow the rules and, oh, don't worry if the subject suddenly changes before there's a conclusion."

The Café based at The Furnival Community Centre includes local community members and Grosvenor care home residents. Family carers, workers and people living with dementia all contribute to the life of the group. "A year ago we would have



never dreamt of such a success. Students have been a great help in publicising the Cafe, their hard work has certainly helped it to develop. The group takes part in activities, outings and learning and recently exhibited a painting at the Dementia Creative Arts Exhibition at the Northern General Hospital".

Local resident, Farhan, said: "If you ever need a cup of tea and someone to talk to on a Wednesday morning, this is just the place to be."

There is no formal process involved in joining the group, anybody can drop in for a cup of tea and a chat. The Café is open from 11.00am to 2.00pm every Wednesday at the Furnival Centre in Verdon Street.

## Visit from the new Bishop

Story & photo: John Mellor

**The new Anglican Bishop of Sheffield, Dr Steven Croft, visited Burngreave in June. Speaking at Christ Church, Pitsmoor, Bishop Steven said, 'The Christian church is the community called into being by Jesus. And we are called to be like him, not full of ourselves and our own achievements but full of our need of God – it's a big call and a holy one'.**



The meeting, held just before the European elections, was also given a message of 'Hope not hate' from Burngreave's 84-year-old Normandy veteran, Ken Riley. Urging everyone to stop the BNP, Ken said: "Some of the lads who went on D-Day and who never came back were barely old enough to vote. If they had made it through the fight against fascism they would be voting now to stop the BNP".

This message reflected another 'Hope not hate' meeting in the city centre in June co-ordinated by Abdul Gafoor of the Islamic Society of Britain. Bishop Steven has emphasised the importance of our different groups working together for the welfare of the city, in learning from each other and sharing concerns which we have in common. He saw himself, in his new role, very much as a learner and as a pilgrim treading new paths.

## Carwood Hanging Basket Days

Story: Michelle Cook  
Photo: Marc Charlton

**Carwood TARA held another of their Hanging Basket Days On 6th June. Despite the poor weather, people turned out to have their empty baskets refilled with an abundance of colourful plants, all for only £5.00.**



Following repairs, the community centre will reopen for use from Thursday 23rd July, when the TARA host the first of many regular coffee mornings, 11am till 1pm.

Unfortunately the TARA's plans to hold luncheon clubs and other food events have been dashed due to the lack of an extra wash hand basin being installed when the kitchen was refurbished. Consequently the brand new cooker must be removed in order to meet health and safety requirements.

A series of summer trips have been organised by the TARA. - A free walk from Endcliffe Park to Forge Dam on 28th July. Meet at Endcliffe Park cafe at 11am. Sorry no unaccompanied children under 16.

-Thoresby Market, 9th August. - The Butterfly Farm at Anston, 13th August. Tickets for both of these will be on sale from the TARA office 22 Carwood Green, Tuesdays 4.30pm till 5.30pm. Further details and ticket prices from 0114 243 3192





## Dorrett goes to Buckingham Palace

Story: Nikky Wilson

**Burngreave resident, Dorrett Buckley-Greaves, recently had one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences; she went to Buckingham Palace to receive an MBE for 50 years of service for black and ethnic minority communities in Sheffield. Having been included in the New Year's honours list, she finally got her chance to go to the palace and receive her award on the 11th June. I went to meet her to find out more about this event...**

"Oh it was simply exhilarating!" she told me. "I had never ever dreamed that I would gain such an award! In fact when the letter first arrived from the palace, I didn't quite believe it and I didn't even tell anyone. It wasn't until a palace official rang me to ask if I was accepting it that it began to seem real. And now I know it absolutely was!"

### Regal and elegant

*"The ceremony was so regal and everyone was so elegant. I was brought into a huge banqueting hall on the day itself (even helped to climb the stairs by a very gallant guard in full uniform). After refreshments and a briefing on what to do, we all waited our turn to receive our award. With a guard at my arm to guide me, I stepped forward to meet Prince Charles, he congratulated me, shook my*

*hand and pinned the medal to my dress. He then proceeded to ask me about the things I had done to receive my award and where I was from ... and he was very enthusiastic about Jamaica! It was such a lovely, reassuring conversation - I felt very special."*

*"When I think of the things I have done with my life, I'm just so thankful that I have been able to make people proud of me and that the work I have done has been recognised by others. I did it from my heart, never expecting rewards, but it's still nice to know that they appreciated my efforts and nominated me for this award. My motto has always been, 'Let my life be a light to the world,' and over the years I've tried to follow this constantly."*

### Suitcase and sewing machine

Arriving in Sheffield in 1956 with just a suitcase and a sewing machine, Dorrett quickly settled into life in Sheffield and became involved in many different activities.

*"Over the years I've been a founder member of lots of different groups, helping to set up what is now known as SADACCA (Sheffield and District African Caribbean Community Association), the 50 Plus Group and the Elders Congress. I've been a teacher, a specialist foster mother for young black teenagers, a ward housekeeper at the Northern General Hospital and I've also*

*worked for Social Services, making home visits to elderly people and helping as a lay inspector of care homes. And through the church I've offered support and comfort to many lonely people who faced difficulties. Much of my work has been as a volunteer but it's given me a great deal of pleasure to know that I've used my abilities to help others. So this award finally brings me much happiness."*

The last question for the interview had to be, "What did you wear on such an occasion?"

"Well", Dorrett told me, "I had vowed not to spend too much money on an outfit but when I went looking, this dress just jumped out at me! It was a beautiful blue, long and flowing, just right for such a stately occasion ... and not too expensive. And it matched my 'queenie' hat, a great big saucer of a hat covered in blue feathers that I had worn to my daughter's wedding."

Looking at Dorrett's photos of the day, it was indeed an eye catching combination, worn with elegance and grace just right for a day at the palace, talking to Prince Charles!

# 10 years of the Burngreave Messenger

## 1999

In July 1999 the first issue of the Burngreave Messenger was put together by volunteers, who were “determined that it would be the property of local people and reflect their views.”



## The voice of the community

On the front page of the first issue was “Marching for Justice” in support of Anthony Green, who had been knocked off this bike by a police car driven by plain-clothes officers and then run over again. Supporting local people’s campaigns has been a key part of the Messenger ever since. Anthony’s case led to greater openness in the police complaints process

## 2000

### Reporting on New Deal

In March 2000 we first heard the news that Burngreave was in line for over £50 million from the New Deal for Communities programme. “We are only just starting out organising the ‘Partnership’ but we have been given 9 months to sort this out and start the serious debate: what do we want to do with this opportunity?” It didn’t take long for people to realise that, along with all the things it could achieve, the money could cause a lot of trouble and disappointment.

## 2001

### It’s all happening

There’s always tons going on in Burngreave; that’s one of the reasons the Messenger was needed – to let people know what is happening and to celebrate all the great activities local residents are involved in.

Abbeyfield Festival is just one example, here from the July 2001 issue.



## 2002

### Supporting residents to get their voices heard

When Woodside’s demolition was confirmed in March 2002, residents were already suffering from the serious neglect of the estate. We would later feature a successful campaign to keep

some of the “wavy-roofed” houses and report on new problems for the remaining residents, who were forced to live with rubble, dust and rats for months.

## 2003

### Stop the violence

Violent crime has featured in the Messenger too often in its 10 year history. In 2003, the death of Lester Divers and Gerald Smith sparked calls for action to prevent another generation facing violent deaths. The tragic deaths of young people in the years that followed have shown that action is needed more than ever.

## 2004

### A lot to be proud of

Young, old and in-between, many have shared their achievements in the community with the Messenger. From success in sport such as completing the Mile Run or competing in the local football team. To writing the best poem or gaining a degree. To receiving a New Year honour from the Area Panel for work in the community.

## 2005

### Community action

Demolition has been a recurring theme in the last 10 years. In 2005 the Masterplan threatened to clear a lot of Page Hall of housing as well as businesses on Kilton Hill and Spital Hill. We were proud to support residents who fought and won the battle to save their homes and businesses.

## 2006

### Business as usual

The Messenger has supported local businesses to promote their services throughout our 10 years. In February 2006 Spital Hill shops were battling with road closures because of the Ring Road – our guide to Spital Hill said loud and clear that it was business as usual on the Hill.

## 2007

### News and views

As a monthly or bi-monthly newspaper, we don’t get to respond instantly to unfolding events, but our website has opened up a new world. When the Wicker flooded in June 2007, cutting Burngreave off from the rest of the city, we reported the flooding with photos and updates on the situation as it developed.



Later we gathered views and experiences from residents and businesses for the printed edition.

## 2008

### Listening to young people

Young people have always been a key part of the Messenger. In recent years they have taken on the reporting for the Messenger themselves - making sure the voices of young people are heard, and also showing their skills as writers and photographers. In June 2008, the local Youth Council made the front page reporting on their campaign to get their voices heard.

## 2009

### Into the future remembering the past

Burngreave has a rich past. Even in the recent past, there is a lot to be discovered and remembered. With the help of residents’ memories, we have documented the changes the area has seen and the important moments in people’s lives. In June 2009, Ken Riley, a World War 2 veteran, showed us that the past should never be forgotten as he campaigned to stop fascists for a second time in the Euro-elections.



# Memories of Abbeyfield Park

Last issue we marked a hundred years of Abbeyfield Park as a public park. This issue residents share their memories of the park over the last 70 years.

*In front of Abbeyfield House, looking across the park, there is now a five-a-side football pitch which used to be the second bowling green, the first one is still next to Barnsley Road. Going back further there was a lake where children sailed toy boats, amongst resident swans.*

*At the side of the house are some small buildings, originally the stable block. In the 1940s the park keeper lived there and had a workroom where he could watch the park. He was very particular about keeping the park nice and might administer a slap on the legs to children going on 'his' grass.*

Elizabeth Shaw, talking to Abbeyfield Bowlers

*I first played bowls at Abbeyfield Park about 20 years ago when there were still two bowling greens in use. Anyone wishing to have a casual game of bowls had to get permission from the Park Keeper. His office was near the top bowling green. From there he collected green fees and loaned out the equipment: two Crown Green Bowls, a smaller Jack and a mat to stand on when bowling.*

*However, for the Park Keeper the most important consideration was that the player had the right kind of smooth soled shoes with no heel, to protect the grass. He was very keen on checking your shoes met his standards. If they didn't he would not allow you on the green.*

Gordan Shaw

*Eric, the Park Superintendent, and Audrey Stokes lived at Abbeyfield Park House for many years. He was friends with both the older folk, who daily played bowls and dominos and the younger ones too. He worked hard to keep the park looking good.*

*The house had been a school many years ago and his wife and daughter told me that several people who worked there had, when it was quiet, heard children laughing and playing.*

*Sadly Eric is not with us now, but I'm sure he is remembered by many*

Joyce, Firshill History Group



Courtesy of Local Studies Library

*Storrs School at Bents Green. After school I got a bus or a tram into town and then the tram for Firth Park and got off at Abbeyfield Park gates and collected my brother in his push chair. I then walked home up Orphanage Road through Roe Woods (no Firshill estate back then just allotments and woodland) to Fairbank Road where I lived. I don't think it was ever considered that it might not be safe for either of us. Sometimes we were even a little bit late getting home because we had stopped to look at the swans and ducks on the pond in the park - but that was okay too.*

*Later when our children were young, we lived in Roe Lane and visited the playground in the Park quite regularly. The nursery and the duck pond had gone but it was still a beautiful very well maintained park, but woe betide us if we walked on the grass....*

Marion Graham, Firshill History Group

*When my daughter was born in 1952 we lived on Grimesthorpe Road and I went in Abbeyfield Park everyday, to sit around the bowling green.*

*In winter the pond iced over and people would come and skate on it! We had some hard winters back then.*

*I remember Eric very well, he kept the park immaculate, it was lovely. There were little notices saying keep off the grass.*

Flo, Firshill History Group

# Abbeyfield House needs a new roof

**Water has been pouring into the Abbeyfield House during the recent heavy rain, due to a leaking roof which the Council has failed to fix.**

Council officers say the roof can no longer be repaired and must be replaced. The issue has been referred to Corporate Property for them to consider it for capital spend. However the money in the capital pot is tiny in comparison to cost of repairs needed to buildings across the city. Abbeyfield House will be up against

high profile buildings which need urgent maintenance, including the Central Library.

Abbeyfield House, which has been the Messenger's base for 10 years, is more than 150 years old, but is now in danger of becoming unfit for use. The Council recognise that an empty building will quickly decline into ruin, but action to prevent further damage by the water looks unlikely.



Write to or email the Messenger if you think Abbeyfield House should be saved, [mail@burngreavemessenger.org](mailto:mail@burngreavemessenger.org)



## Ellesmere Multicultural Event

Story: Michelle Cook  
Photos: Marc Charlton

Staff wore fancy dress as the festivities began at Ellesmere Young Children's Centre's annual Multicultural Event on Friday June 26th.



Paradise Steel Band from Leeds provided the Calypso sound in the afternoon sunshine in the beautiful garden, full of sculptures, a wooden summer house and mosaics. Beneath a gazebo, tables were decorated with flowers, ribbons and crystals, almost like a wedding, the perfect setting for SADACCA Ladies' Group to provide a delicious meal of Caribbean mutton, dumplings and fried chicken with Asian samosas.

Inside, an African drumming workshop got underway. Godson and Moses, from UK Mama restaurant, guided a group of tiny tots through their paces; others scampered on the bouncy castle and ball pool or had their faces painted. Time for the adults to relax: nail art, henna and makeovers were on offer plus massage and therapy. After sampling the homemade cakes on sale, it was time to join in the dancing workshops. A dozen folk were soon jiggling away with attitude to "Bollywood dancing". We were entertained by a performance of Capoeira from Cordao De Ouro. Capoeira is a Brazilian dance/martial art combining the control of Eastern fighting styles and the fluidity of dance.

## Women's Construction Centre AGM

Story: Saleema Iman

June 23rd saw the fourth Annual General Meeting of South Yorkshire Women's Development Trust. The Trust's Women In Non-Traditional Trades and Technologies project (WINTT) is based in The Women's Construction Centre at 21 Buckenham Street.



The AGM marked the retirement of former manager of WINTT Ros Wollen, Jo Goodison (Tradeswomen South Yorkshire) and Chair of SYWDT Jane Thomas. It also celebrated the successful completion of the Foundation Course in Building Craft Occupations by six young women, with the presentation of certificates and Women's Construction Centre 'hoodies' to each of them.



### Useful new skills

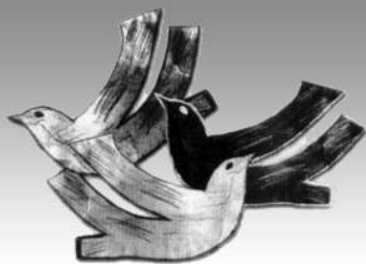
I met up with Melanie, Jodie, Ruth, Danielle, Shanice and Lynsey at the Construction Centre. For them the course is just the beginning. Single mum Lynsey has already launched into gutting, re-plastering and tiling her own bathroom. While Jodie, having also completed a carpentry course, is beginning an apprenticeship. With the help of tutor and course organiser Julie Blacker, they are all involved in creating the hard landscaping for a community garden adjacent to the Centre. None of them want their time at WINTT to end. "We really enjoy these two days a week," they said, "We've made new friends and learnt loads of useful new skills."

Shabana Murtaza, outreach worker for WINTT, is working with Sheffield City Council Regeneration Team, running workshops at the Wensley Community Centre offering introductory courses in tiling, plastering, painting and decorating courses, as well as other exciting projects within the community.

Though based in Burngreave, a much expanded WINTT now also offers courses throughout the former coalfield areas in South Yorkshire. These often include hands-on work placements within local community groups completing painting, decorating, plastering, tiling etc. The permanent staff has now increased to five with several other freelance workers. The Centre also runs evening, weekend and daytime classes at affordable rates. To find out more about what's on offer at the Women's Construction Centre contact 0114 273 7046.



# Burngreave Community Action Forum



## Transition Burngreave



## Decision time

BCAF's latest Quarterly Forum meeting on Saturday 20th June unanimously passed the proposals to become a limited company and amend the objects of the constitution to make charitable status a viable future option.

Some concerns were raised that this could restrict the ability of BCAF to be a campaigning organisation and that similar problems could be encountered to those of Burngreave Community Action Trust. Members of the Coordinating Committee and Working Group explained that company status is essential for BCAF to maintain its independent status. Ensuring such mistakes are avoided is a crucial part of the process.

Following this, Alison Rayner from Community Assembly North-East gave a presentation on the new arrangements. A copy of the presentation is available at [www.bcaf.org.uk](http://www.bcaf.org.uk). Some people raised concerns that there would be no public meeting for residents to participate in, as there had been at the area panel.

Transition Burngreave also ran a workshop.

Despite reduced staff hours, BCAF have continued important work in a number of areas.

BCAF played a major role in bringing together the residents and groups who organised this year's successful Abbeyfield Festival. Supporting the community of Burngreave to work together like this is exactly the type of work we think BCAF should be doing.

BCAF's Adult Learning Working Group is putting together another edition of their popular directory of all the Adult Learning opportunities available in the

area. All providers of training and courses in the area are encouraged to send details to [nyeams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nyeams@yahoo.co.uk) by Friday July 24th.

The Working Group meets monthly to discuss Adult Learning in the area - get in contact if you are interested in attending a meeting.

BCAF has another long-standing working group that has focussed on issues around Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Members recently decided that the group would benefit from a wider remit, with three proposed themes:

- Strengthening community cohesion in the area
- Celebrating the diversity of cultures in Burngreave
- Ensuring Burngreave offers sanctuary to those in need.

The group intends to hold an event in the next couple of months to discuss these proposed aims and recruit new members to the group. Please get in touch if you would like to be a part of it.

For more information contact:

BCAF,  
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Sheffield S4 7LG

Telephone:  
0114 272 8008

E-mail: [enquiries@bcaf.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bcaf.org.uk)

Check BCAF's website for the latest information:  
[www.bcaf.org.uk](http://www.bcaf.org.uk)

On a sunny Saturday in Abbeyfield Park, local people got together to find out how climate change will affect our area and how we can make sure we come out of the changes ahead, as a stronger, healthier, sustainable community. This meeting came from the workshop at the BCAF Quarterly meeting, where people said what they wanted to focus on.

Young and old shared their personal experiences by drawing and writing about their past and how this shaped their understanding of sustainability. Many remembered families growing food and keeping it through the winter and neighbours rallying round. One person reflected how nothing was wasted during her childhood in India, even the clay from old cups. After a refreshing lunch from Caribbean Cuisine, the workshop moved into two discussion groups. They identified the positive and negative effects seen in everyday life, in housing, transport, shopping, health choices, education and priorities in life.

Participants enjoyed a relaxed informative afternoon which gave the opportunity to meet and talk with new people. Ideas for action included sharing a community bus to go shopping and designing bike generators for household use.

The group agreed to meet again to prioritise ideas and make a practical action plan. All interested residents are welcome to come along and contribute.

**Next Meetings: 1st August, 12-3pm, Vestry Hall. Free lunch and creche.**

**7th, 8th, 9th August, Introduction to permaculture garden design tel Saleema 2755770**

**10th August 6.30pm BCAF office.**

For more info visit:  
[www.transitionssheffield.org.uk](http://www.transitionssheffield.org.uk)

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The Exhibition culminated in a fantastic networking event in the Winter Gardens with over 200 people attending, including a representatives from the creative sector of Sheffield and South Yorkshire.

Fir Vale graffiti artist, Casper Carr, featured in the exhibitions and has been supported by the BiG programme to set up his social enterprise 'Breakout Kids', which aims to support other young people.

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Local artist, Casper Carr from Fir Vale, has been supported by his Neighbourhood Enterprise Coach and the BiG programme to develop a vibrant new business.

Casper turned his life around after one of his friends was shot dead five years ago. He has used his artistic talents to launch his own enterprise and now works as an urban art tutor and graffiti art historian. For the last year he has been working with BiG: Make it Your Business to learn practical business skills.

He said: "I started out on the underground scene but, for me, losing a friend to gun crime was a wake up call. I decided to turn things around - something needed to be done with my life. BiG has helped me with book-keeping and tax. My family and friends are proud to see I'm doing well for myself. My ambition would be to paint worldwide, involve a sponsor, and work in the USA. That would be the next step. Taking my graffiti to an international platform is a lifelong ambition for me."

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Artist Gary Hindley discusses his work with visitors to the Creative Outpost.

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# We are still here...

...an update from the BNDfC Executive Manager, Ann Allen

A week or so ago I bumped into someone I used to work with years ago. She's now teaching at the Vestry Hall and she asked me what I was doing now that Burngreave New Deal had ended. That question made me think...



Burngreave New Deal had to take some really difficult decisions early in 2009 around stopping funding for projects. The disappointment is still being felt and voiced by both the New Deal Board and local residents. It was a really tough time for everyone involved.

Since March 2009 a number of our partners have stepped up to the plate and provided continuation funding for some of those projects. Our sincere thanks go to the City Council, the Primary Care Trust and South Yorkshire Police for making sure that the activities which have brought such benefit to local people are carrying on in some form. Thanks also to The Messenger and BCAF for their campaigning on this matter.

So, what about BNDfC itself? Well, we have had an intense couple of months refining our succession plans which still have at their heart the aim of generating an income from New Deal assets to invest back into the local community. This principle was publicly endorsed back in 2007 and it hasn't changed.

That income is going to take some time to achieve but to give ourselves the best chance of delivering that aim, we have pared back the New Deal team to an absolute minimum and we're all focussed on making sure we manage our buildings to make the maximum profit to give back to the community. We have the acknowledged luxury of using the remaining half a million NDC grant to support us over the next two years in getting to that profitable position.

## Business plan

We have a business plan that has to be approved by both the local authority, Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber and our funders the Department of Communities and Local Government. We will be presenting that plan at our Board meeting in July.

Several people have said to me that New Deal only seems to care about buildings now, but that's really not the case – as I've explained above, we're concentrating on them now for a longer term benefit for the people of Burngreave.

## Employment support

And we're still delivering our employment support initiatives through the remaining members of our Burngreave Opportunities team. David, Tammy and Zaheer are still seeing an ever growing caseload of people for advice on getting into work. They've seen 216 people this year and if you want to benefit from their guidance please telephone them at Sorby House on 213 2300. We hope to access more European funding to expand the services we can provide in this field and we're already having discussions about providing Flexible New Deal employment services.

## Jobs at Tesco

We're also still working with Tesco on bringing 200 jobs for local people in their new store due to open in late 2010. BNDfC will be co-ordinating the pre-recruitment training to help residents get those jobs.

BNDfC might not have the resources it used to have but we are still working on behalf of Burngreave and through our work with the community assembly we're determined to make sure the needs of Burngreave continue to be voiced in the right places.

## Achievements in the last eight years

We're also in the process of commissioning the required New Deal programme evaluation. To finish on a positive note I'd like to share some of the things BNDfC has achieved over the past eight years.

- 50% of Burngreave young people achieving 5 A-C GCSEs for the first time ever in the last academic year
- 120% increase in the number of Burngreave young people going to university compared to a city increase of just 29%
- Vestry Hall – back in use as a community learning centre
- An award for our training and support to get people into jobs at Meadowhall
- Health Awareness shop – local drop in advice available on health issues
- New Deal Police team – continuing to deliver impressive improvements such as the 46% reduction in house burglaries
- 53% of Burngreave residents said they're satisfied with their physical environment in the city household survey – higher than the city average
- House prices up by 20% - not always a popular fact but certainly an indication that Burngreave is becoming a more desirable neighbourhood to live in

I'm not trying to say that everything has been perfect about BNDfC, we do recognise our faults, what I am saying is that we are still here and we are still trying to improve the quality of life for people in Burngreave.



## First Community Assembly meeting attracts great attention

**Approximately 100 people from all across the North East Community Assembly area attended the first community assembly meeting to witness local ward councillors make decisions about the allocation of over £200,000 of funding within the area.**

It was the first opportunity for members, officers and the public to experience the new format meetings, which will be held quarterly in different venues across the area.

These meetings are where elected members of the community assembly make decisions in a public setting and have been compared to the more formal cabinet meetings which the city council holds.

While there is time for public questions at the beginning of the meeting and at set points in the agenda the format was very different to area panel meetings and some residents felt that they had not had enough opportunity to ask questions or make comments. However, the real opportunity for residents to have their say is at 'Your Say' events across the area. This summer the Community Assembly team have already visited Firth Park festival, where they received feedback from over 140 residents, Parson Cross, Abbeyfield and Fir Vale festivals.

It was reported at the meeting that Area Based Grant allocated to the community assembly had been split between the different areas to ensure a fair allocation across the whole of the North East Community Assembly area.

At the meeting, residents were informed that a decision had already been made to purchase the Burngreave New Deal Consultation Vehicle for £20,000. Some residents at the meeting were not happy with this decision however, it was explained that it is being used as a key element of the assembly's Community Involvement Strategy and the decision to purchase the vehicle had been taken following a full engineer's inspection and a cost-benefit analysis.



Other funding agreed was:

- Continuation of the provision of Childcare Training Pathway Coordinator in Brightside Shiregreen (£21,525)
- Firth Park Summer Festival (£2,000)
- Shiregreen Festival (£500)
- Wincobank Festival (£500)
- Fir Vale Festival (£2,000)
- Abbeyfield Festival (£5,000)
- Shirecliffe Festival (£500)
- Longley Festival (£500)
- Southey Festival (£500)
- Foxhill festival (£500)
- Parson Cross festival (£400)
- Floral features across the assembly area (£28,416)
- Activity Sheffield (£63,000)
- Burngreave Messenger (£5,000)
- Burngreave Street Champions (£2,000)
- Community Chest (£3,000) – to be provided across the area.
- Community North Forum (£20,000)
- Burngreave Community Action Forum (£6,000)
- Pakistani Advice Centre (£6,000)
- Free swimming for the under 16s voucher scheme £4,000
- Purchase of Burngreave Mobile Information Unit £20,000
- Provision for annual running costs for Burngreave Mobile Consultation Vehicle (£5,000)

- Provision for consultation costs (£10,000)
- To continue the provision of Sheffield Homes' wardens in parks and neighbourhood centres in Southey Owlerton. (£7,500)
- Continuing the extension of Saturday opening at Burngreave library (£1,400)

Other items agreed at the meeting were the process for the development of the assembly's Community Plan, the principles for the Community Involvement Strategy and the summer programme for Activity Sheffield.

The full reports can be accessed at <http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/council-meetings/community-assemblies/north-east/agendas-2009>.

To contact the North East Community Assembly, please contact the team on 0114 203 7646.



### Councillor Surgery Dates

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

**21 July:** Ibrar Hussain 5pm–6pm Carwood Tara. Jackie Drayton, 11am–12pm Shirecliffe Centre and 12.15–1pm Norwood/Bishopsholme

**25 July:** Jackie Drayton, 11am–12noon Burngreave Library

**12 September:** Steve Jones, 11am–12noon Burngreave Library, 2.15pm–1pm Firshill Tara

**15 September:** Steve Jones, 11am–12pm Shirecliffe Centre, 12.15–1pm Norwood/Bishopsholme and 5pm–6pm Carwood Tara.

**17 September:** Steve Jones, 2pm–3pm Pakistan Advice Centre

**26 September:** Ibrar Hussain, 11am–12noon Burngreave Library





## Pitsmoor's Olympic Bid

Story: Gaby Spinks | Photos: Annie Mason

The Special Olympics GB National Summer Games taking place from 25th – 31st July, will host the 21 sports on the Special Olympic programme. Training hard for the Equestrian event at the High Hopes Riding for the Disabled centre, based at Rockley Abbey Farm near Barnsley, is Pitsmoor boy Ryan Martinwood, aged 14 with his horse Trigger.

High Hopes, run by Marjorie Shepperd's team of volunteers, coordinates the Dearne Valley Olympic Team and has 10 horses which they use. Ryan, one of 6 riders from Yorkshire & Humberside competing this year, takes part in the Dressage and Countryside knowledge tests where he and his horse will have to ride certain set routines and tasks.

Ryan's mother Kate said that Ryan, who has optic nerve hyperplasia, has been riding at High Hopes since he was 5 years old. "Riding is really good for building physical skills, balance, coordination and confidence, especially for people with a disability."

Other parents agreed that after riding, their children were much more confident and outgoing.

The Messenger wishes Ryan and the rest of the team all the best for the Olympics.

The Opening Ceremony is at Walkers Stadium in Leicester on Saturday 25th July, 6.30pm (Gates open 5.30pm). Different events are held in venues across the city. Details from [www.sol2009.com](http://www.sol2009.com)

High Hopes always needs volunteers. You don't need to be able to ride just be happy working with horses and young people with disabilities and special needs. Contact Marjorie on 07900 534 512.

## Arabic Language School

Story: Mosied al-Hakam – Headteacher, Arabic Language School

The annual end of the year celebrations of the Arabic Language School took place on the 25th June and the event was hailed as the most successful ever.

There were many activities including presentations by young students, drama acts, songs and speeches from the Head of the Arabic Language School Mosied al-Hakam and Chair of the Yemeni Community Association, Saleh al-Noud. Approximately 500 people attended both parents and students. The students received certificates of achievement and gift vouchers for doing well in their end of year exams. All in all it was a great day and we obtained very positive feedback from the many people who attended.



## Earl Marshall Juniors

Story: Mick Ashman | Photos: Anna Mercedes



The Parents and families of local football club, Earl Marshall Juniors, filled the Steel City Community Club in Shiregreen, to celebrate the season's success at their annual Presentation Night.

This season the Under 13s team secured promotion to Division B, clinching third place with an impressive 6-3 win over local rivals Ecclesfield Red Rose. Abdi Ali celebrated a fantastic year with the club, winning three awards – Parents', Players' and Coaches' Player of the Season, whilst Kenan McKenzie received the Coaches' Most Improved Player award.

The Under 8s enjoyed a second outstanding season. Bradley Davison was nominated Player of the Year by his teammates, and the Parents' award went to Tyler Shipston. In his first season Harrison Cassim picked up the coaches Player of the Season, whilst goalkeeper Jake Brown was voted the most Sporting Player.

For the Under 7s team, playing their first season together, there was just one award, to Jack Whyers - the Top Goalscorers' award for scoring 19 goals for the club.

The players of all three teams are now preparing for the new campaign in September with regular training, tournaments and pre season friendlies.

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