

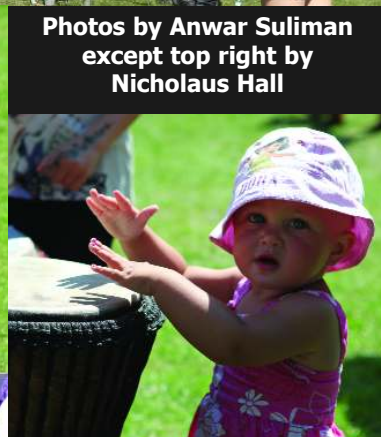


Heatwave for Abbeyfield Festival

Abbeyfield Park Multicultural Festival on the 7th July, was a relaxed community event, describe by one resident as, "So good, no one wanted to go home."

The Festival was full of...bongos, ice creams, jerk chicken, henna, MC Nige, belly dancers, sunshine, sound systems, scouts, tombolas, tea and cake, steel drummers, Shiloh church choir, face-painting, clothes stalls, health activities, Romana Jilo dancers, community groups, the Rock Christian Centre, barbecue, cold drinks, arts and crafts, tight-rope walking, balloon art, patties ... and sunshine!

A massive effort went in to organising the festival, according to co-ordinators Richard Belbin, Bilal Khan and Jon Watts and they wanted to thank everyone who helped on the day.



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Burngreave Cemetery Summer events

Mosaic workshops

With Patrick Amber

Sundays 2-4pm from July 28th

Come and help create a mosaic sundial. There'll also be weekday sessions during school holidays.

Contact 07715 270 384 for details.

September sees us doing a time team style geophysics survey in front of the chapel.

September 14th

We begin a Permaculture design certificate course with Cheap Thrills films in the evening.

September 28th

Robert Croxton leads a batwalk at dusk.

In October look out for a mushroom search with Ziggy and Apple Day antics including a grafting session.



All activities are in the chapel near the Melrose Road entrance to the cemetery.

For further details on the above contact:

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Sunday 22nd September

at Grimsthorpe Allotments

Main Afternoon Event: 12-5pm

Allotment Soup is an annual creative and artistic harvest celebration that takes place on a different Sheffield allotment site each year. Plot holders are invited to open up their plots to the public and host an artwork, performance or event on the day.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Poets, Musicians, Performers, Painters and Artists of all kinds are invited to take part in ALLOTMENT SOUP

Artists are encouraged to liaise with individual plot holders and create an original work in response to the site, theme and season.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN ALLOTMENT SOUP please contact ruth.davenport40@gmail.com or grimesalotsoc@gmail.com

Man killed on Andover Street

Bahman Yusif Amin was seriously assaulted and killed on the corner of Andover Street and Montfort Drive at around 7pm on Monday 17th June 2013.

Eye witnesses said the attack followed an argument between three Kurdish men.. Children and young people attending studies at the nearby mosque are said to have witnessed the attack, and teachers and other local residents had to call the police.

Armed police attended the scene and arrested 38-year-old Nawzad Kamal in the Montfort Drive flats at around



Friends and family placed tributes and messages at the murder scene

8.20pm. Bahman Yusif Amin, aged 33, was taken to hospital where police confirm he had passed away. Police have charged Nawzad Kamal with the murder of Bahman Yusif Amin.

Road works delay

Road resurfacing works in Page Hall have been delayed by about 6 weeks.

Owler Lane, Rushby St and Carlisle St are now due to be closed for roadworks in August instead of the planned dates in June and July. Amey, the roadworks contractor, said this is because of work to the electricity supply in the area.

New energy-efficient street lighting has been installed on Burngreave Rd.

The revised dates are:

- **Gower St**
17–21 July
- **Burngreave Rd and Spital Hill**
22–31 July
- **Owler Lane and Rushby St**
2–12 August
- **Carlisle St**
13–20 August

Work to improve Ellesmere Green, announced in 2011, is finally due to run from September to December this year.

Khat to become illegal

The government has announced plans to make Khat illegal later this year.

Khat is a plant, which when chewed, releases a mild stimulant; it grows in countries such as Somalia, Yemen and Ethiopia. It is imported into the UK and is sold in many local shops, particularly on Spital Hill.

On 3rd July the Home Secretary Theresa May, announced the plans in Parliament, stating the key reason for a ban was the illegality of Khat in other European countries, she said

"The government will ban khat so that we can protect vulnerable members of our communities and send a clear message to our international partners and khat smugglers that the UK is serious about stopping the illegal trafficking of khat."

The Home Secretary has ignored the advice of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) who recommended against the ban stating:

"In summary the ACMD considers that the harms of khat does not reach the level required for classification. Therefore, the ACMD recommend that the status of khat is not changed."

ACMD recommends that education and prevention initiatives are the best way to prevent harmful misuse of Khat. It also states there is no evidence the UK is a hub for trafficking Khat to countries where it is banned.

The Messenger has previously reported on the divided opinion locally on Khat use. A ban will certainly have an impact on local residents. We would like to hear your views, contact the Messenger on 242 0564, mail@burngreavemessenger.org

A copy of the ACMD report can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/khat-report-2013>



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Page Hall's Big Clean Up

Story: Muneebah Waheed | Photos: Sheffield City Council

As regular readers of the Messenger will know, there has been an ongoing problem of litter in Page Hall. Concerns have been addressed to the Council, asking when something will be done to tackle the issue.



The Council responded by launching a week of action to 'educate, involve and support the local community' on the issue of litter. Local residents and various community groups were invited to clean and collect rubbish from the streets of Page Hall. Information packs explaining appropriate methods of recycling and disposing of household waste were distributed amongst local residents.



Dean Fearon from Sheffield City Council spoke to the Messenger about the week of action, saying:

"We visited 600 properties with information about what to do with your rubbish and, working with the community, we collected more than 60 tonnes of bulky waste. More than 100



members of all parts of the community have helped with litter picking and cleaning the streets."

As part of the preparation, local schools were also visited to educate young people about the importance of recycling and keeping the streets clean.

However, some local residents are worried the litter will return if not monitored closely by the Council. A local resident told us: "It looks much better now as they have done a good job this time, but let's hope it lasts." Other residents feel that a long term solution is needed and that the Council should continue their educational activities.

At the end of the week nearly 100 local residents signed a pledge at the Pakistani Advice Centre (PACA) to become involved in regular litter picks and other projects to keep the local community clean. Miroslav Sandor, from PACA, said: "It's been amazing. I'm glad to be working with Amey and the Council on this. All the community have been involved and we are going to keep working on this issue."

David Blunkett MP also commented, saying: "Congratulations for the enormous achievement and for the work and leadership in making this week happen. Thank you to the workforce of the Council, Amey and Veolia for collecting all the rubbish. It's about the community working together, caring about the area and making a fit place to live and for children to play."

Selective Licensing consultation announced

Story: Rohan Francis

The Council has announced details of its consultation into Selective Licensing in Page Hall, which began early in July.

Selective Licensing is used by local councils to manage the quality of privately rented housing in an area. Extra legal powers can be granted to the Council if the area in question has suffered from low housing demand or significant anti-social behaviour problems.

The Council must first consult the whole community. The period of consultation has been confirmed to run until 18th September.

Housing officers have already announced a series of events including visiting residents and businesses, sending out leaflets and delivering questionnaires. The first public consultation meeting took place as the Messenger went to print on the 18th July at Fir Vale School. *See box for further consultation dates.*

Once consultation is finished a report will be sent to the Council's Cabinet who make the decision on whether or not to introduce Selective Licensing. It is not expected to be in force until April 2014.

For more information about Selective Licensing contact the Council's Private Sector Housing Team on 205 3335 or email: selectivelicensing@sheffield.gov.uk

Consultation dates

Thursday 25th July, 11am-2pm and 6.30-8pm
Drop in event at Pakistan Advice and Community Association (PACA), Page Hall Road.

Thursday 1st August, 11am-2pm
Landlord meeting at PACA.

Thursday 8th August, 11am-2pm
Drop in event at PACA.

Thursday 15th August, 5-7pm
Public Consultation Meeting at Fir Vale School.

Wednesday 18th Sept
Close of consultation.

Children's centre closes at Owler Brook

Story: Muneebah Waheed

The Children's centre situated in Owler Brook School is due to close at the end of July. Parents are expected to now use facilities at the Burngreave Children's Centre or at the Earl Marshal Youth Centre.

The Children's centre has been a pivotal part of the community, with many parents using the facilities to receive help

and advice. The centre also provided crucial interaction with new mothers at a sensitive time.

One parent commented on the closure saying "It's a pity to see a purpose built building go to waste. The centre has benefited so many people." Others also felt the same:

"The Centre has provided me with a lot of support at a time when I needed it the most. I can't believe it's closing." Uzma Mohammed.

"The building was specifically built for the Children's Centre. Everyone feels comfortable here and it has helped so many people. By relocating, some won't be able to receive the important help and advice." Parveen.

Claire Shaw, Senior Learning Mentor at Owler Brook School, said,

"It's going to be difficult for the families we work with, they are under a lot of pressure and the loss of the Children's Centre will leave a lot of families vulnerable. The Children's Centre services allows us to build relationships with parents before their children start school, which means they are more confident with us and this gives us a head start in identifying children's needs."

The Council issued a statement on the closing of the children's centre, saying "Local parents and carers will be able to get advice, information and support from Owler Brook as an outreach centre within the Burngreave Children's Centre Area."

Fir Vale primary approved

Story: Rohan Francis | Image: Bond Bryan Architects

Council planning officers have given the go ahead for the construction of a new primary school in Fir Vale. Planning permission was granted on July 3rd, nine months after officers first announced the proposals.

Construction of the school can now begin at the site on Skinnerthorpe Road, with building work planned to start this September and the school completed and open in time for the start of the new academic year in 2014.

The development, which will occupy a vacant stretch of land between Fir Vale School and the back of shops on Owler Lane, features a two storey teaching block, a single storey space for staff, learning activities, school meals, sports and community use and outdoor sports pitches.

Local residents and businesses have raised concerns over certain aspects of the school plans, including the closure of Skinnerthorpe Road, which currently provides parking for people using Owler Lane shops. Residents have petitioned the Council to retain space for parking within the proposals, but there are no plans to do this.



Another concern is the proposed closure of pedestrian access along Skinnerthorpe Road, which is used by Fir Vale Secondary pupils going between school and Barnsley Road. This route currently provides an alternative to walking along Rushby Street and Owler Lane, which has very high volumes of daytime traffic. Suggested solutions, including the construction of a pedestrian footpath alongside the existing boundary with Fir Vale secondary school, have been put forward. Local Councillors said options are being explored to see if it would be possible to retain a pedestrian route.

For more details search for planning application number 13/01483/RG3 on the Council planning website: <http://publicaccess.sheffield.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Court date for nurseries

Story: Douglas Johnson, Sheffield Law Centre

Parents of Fir Vale Pre School have won the first round of their legal challenge to the Council's decision to cut funding to their nursery, after a High Court Judge ruled in their favour.

The mothers are trying to get the grants reinstated by arguing that the Council acted unlawfully. Without the grants, the judge heard of the "significant loss of service and probable closure of nurseries." Sheffield Law Centre is representing the women.

Although there are four named women in the case – the court has ordered their names to be kept confidential – the case affects parents at over 20 centres across Sheffield. This includes Ellesmere Children's Centre, Watoto Pre-School and The Meadows at Shirecliffe, which recently announced it, would close.

All the nurseries are in the deprived areas of Sheffield where

there are not enough parents in regular work to make a nursery run on a commercial basis.

Without adequate childcare, parents cannot work or train and children miss out on development and learning. The Council often states that the early years of a child's life are the most important ones that affect future life chances.

The nurseries are also important community organisations in their own right. They were often built up by local women faced with the lack of childcare in the community. They provide both formal and informal support.

Parents from the Meadows at Shirecliffe brought their own petition to the Council meeting on Wednesday 3rd July. The nursery is to close after plans for a school to take it over fell through. The issue also came up at a Council scrutiny meeting on 4th July but councillors voted against any proposals to assist the nurseries.

The case is now going to a 2-day hearing in the High Court in Manchester on 29th and 30th July.

March for Dignity

Story: Lisa Swift | Photo: John Mellor

Demonstrators gathered at Ellesmere Green on 26th June in a March for Dignity for Asylum Seekers.



Local residents joined other campaigners from across the city to walk from Ellesmere Green to the City Hall. The aim of the small march was to raise awareness of the poor treatment of asylum seekers in the UK, and to remind people that they are here seeking sanctuary.

Local resident Victor Mujakachi was on the march, he has been in The United Kingdom for 10 years and seeking asylum for 6 years after he could not return to Zimbabwe safely. He explained to the Messenger why the march for dignity was needed.

"The march was in response to tightening immigration rules by the coalition government and cuts to legal aid funding to asylum appeal cases. And there has been a rise in anti-immigration feelings in the general public which also affects asylum seekers."

"Asylum seekers are not people who come here to depend on welfare, they are displaced people who have no choice but to be here. The march was about raising people's awareness of these issues, so they know some of the information from the main stream media is wrong. Asylum issues should be separate from

immigration issues. By changing attitudes we hope this will lead to a change in government policy eventually.

"At the moment the initial asylum process can take about 6 months, during this time people get support which includes accommodation (separate to all other housing budgets and systems) with a small weekly allowance. If their claim is rejected, all support is removed. Many people cannot go back to where they have come from and the government leaves them to be destitute, because we are not allowed to work and we are not entitled to any benefits. This is where ASSIST and similar charity organisations come in and help people who become destitute and homeless."

"In some cases the government recognises it is not safe for people to go back, for example there is no safe passage to Eritrea. There was also a time when The U K government took a moral policy against deportation of Zimbabweans, but their asylum claims were still refused even though it is not safe to send any one back. Despite these rulings the government still rejects people's claims. No one understands why the Home Office operates like this. There are even cases of one family member being given asylum but others being rejected without explanation when their circumstances are similar.

"Asylum claimants are less than 3 % of total immigration in the UK. In fact the UK ranks very low in the league of tables of countries hosting asylum seekers. The countries with a large number of asylum seekers are Pakistan and South Africa. The mainstream media does not provide this information instead they project the UK as a magnet for asylum seekers from all over the world.. They are people who are traumatised and running away from terrible things and they should be treated with care and support." Instead, they end up in an open prison of extreme uncertainty and suffering that is if they are not re-detained.

You can help by getting involved with organisations like:

South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Action Group
<http://www.symaag.org.uk/>

ASSIST <http://www.assistsheffield.org.uk/>

City of Sanctuary <http://www.cityofsanctuary.org/>

Memorable exhibition of Chilean patchwork

Story & photo: Tim Neal

June saw an exhibition of patchworks, the arpilleras, at Abbeyfield House. These rich creations made by members of the Chilean community in Sheffield, and further afield, emerged in response to the tragedy and loss suffered by the then refugees from the Pinochet regime.

They were a form of psychological healing for the Chileans at the time and the exhibition allowed us to share some of their memories and the pain.

Roberta Bacic, researcher and curator of arpilleras from the University of Ulster brought work made by Chileans both from Ireland and Chile. There were many members of the Sheffield Chilean community present at the opening as well as many of those men and women from Sheffield who befriended and supported them over those difficult years.

Helen Jackson, ex MP for Hillsborough and their long time



friend, gave a moving testimony to the resilience of the Chileans. The spirit of welcome shown to them, she noted, was still reflected in the work being done by a whole variety of organisations working with and on behalf of the many groups of refugees who have come to our City over recent years.

The exhibition marked 40 years since the dictator Pinochet came to power in a bloody coup. It brought back many painful memories but it also inspired many people. Difficult situations can bear fruit in unexpected ways and the manner in which the Chileans worked with their pain acts as an example to us all.

Council tax hits poorest

Story: Lisa Swift

Thousands of people have been summoned to court following the introduction of the new Council support scheme on 1st April. All residents of Sheffield must now pay at least 23% of their Council Tax. Of the 35000 people who rely on the new Council Tax Support, 6000 were summoned to court in July for non payment.

The Messenger spoke to local resident Abdul Tourzani about his experience.

"I was sent a letter saying to attend court. There were 40 or 50 other people there who were in the same situation. They were interviewing people to see if they would come to an agreement to pay before going in to see the magistrate. I

agreed to pay in instalments, and they said they would waive the court costs, so I didn't see the judge. Now I've got an even bigger bill which is not what I agreed to."

Mr Tourzani was very concerned about how he would afford the bill and the extra unexplained cost from his most recent bill.

"They are forcing poor people to pay, who can't pay. I had no money to pay my Council tax because my sickness benefit was stopped. I will find it difficult to pay; it will mean missing out on something essential to pay it."

The Messenger asked the Council to comment on why so many people had been summoned to court, and if they were concerned about the impact their policy was having on people who are struggling to afford the new bill.

Councillor Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources at Sheffield City Council said:

"Our policy in Sheffield is to offer as much support as we can to help people manage their money as a result of the Government's changes to the welfare system. We always advise people to get in touch with us if they are having problems so we can work through them together."

"We are sorry that despite this some taxpayers have found themselves in a difficult financial position, but the Council is doing what it can to support those who have been hit hardest by the cuts by establishing a £500,000 hardship fund."

The Government cut £5.5 million from Sheffield's Council Tax Benefit budget. In response the Council chose to reduce Council Tax Benefits rather than make cuts to other services. The Council state they have done everything they can to inform people that they must pay. However with 17% of claimants ending up in court, it would seem no amount of information can equip people to pay bills they cannot afford.

Library moving to Sorby house

Story: Lisa Swift, Nazrul Hussain, Rohan Francis

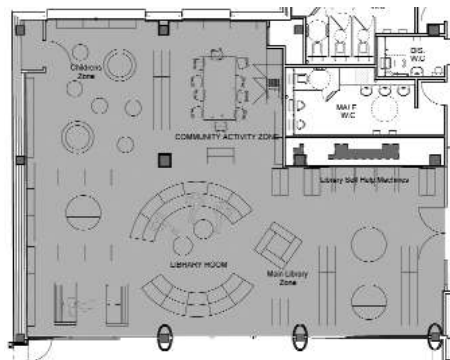
The Council have submitted a planning application to move Burngreave library to Sorby House, revealing that the library will be substantially smaller.

The housing office is also moving. The plans show the ground floor room on the right, next to Rainbow's end, as the public face for Housing Services, with more office space on the 3rd floor.

The Council could not explain why the Library move was being made, at a cost of £40,000. Instead they said the plans would be part of the general Library service consultation. A spokes person said, "Plans will not be completed until the final outcome of the library review and also the outcome of consultation that is planned to take place with the local community." However the Messenger understands that the consultation was supposed to start in June and has been delayed until August. In the meantime planning permission has already been sought; suggesting the decision has already been made. One local parent said,

"It's not good that they are moving it but we don't have a choice all the Council do is cut cut cut."

The Messenger understands that the Sheffield College who currently use Sorby



Layout for the library in the plans to move it to Sorby House

House will be moving into both the library building and the housing office. The Council did not confirm who would be moving into the buildings.

The plans for the library show that space will be cramped. Planners have failed to include space for computers or a serving desk and office for staff to work from. Sorby House opening times will also restrict opening times of the library to 5pm at the latest.

Speaking to local parents, many expressed concern about the move:

"It's on a busy road, Sorby House, it isn't really a place where I would take my son it's not very appealing to me and it wouldn't encourage me to go there." Sharlene Clarke

"I don't feel good about it moving to Sorby House mainly because of the big road it's very busy and dangerous, if it's too dangerous I'm going to stop going." Local mother

"It's comfortable now. Where it is now is

good and it is good for the kids. I think it will be too small in Sorby House." Sacda

"It's not a good idea. I have a 12 year old daughter who goes to the library. I don't think it's safe if it moves because of cars - people drive too fast and people hang around. If they move I will not send her there. We will go somewhere else instead." Rahma

"I don't understand what they gain. They will be left with a purpose built library sat empty which they are going to have to fill with something else. I don't understand why the 'something else' can't go in Sorby House. It seems ridiculous to move the library into a space that is less suitable at the cost of £40,000. I'd like to see a cost benefit analysis, I'd like to see the figures." Lucy

Other parents said the most important thing was that the area kept a library but were unhappy that the space would be smaller

"As long as the hours are the same and it's a friendly atmosphere I think it's alright. But if it's smaller I think it's a bad idea and do not agree with it. Adults and children need their own space, it would be too cramped." Safiya Saeed

"At least we still have the library, some areas have completely lost theirs, and if the staff are still there it's fine. But I thought the premises would be bigger, it needs to be the whole ground floor. It's already small, it's unacceptable." Felson

To give your view on the plans go to: <http://publicaccess.sheffield.gov.uk/online-applications/> Ref: 13/01902/RG3

Firs Hill School new play area

Story: Lisa Swift

Photos: Kath Hobson & Saleema Imam

Firs Hill School have installed a new outdoor learning area for Foundation children.

The area includes grass and plants, as well as a sand pit, pond and sensory garden. All the children are enjoying learning outside the classroom, experimenting, digging, mark making and exploring in the fresh air.

The Burngreave Messenger was given a guided tour by some of the Foundation children (all aged 5). Zahra, Salma, Umaha, Kauthar, Ammaarah, Hassan, Ibraheem, Jude, Yousuf, Liza, Usmaan, Reyhaan all helped to explain what it was all about.

“There are flowers growing up, tadpoles, grass and a fake grass mountain.” Umaha excitedly pointed out, while Salma insisted we let her show us the sandpit – “There are benches to sit on too. We make sand castles and do anything we want to” added Hassan.



Kauthar, Umaha, Ibraheem and Yousuf enjoyed pointing at different things inside the pond.

“There are tadpoles, big ones and little ones”

“they are going to grow into frogs soon”

“the frogs will jump all around”

“everywhere in the school”

The sensory garden was filled with herbs and scented flowers and their teacher showed them what each one was.

“These flowers attract the bees” Hassan told everyone. “Mmm, mint. You can make it into toothpaste,” explained Jude, “and that one is sage, it stinks” said Ibraheem.

As we finished the tour children explained what they liked most about the



new area.

“I like the grass best because you can sit on it,” said Kauthar

“I like the sand best, it’s nice, I like playing with it” said Usmaan

“Come back and play if you want to. You can visit any time,” Hassan said as he waved us goodbye.

Whiteways summer mela

Story & photos: Laetitia and Hamad

On 26th June there was a Summer Mela in Whiteways School.



It was to raise money the parent’s group and the football team Mrs Wood’s son plays for, called the Yorkshire Wheelchair Club. The money is for new power chairs.

There were stalls, henna and games organised by children. And there was a bouncy castle, guess the weight of the cake and glitter tattoos organised by teachers. There were also food stalls. It was a brilliant and busy day.



Miss Cipriani said “I’ve had lovely henna by Bisma. She could be a professional”

Children running stalls told us what they were doing on their stalls to raise money.

Thaminah: “We are doing a ‘Ahoy Treasure Map’ - you may win some hair accessories.”

Zara: “We are doing splat the rat, you have to try to hit the rat. It’s very hard.”



Iqra and Intessor: “You have to pick two short sticks out of the sand to win a lolly, it’s called Straw Pick.”

Janad, Iqram and Saleh: “We are doing Football Against the Clock. You have to put as many balls into the hoop as you can before the time runs out.”

Mrs Blackham who organised the Summer Mela said, “We have had lots of help from staff and parents to make the day happen, thank you to everyone.”

Mrs Woods said, “It’s been a brilliant day. The power chair football team need sports power chairs so they can play without damaging their everyday power chairs. The team are looking for sponsorship and new players. Anyone who is interested can contact Ian Woods on 07881 742 604.”

Byron Wood Choir at Symphony Hall Birmingham

Story: Smaira Sadique

Byron Wood's choir were chosen to perform at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham on Wednesday 3rd July after getting through to the finals at the Music For Youth (MFY) regional competition at Bannerdale Centre earlier this year.

Music For Youth (MFY) is a national charity that celebrates and supports the breadth of young people's music-making across the UK. MFY provides performance platforms for over a million young musicians in some of the UK's most prestigious venues.

The children performed a traditional Qawali entitled "Allah Hoo" and "fix you" by Coldplay as well as beatboxing. A form of vocal percussion primarily involving the art of producing drum beats, rhythm, and musical sounds using one's mouth, lips, tongue, and



voice by the very talented Y6 pupil Maros.

Mrs Stroud said, "this is a great achievement for the children..." Classic FM has included photographs of all the schools that took part in the national festival on their website. The choir is now waiting to hear who will go forward to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in November.

Community litter pick with Pye Bank

Story: Zabeda Hussain

On Saturday 6th July around 30 volunteers came together in Burngreave to help clean up areas around Pye Bank Primary School.

The volunteers were divided into 6 teams, they worked hard throughout

the morning, collecting 68 bags of rubbish, but were rewarded with drinks and sandwiches provided by Burngreave Tenants' and Residents' Association. A huge thank you to all who took part.



Pye Bank Sports Day success




Story: Zabeda Hussain

Sports Day started with an opening ceremony. The school was divided into 6 teams, Hawks, Owls, Kestrels, Falcons, Eagles, and Kites. The races included the classic Egg and Spoon Race, Hurdles and an Obstacle Course.

Lots of parents came to cheer the children on. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day. The Kestrels were the winners.


George & Brian




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by Edgar Lowman

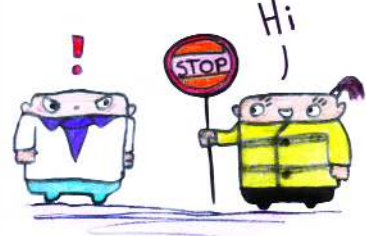
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Just get a lolly from the lollipop lady)



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Inspiring others to quit smoking

Story: Emma Msigiti

Naz had been a smoker for many years and often had thoughts of quitting but he didn't believe he'd be able to do it.

After seeking support from The Community Stop Smoking service, Naz has now managed to kick the habit and hasn't looked back since. Naz is hoping his success will inspire others to quit.

When did you first start smoking?

I was 9 years old when I first tried a cigarette and by the age of 11 I was a regular smoker. I remember feeling cool when I used to hang around in Abbeyfield Park, smoking with my friends!

When did you feel that smoking was becoming a problem?

Thoughts of quitting had been on my mind for the past few years. I was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes 8 years ago, and although the GP and nurse at my local surgery kept advising me to quit, I just didn't think I could do it.

What made you take the first step to have a go at quitting?

I really wanted to be a better role model

for my 2 daughters and felt that all the money I was spending on cigarettes could be used to make a better future for them. I also knew that I was putting my health at risk if I carried on smoking. On one of the visits to my GP, he mentioned that I could get one to one support to quit from the local stop smoking worker. I thought having a bit of help may make a difference so I decided to give it a go.

How confident were you about stopping smoking?

Not at all! As the date of my first appointment approached I felt nervous and anxious about stopping, and lacked confidence in being able to do it. My friends and family were also very doubtful about my chances of success and didn't believe I would stop.

What helped you stay smoke free?

The combination of the weekly support sessions and the stop smoking medication helped me a lot. At the support sessions I was able to discuss any problems I was having, and how to work through this. I found that after the first few days and weeks without smoking, my confidence began to increase and I realised that I could actually live without cigarettes, even though I was going through stressful times. I want to thank my adviser Emma, because if I didn't get the



support and encouragement I don't think I would have done it.

How do you feel about your success, has it changed your life?

Stopping smoking has been the first step in making other positive changes in my life to improve my health and also to set a good example for my kids. I've already started to make changes in my diet as I was concerned about what I was eating. I've been working with local health trainer Paul Nash to help me make these changes and also to introduce more exercise. I want my kids to know that anything is possible—if you set your goal you can follow your dreams.

If you are thinking about quitting contact Emma Msigiti, Community Stop Smoking Worker. Call or text 07847 893134. Please remember to put your name on the text or leave a message at The Furnival, on 0114 272 7497.

Learning to live with diabetes

Story: Somshun Nessa

In April and May, residents took part in a six week 'Healthy living with diabetes' course at the Burngreave Children's Centre.

The course was open to those with, or at high risk of developing, type 2 diabetes and those who care for family with type 2 diabetes. It was delivered by Dawn Young a trained tutor in nutrition and physical activity, supported by Somshun Nessa, Health Development Worker, Pam Daniels, new Health Trainer and Nasra, Health Champion, who provided translation into Urdu and Punjabi.

The course included information about risk factors, causes, symptoms and eating healthily. The tutor also explained food labels, the benefits of physical activity and suggested cooking tips. Each session was followed either by a cooking session where we looked at adapting home-made recipes brought in by the learners, or gentle physical activity sessions. The learners gave the following feedback:



"Both my mother and father-in-law have Type 2 diabetes, and we attended this course together, this course has helped me understand the condition more and how to support my parents. As a family we have made many changes, we cook with less oil, fat and salt and no ghee. Me and my mother-in-law go out every day for a 45 minutes' walk."

"The tutor Dawn was so helpful, friendly and she made the course very easy to understand, she made us feel so relaxed and comfortable"

"Somshun and Nasra were really supportive, if it wasn't for Somshun I wouldn't have known about the group I am so grateful to her for helping me."

"Dawn gave us lots of information about diabetes to take home to show rest of the family, which is very useful"

"Without Nasra's help I wouldn't have been able to understand the course fully, she has been a great help."

"It was very useful to know how we can change our own recipes without having to change our diet completely."

"I have made new friends on the course and we have set up our own walking club where we meet up a couple times a week and go for long walks."

Following the course we have decided to set up a self-help group, meeting once a month. Professionals will give more advice around managing type 2 diabetes to the group. Burngreave Healthy Communities Programme will be funding another course, if you would like to attend or for more information contact Somshun Nessa, SOAR Health Development Worker on: 07960 084 119.

For further information on Diabetes speak to your GP, Diabetic Nurse or visit <http://www.diabetes.org.uk>



Owler Brook celebrates

Owler Brook was full of parents and children enjoying food on Friday 5th July, at the end of term picnic.

The event was organised by parent volunteers and support staff. Parents brought food to share with children and family members.

There were games, activities and sports. MC Nige introduced fantastic performances by children who really showed their musical and dancing talents.

The picnic followed the previous day's hugely successful summer fair, bringing a real air of celebration to the end of the school year.

Owler Brook Big Toddle

About 40 children and 20 parents from Owler Brook's nursery, reception and children's centre took part in the Big Toddle to Firth Park on 26th June. Staff and children dressed up as characters from books and stories. Once there, everyone enjoyed games and activities in the Park. The event helped encourage parents to walk with their children and to take advantage of local places to visit. They also raised £63 for Barnardos.



Byron Wood's Treasure Island

Story: Smaira Sadique

Year 5 and 6 classes showcased their talent in a spectacular performance of Treasure Island.

Parents and special guests watched the children perform on stage for the last time before they go to secondary schools

across the city. Paul Allen, Chair of Music In The Round, said, "I was, first and foremost, very much entertained by a lively, inventive, committed and high quality performance but I was also moved by the fact that these children were doing it: a very British story of course, complete with hornpipe and folk dance, but one they made their own. I had a lovely time."

Well done to Years 5 and 6 for an outstanding performance and farewell to Mrs Stroud, performing Arts Teacher, who will be leaving for pastures new.

St Cath's award

Story: Ruby, Y6 School Council Representative



In June the School Council at St Catherine's Primary became runners up in the Speakers School Council Awards 2013. This is a competition that is run by the Speaker at the House of Lords and is entered by hundreds of schools across the country!

It is a way that school councils can tell people about the great projects they get involved in. The competition is judged by lots of important people and they choose the best projects to win and be runners up. We entered with a project we have been working on all year – our School Council newspaper 'The School Councillor'.

We put this together every term for all the pupils in our school. Our school councillors report on events that have been happening in school like school trips and fundraising and we also have What's Hot, What's Not pages, puzzles and quizzes, Guess the Mystery Member of Staff and book and film reviews. It's a great way to talk about the things that interest all pupils in school. Anyone can add pages by sending their page to their school council rep, who then adds it to the newspaper. It's a fun paper and everyone looks forward to getting their copy!

We are very proud to have been runners up for the award and have received a plaque to put up in our school. On Friday the 19th July, Mr David Blunkett is coming into school to present us with the plaque. We are really excited to meet him and think it's great that he has taken time to come and present us with the award.

summer activities

Sports

Pilsung Taekwondo
 £2.50 5-18yrs
 £3.50 18yrs+
 Tuesdays 6-8pm July 23 30 August 6 13 20 27
 Fridays 6.30-8pm July 25 August 1 8 15 22 29
 at Verdon Recreation Centre ☎ **07801 036 246**

Football Boys
 14-16yrs
 Tuesdays 4-6pm July 23 30 August 6 13 20 27
 at Verdon Rec with Ellesmere Youth Project
 Bring sports clothing football boots ☎ **213 3120**

Football, Pool & Table Tennis - Boys
 10-16yrs
 Mondays 4-7pm July 22 29 August 5 12 19
 All Saints Youth Centre with Ellesmere Youth Project
 Bring sportswear ☎ **213 3120**

Activities on Tour
 8-16yrs
 @ Firth Park...
 Tuesdays 4.30-6pm July 30 August 6 13 20 27
 @ Abbeyfield Park...
 Saturdays 4.30-6pm August 3 10 17 24 31
 Contact Tom Hughes at Activity Sheffield ☎ **273 4266**
 Bring a drink

Football & Cricket
 5-18yrs
 Tuesdays 2-4pm July 30 August 6 13 20 27
 Thursdays 2-4pm August 1 8 15 22 29
 Wensley Field, Wensley Street
 Contact Shamila Hussain ☎ **261 2015**

Multi Sports
 (PTC Sports)
 5-18yrs
 Wednesdays 2-4pm July 31 August 7 14 21 28
 Wensley Field, Wensley Street
 Contact Shamila Hussain ☎ **261 2015**

Swimming Lessons
 5-10yrs
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.45-10.30am
 Weekly, July 30th - August 29th
 Concord Sports Centre, Shiregreen Lane S5 6AE
 Contact Shamila Hussain ☎ **261 2015**

One week's lessons per child. Parents are advised to stay with their child during the lesson. Please ensure that your child has appropriate swimwear and a towel. Please book before 23rd July

Cycling Lessons
 5-18yrs
 Thursday 2-4pm August 1 8 15 22 29
 Owler Brook Primary School
 Contact Shamila Hussain ☎ **261 2015**

Burngreave Library

Imagination Gaming
 4yrs+
 Wednesday 10am-12.30pm & 1.30-5pm August 7
 Burngreave Library
 Contact Janet or Sue ☎ **203 9002**
 Try out board, card and strategy games.
 under 8s must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Summer Reading Challenge
 All ages
 Creepy House Reading Challenge during summer
 Burngreave Library - Contact Janet or Sue
 with free poster and stickers ☎ **203 9002**

Youth Clubs

Earl Marshall
 8-12yrs Mondays 2-4pm July 29 August 5 12 19
 13-19yrs Mondays 6-8pm July 22 29 August 5 12 19
 (Girls) Tuesdays 4-5.30pm July 23 30 August 6 13 20 27
 Wednesdays 6-8pm July 24 31 August 7 14 21 28
 Thursdays 2-4pm July 25 August 8 15 22
 8-12yrs Thursdays 6-8pm July 25 August 8 15 22
 8-12yrs Fridays 3.15-5.15pm July 26 August 2 9 16 23 30
 Fridays 6-8pm July 26 August 2 9 16 23 30
 Earl Marshall Youth Centre, Owler Lane, S4 8GB
 Contact the Community Youth Team ☎ **201 8600**

All Saints
 8-12yrs Tuesdays 4-5.30pm July 23 30 August 6 13 20 27
 13-19yrs Tuesdays 6-8pm July 23 30 August 6 13 20 27
 Thursdays 6-8pm July 25 August 8 15 22
 8-19yrs Fridays 2-4pm July 26 August 2 9 16 23 30
 All Saints Youth Centre, 7 Lyons Close, S4 7EP
 Contact the Community Youth Team ☎ **201 8600**

Osgathorpe Pavilion
 13-19yrs Mondays 6-8pm July 22 August 12 19
 Osgathorpe Pavilion, Osgathorpe Park
 Contact the Community Youth Team ☎ **201 8600**

Art, Craft, Music & Games

Dance
 5-18yrs
 Tuesdays 2-4pm July 30 August 6 13 20 27
 Wensley Community Centre, Hinde House Cres. S4 8HF
 Contact Shamila Hussain ☎ **261 2015**

Arts & Crafts
 5-18yrs
 Wednesdays 2-4pm July 31 August 7 14 21 28
 Wensley Community Centre, Hinde House Cres. S4 8HF
 Contact Shamila Hussain ☎ **261 2015**

Gardening & Board Games
 5-18yrs
 Thursdays 2-4pm August 1 8 15 22 29
 Wensley Community Centre, Hinde House Cres. S4 8HF
 Contact Shamila Hussain ☎ **261 2015**

Indian Cultural Art
 8-13yrs
 Sunday 2-4pm August 25
 Pakistan Advice & Community Association (PACA)
 Page Hall Road

Paper Maché Craft
 8-13yrs
 Sunday 2-4pm September 1
 PACA, Page Hall Road

Movie Session
 8-13yrs
 Sunday 2-4pm August 18
 PACA, Page Hall Road

Circus activity
 8-13yrs
 Sunday 2-4pm September 8 15
 PACA, Page Hall Road

All activities and events are **FREE** and **OPEN TO ALL** unless otherwise stated

Outdoor Activities

Crabtree Challenge
All ages

Friday 1-3pm July **26**
Crabtree Ponds, Crabtree Close, S5 7BJ
Contact Sheffield Wildlife Trust ☎ **263 4335**
Pond dipping, quizzes, and other environmental activities

Good Green Fun
All ages

Wednesday 12-3pm August **14**
Meet at the Sculpture, Cooks Wood Road car park
Contact Jon Dallow of 'Woodlands' ☎ **2500 500**
Family event over the school holidays, fun, games and activities that help you understand why Parkwood so fantastic. Bring a picnic then join us for the afternoon.

Peaty's Parkwood Bike ride
All ages

Saturday 9.30am-1pm September **7**
Meet at the Sculpture, Cooks Wood Road car park
Contact Jon Dallow of 'Woodlands' ☎ **2500 500**
Join Steve Peat for a two wheel tour of Parkwood. Bikes to borrow, games, have a go sessions and fun for the new or experienced cyclist, big or small. Open to everyone from a 'Pro' to people just wanting to have a go.

River Don Volunteer Days
14 yrs+

Wednesday 10am-1pm August **14**
Meet on Blonk Street, just off the Wicker
Wednesday 10am-1pm August **21**
Meet at the end of Attercliffe Rd by Norfolk Bridge
Contact Hellen Hornby ☎ **263 6420**
All tools and equipment will be provided. Please wear strong shoes and long trousers & tops. Free drinks and biscuits for all participants.

Bat Walk
family event

Friday 7.30-9.30pm August **23**
Meet at SYAC on the Wicker by Derek Dooley Way, S3 8JD
Blue Loop & Sheffield Wildlife Trust ☎ **263 6420**
Booking essential email: s.sidgwick@wildsheffield.com
Walk along the River looking for bats and following our nocturnal wildlife quiz. At Salmon Pastures there will be a small bonfire with fire food and games to round off the evening.
All children must be accompanied by an adult

Discoveries on the Don
family event

Thursday 10am-12noon August **29**
Meet at SYAC on the Wicker by Derek Dooley Way, S3 8JD
Blue Loop & Sheffield Wildlife Trust
Contact Hellen Hornby ☎ **263 6420**
Short, easy river walk followed by river dipping in the Don
All children must be accompanied by an adult

Playschemes

Holiday Playscheme
2-8yrs
£3 per hour

Monday - Friday 9am-3pm during summer holiday
Watoto Pre-School, 139 Catherine Road, S4 7HJ
Contact Watoto to book a place ☎ **275 1817**
Lunch & snacks included. Activities include: music, outdoor camping, messy and water play, swimming, Curly Whirly the clown, adventure in the woods, teddy bears picnic, sports day, day trips and dance lessons.

Activity Programmes

Multi Sports Arts & Crafts
8-16yrs **50p**

Wednesdays & Thursdays 4.30-6pm
Starts August **14** then weekly ongoing
Verdon Recreation Centre (Burngreave TARA)
Contact Aislinn Adams ☎ **07960 853 063**

Come and join in a range of fun sporty and arty activities. Try out activities such as dodge ball, clay modelling, rounders, painting, football and mask making, DJ workshops and many more.
Under 8's welcome, but must attend with parent or guardian

76th Sheffield Scouts
10½-14yrs

Fridays 7-9pm July **26** August **2 9 23** - ongoing
Cornerstone Building - corner Grimesthorpe & Carwood Roads
£1 / week Contact Nico Hall ☎ **07941 480 380**

Open to girls & boys. Use side door opposite steps leading to Scott Road. Fun and adventure through a programme of activities, events and experiences.
Email: 76thsheffieldscouts@gmail.com

Adventure Play & Sports
8-16yrs

Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 12-3pm
Pitsmoor Adventure Playground, Melrose Road
Contact Activity Sheffield ☎ **273 4266**

Weekly, throughout the summer with Activity Sheffield, Sheffield Futures and the MAST team.
under 8's accompanied by a responsible adult

Active & Arty
8-14yrs

Mondays & Fridays 4-6pm
July **29** August **2 5 9 12 16 19 23 30**
Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street
Contact Tom Hughes, Activity Sheffield ☎ **273 4266**
Bring sports clothing

Messy Play in the Park
0-5yrs

Wednesday 2-4pm July **31**
Wensley Field, Wensley Street
Contact Hafeeza Shoaib ☎ **252 5220**

Events & Trips

Eid Party
8-13yrs

Sunday 2-4pm August **11**
PACA, Page Hall Road

Bowling Trip
8-13yrs

Sunday 2-4pm September **22**
PACA, Page Hall Road (bring money for snacks & drinks)

Funday at Nottingham Cliff
Family event

Saturday 3pm onwards September **28**
Face Painting, games & fun with Christchurch
Contact Anthony Stevens ☎ **275 7240**

Family Fun Day
£1 16yrs+
Free under 16s

Sunday 12-8pm August **11**
Caribbean Sports Club, Ecclesfield Common, S35 9WN
Contact Angela ☎ **07565 550 358**
FREE activities include: football tournament, Bouncy Castles, 60ft assault course, women's rounders, the annual football clash between England and Jamaica! 60m dash competition, food stalls, music and lots more!

Elodie All Sainte launch

Story: Lisa Swift

New African support group Elodie All Sainte held their launch event on 15th June at Verdon Recreation Centre.

Councillor Jackie Drayton opened the event, which was a celebration of African culture, with food, music and traditional dress. The group also raised money for Cancer Research.

Those who attended were from different parts of Africa including Sierra Leone, Gambia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Congo, Kenya and Somalia. Members of the group brought food from the Ivory Coast and Kenya, including dishes such as attieke, which is similar in texture to cous-cous, and allocou, which is fried plantain. There were also bottles of gnamakou, fresh ginger juice, mellowed with pineapple.

Organiser and President of the Elodie organisation, Emmanuel Kei, said, "I am very happy that people have responded and come here for fellowship. We are very determined to stay together and the show unity. We want to think about the future now, providing activities for children and the community."



Eugene Nguetta, a committee member and advisor to the group said, "I hope to be able to help organise more events like this one for all people in the African Community in Sheffield. I'm interested in fundraising for charities such as Cancer Research."

Elvira, a parent from Southey Green said, "I came today to show our community here what we can do. We want to bring our children together, to meet together, to know each other and understand our culture."

Shaibi charity cup

Story: Khalid Salih El-Hakli

The Shaibi organisation organised a football tournament to bring all different members of the community together.

The role of the organisation is primarily to support the Yemeni community in Sheffield and beyond. We received funding of £1000 from Burngreave Community First for two sessions of football a week for 6 months. From these sessions, we collected subscriptions which went towards setting up the Shaibi Charity Cup.

Sixteen teams entered the cup and the



games were played to a very high competitive standard. The turnout was around 200 people. Trophies and cash prizes of £150 were awarded to the teams

who made the final: World Class and Steel City Yemenis. Steel City Yemenis came out winners in a close-fought final. It ended up going to a penalty shoot-out. It was fitting that Steel City Yemenis won, as their name shows the history of our parents and grandparents, who worked hard for many years in the steel industry.

A well-respected guest from the Shaibi community in the USA, Abdul Salam Saqladi, handed out the prizes and trophies. We would also like to say a big thank-you to Power League for hosting the tournament and World Class in Pitsmoor Road for their sponsorship and refreshments on the day.

We hope to plan many more events in the future for the people of Burngreave.

Six Book Challenge Awards

Story: Kath Hobson

ESOL learners from Firs Hill School and all over Sheffield have successfully completed the "Six Book Challenge." On Monday 1st July, the Lord Mayor presented them with their certificates the Central Library.

One in six adults struggles to read. The Six Book Challenge improves the chances in life for people who find reading difficult by building their reading confidence and motivation. Learners had to pick six different books to read and record their progress in a diary.

At Firs Hill, three different ESOL classes and Conversation Club members took part. The Learners were accompanied by Kath Hobson, the Extended School Worker, and their ESOL tutors. It was a proud moment when each of our learners had their name called out to walk up the red carpet to the Mayor. They have done



so well and this goes hand-in-hand with passing their exams and improving confidence - a fantastic example for their children.

The women said,

"It was a party."

"It was very nice - people gathering and nice food"

New committee at Carwood TARA

Story & photo: John Mellor

Fifteen residents from the Carwood estate met with Neil Ashton from the Council Housing Services on 4th July for a postponed annual general meeting.

Most of those present had not been involved with a tenants and residents association previously and Neil first explained what was involved in the running of a TARA and how it was funded.

In explanation, he said:

"TARAs are financed by a weekly 10p levy from rents paid to the Council. How this money is spent, for the benefit of the community, is then decided by a committee representing those living in the area."

The main purpose of the meeting was therefore to elect the three main officers of the TARA, namely, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Following a friendly and good natured discussion between those present, including translation for those who needed it, the



meeting came to a unanimous decision, with the agreement of those who were nominated for these positions. The meeting decided that Metaq Dhalei should be the Chair, with Mahro Razzaq as Secretary and Jean Hill as Treasurer. Clearly, everyone was happy with these decisions and with the progress made at the meeting. Others present agreed to serve on the committee alongside the three elected officers.

The new committee will meet later this month to discuss future plans and activities for the area.

Heating discussions at Carwood

Story: Lisa Swift

Carwood Tenants met again on 2nd July about district heating concerns, in a follow up to a well attended meeting in April.

Tenants have been complaining about the shared district heating breaking down, going off at night and costing too much money

In April the Council promised to install valves, so that if the system does break down, only part of the estate would be affected. They also said they would ask for pipe replacement work to be prioritised on Carwood. They promised to investigate if the heating was being reduced too much at night. They also promised to compensate tenants for the loss of heating in March during the last snowy weather.

Council Officer Pete Hoyland told residents, "A refund of 2 weeks should show up on your heating bill this month. If you have not had this please contact the Council about it. We will be fitting the new valves in August, which will mean no heating and hot water for at least one day. We have managed to get Carwood moved up the waiting list for completely new pipes and this should happen in 2014, this will also reduce breakdown problems in cold weather"



Councillor Ibrar Hussain asked that the valve replacement work in August avoid Ramadan and Eid celebrations, and officers hoped this would be possible.

Residents again raised concerns about high bills and cold radiators at night. The officer said further investigations would be done into the night time temperatures. He also explained that a metering system would be installed some time in the next 4 years following January 2014. Carwood is not a top priority for this at moment. Once the metering is installed tenants will have complete control of their heating, but they will also have to pay for exactly what they use.

A further follow up meeting was set for 22nd October 1pm at Carwood meeting room.

To report problems with your heating call 0114 273 5555.

Summer at Verdon Recreation Centre

Verdon Recreation Centre remains available to use over the summer for events and activities.

Pye Bank School has taken over management of the building, but during the summer holidays the Community Buildings Team will be taking bookings temporarily. Discounted rates are available for community groups. Contact the Team on 273 5621, keys can be picked up at Sorby House

Activities for young people will be running during the summer, from Activity Sheffield, Ellesmere Youth Project, Burngreave TARA and the Taekwondo club. More details are in the summer activities listing, page 12-13.

After the summer Friends of Verdon Recreation Centre will be helping to organise a 'Tidy Up Verdon' day. Groups who use the centre are being asked to help sort out all the equipment left in the building, to keep the centre tidy and ready for people to use. The event will be Saturday 14th September 1-4pm.

New health activities will also be starting in October, look out for more information in the next Messenger.

From September contact Pye Bank School on 276 0472 for bookings.

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All enquiries to Nasira Amin on:
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Matthew 11:28

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- Saturday 17th - 6:15-8pm: *An act of Sabotage*
- Sunday 18th - 6:15-8pm: *Christ to the Rescue*
- Monday 19th - 7:15-8:40pm: *Guns, Knives and ASBOS*
- Tuesday 20th - 7:15-8:40pm: *What's love got to do with it?*
- Wednesday 21st - 7:15-8:40pm: *The transforming power of God's Grace*
- Friday 23rd - 7:15-8:40pm: *Ever searching, but never finding*
- Saturday 24th - 10am-1pm: *Rest for the restless world*
- Saturday 24th - 6:15-8pm: *The thing that amazed Jesus*
- Sunday 25th - 6:15-8pm: *In the steps of the master*
- Monday 26th - 7:15-8:40pm: *Where is Diana?*
- Tuesday 27th - 7:15-8:40pm: *A marriage made in heaven*
- Wednesday 28th - 7:15-8:40pm: *Jerusalem the Holy City*
- Friday 30th - 7:15-8:40pm: *Paralysed by fear*
- Saturday 31st - 10am-1pm: *The best is yet to come*
- Saturday 31st - 6:15-8pm: *Celebration banquet & Concert*



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Arwa Relaxation Therapy

Story: Muneebah Waheed
Main photo: Richard Hanson

Four years ago Arwa Havard opened her own massage business, Arwa Relaxation Therapy (A.R.T.), after training with Vicky Gaughan at the Sheffield Centre for Massage Training and gaining a UK Diploma in Massage Therapy.



She aimed to help the local community feel better physically and spiritually by providing therapy in quiet, private and relaxing premises close to Abbeyfield Park. Now, in a bid to expand her business, A.R.T is also opening a therapy room in the John Banner Building in Attercliffe.

I was lucky to experience an Indian Head Massage - a thoroughly relaxing experience I would definitely recommend! The lovely, warm and welcoming atmosphere is one of the perks A.R.T. offers, a perfect opportunity to

relieve your stresses!

Others also felt the massage was a perfect way to wind down: "The massage I received was extremely professional, and was physically very therapeutic. I felt revitalised for a number of days afterwards" said the Reverend Hannah Jackson.

Dina Martin OBE told us: "Arwa's massages are truly holistic and help me to de-stress. They are the best I have been treated to."

Arwa aims to offer quality massages at an affordable price. For example, an hour's hot stones massage is £45 and a half hour £25. The holistic massage is £40 for a full hour and £22 for half an hour, and her Indian head massage is only £20. A.R.T. is also offering a special offer in honor of the Eid celebration with £5 off the full hour of the hot stones massage.

To book a session, or for more information, contact Arwa on 07532 329 723.



Spital Hill live art

Photo: Panni Poh Yoke Loh

Local artist Panni Poh Yoke Loh organised a "peaceful intervention" on Spital Hill on June 21st to encourage women to make use of a Spital Hill, which is often perceived to be a place used mainly by men.

30 women, plus children and a few men, arrived in positive spirits on Ellesmere Green, keen to explore together. Small groups went to different cafes or to look in shops and explore the arcade. Panni writes,

"I roughly knew where everyone had gone and went to see them to see how it was going. I spoke to one café owner who was pleased with the new business. Mostly women thoroughly enjoyed the evening."

Women who took part said:

"I wouldn't normally come here, but it feels better coming with other women."

"After dark I would cycle through, but I wouldn't walk through"

"I've enjoyed it, it's been something different and I got to drink mint tea again, I haven't had it for ages and I love it."

"I enjoyed going into the shops and cafes that I would never have gone into on my own."

Saving money together

Story: Clarete Sibanda

We are a group of 6 women and we buy our shopping together to help save money. We want to share our idea to inspire others.

We save £3.75 per week for 6 months, which we use to buy bulk items at different supermarkets where there are bargains or special offers. We buy things like soap, washing powder, toilet paper, dish washing liquid, cooking oil and rice, and things that don't go off. Then every six months we share out what we have bought.

We take it in turns to collect the money and buy things and keep the shopping until the sharing day. We all look out for bargains and we tell the person with the money, so they can buy things on offer. We contribute £2 each for the person doing the buying to pay for petrol.

We meet up every 6 months to talk about things we might need, or things we already have so the shopper can get the things we want. On the sharing day, we bring food and eat together as well as sharing out the shopping. Last time we celebrated one of the group's birthdays with a decorated cake!

We want to inspire other women to do something similar, it saves money and you don't have to worry about running out of things like toilet paper or washing powder. Also we get to share each other's company and we are supporting each other during hard times.

If anyone wants to start something similar and wants to get advice contact Clarete via the Messenger 242 0564, mail@burngreavemessenger.org



Firth Park Festival

Story & photos: Muneebah Waheed

On Saturday the 29th of June, the local community gathered together to celebrate the start of summer in the annual Firth Park Festival.

Ice cream, face painting and bouncy castles were in abundance in the festival, as everyone enjoyed the fun filled day with lots of activities to choose from. Stalls showcasing world foods, arts and crafts, and gardening decorated the park,



creating a welcoming and friendly festival atmosphere for people to enjoy.

People also enjoyed music and break-dancing performances, sporting games and fairground rides. Mohammed, a local resident, spoke to the Messenger about the festival, saying it "is a very fun filled day with something for everyone to enjoy."



The sun even made a surprise appearance during the festival, and festival goers enjoyed healthy activities such as skipping, circus skills and football. The South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue team also played a part in the festival, by highlighting the dangers of kitchen fires with a very engaging demonstration.

All in all, the annual festival was a success, with many people celebrating the start of summer together. It was a much needed treat after the long and harsh winter!



The Mikron Theatre Company present "Beyond the Veil"

Beyond the Veil

Story: Tim Neal

For the second year running the Mikron Theatre Company visited Grimesthorpe Allotments. 100 people gathered in the sun to watch them unveil a story of intrigue, allotments and bee keeping with, of course, a sting in the tail.

The play was both amusing and educational making the valuable point that we really need to make sure we recognise quite how important bees are to our well bee-ing.

Thanks to Green City Action and SAGE Greenfingers for organising the event and we hope that they might return another year.

Abbeyfield House open day



Story: Tim Neal

On 22nd June the Friends of Abbeyfield Park (FOAP) held an open day at Abbeyfield Park House.

An interesting history leaflet was made available and number of people took the opportunity to explore the house which was held open for the occasion.

The afternoon saw an important meeting take place at which it was agreed that the group would reconstitute as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This valuable move allows FOAP to progress further in developing plans to reinvigorate the house as a community resource.

For any information concerning FOAP please contact: abbeyfieldpark@gmail.com

Parkwood Academy's Summer Fair



On the school's new 3G pitch was a mini six a side football match which was a popular event.

Paul Howard, from Parkwood Academy said:

"A brilliant day enjoyed by students, parents, staff and a great many members of our local communities!"

Story: Nicole Chalmers
Photos: Paul Howard

Parkwood Academy's annual summer fair event took place on the 6th July. It was a spectacular event as always, as crowds of all ages gathered .

There was no shortage of things to do, from children's rides to football competitions all with great prizes to win,

including a big shiny trophy which you could take home. More of the events ranged from free rides to tombolas. It was a great and crowded and lot of the events were for charitable reasons. The main one was the Race for Life fun run round the school grounds to raise money for Cancer Research.



Blunkett supports playground



Story: Lisa Swift, Pitsmoor Adventure User Group
Photos: Rohan Francis

David Blunkett MP supported local residents campaigning to keep Pitsmoor Adventure Playground at their funday in July.

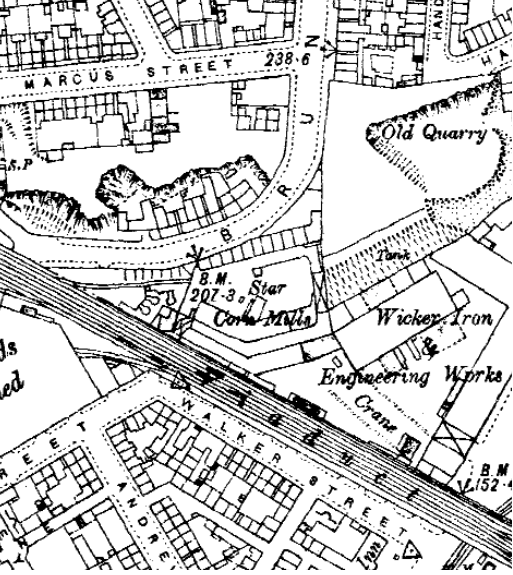
This is the third funday organised by the Playground users group, who want to keep the playground open and run by the Council. Budget cuts have reduced the opening hours to 9 per week, down from 25 hours.

David Blunkett presented certificates to local parents who had completed an introduction to playwork course. He also received a signed football from one of the playgrounds regular attendees. Speaking to parents and children, Mr Blunkett said: "Well done to everyone for keep the playground open and for working together to do that. I will do everything in my power to help you keep the playground staffed and open."



Over a hundred children and parents enjoyed the activities of the day, which included a bouncy castle, den building and balloon modelling.

The playground is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 12-3pm during the school holidays. The next Adventure Playground Funday will be Saturday 17th August 12-6pm. The theme for the day will be 'Pitsmoor Olympics', with sports and fun activities for children and families.



became renowned for its Steelworks during the age of the industrial revolution and it was steel, coal and iron which were the core industries in what was once a thriving economy. The industrial revolution had certainly left its mark in Burngreave and this is evident by the immense number of factories that Brearley was surrounded by in his childhood. Some of these included Don Steel Works and Wicker Iron and Engineering works (See 1893 map, left).



Houses on Marcus Street 1959. Courtesy of Picture Sheffield

The historical records and trade directories show that Brearley's neighbours worked in a wide spectrum of professions from shopkeepers, railway guards and iron workers, to the more unusual job of a cow keeper. Other occupations that went unrecorded in the official census records, but which were still common, was causal work such as washing people's clothes, which Brearley's mother did to help raise her large family or collecting and selling bundles of local firewood door-to-door, which was what Brearley recalls doing as a child.

similar shape by chipping away using a hammer and a long nail as a chisel but quickly realised that the nail easily became blunt. After sitting on a wall outside his home watching workmen building the wall around the MSL Railway (Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire), he was able to use their chisels after he helped them to make tea. He then made some amendments to his own tools by using heat and water, and by experimenting realised what process made the hardest nail.

In his autobiography, *Stainless Pioneer*, Brearley remembers one specific incident as a child when he was fascinated by the carved and dipped shape of sandstone that was used as water bowls for a neighbour's hens. He tried to create a

Influenced by his surroundings in Burngreave, his sparks of genius as a child and inquisitive nature would lead him on to do great things. He went on to discover stainless steel, that can not only be found in homes in Burngreave but also homes across the globe.

Brearley's early life

Story: Aishah Baroo

During his early childhood, Harry Brearley, discoverer of Stainless Steel, moved from Spital Street to Marcus Street, Pitsmoor (according to the 1891 Census) which was where he spent the first 20 years of his life along with his parents and eight siblings. Life in Burngreave meant that Brearley was exposed to industrial and manual trades from an early age.

Sheffield was one of the cities that



caught up with him at the annual Sheffield Management Lecture.

What are your recollections of Pitsmoor?

I was born in 1947 in my grandmother's house at 78 Macro Street. My grandmother had certain rules, for example if you can stand you can go to work. She was poor and she was crippled, so she turned her house into a rooming house. I was given to one of these itinerant lodging families and they raised me until I was 11. I went to a school for physically handicapped children and caught a couple of buses to get to school. There'd been a lot of bombing in the area so we played on bomb sites, digging through the rubble. I was actually beaten and raped as a child, so it was a very tough upbringing.

Where did that motivation come from?

I had an inferiority complex. I was concerned that unless I worked very hard I'd never be able to overcome it. And I had a dream of being an engineer from many years before, even my grandmother said, "He's going to be an electrical engineer." I've no idea where she got it from! She'd only had electricity in her house five or six years, but she obviously knew it was something of the future, a good thing to do.

Pitsmoor's George Buckley

Story: Fran Belbin

Sir George Buckley retired this year as Chairman, President and Chief Executive of American company 3M, who manufacture a wide range of products, but perhaps most famously Scotch Tape and Post-it notes.

George was the only British CEO of a Fortune 500 (the top 500 U.S. public corporations as ranked by their gross revenue) company - and he was born and brought up in Pitsmoor. The Messenger

And you left school with no qualifications?

I was 15 and I got a job as an apprentice electrician for NG Baileys. One day when an electrician said to me, "George, do you realise why we're putting in heavier cables for the power and lighting? Let me show you how to calculate the power." I was completely lost, so the following day I asked for day release. I went to Granville College for 5 years, never missed a class.

You've retired from 3M but you've taken on more work?

If you're lucky like I was, enormous fulfilment comes from working. The people you work with, the friends you make, that become a kind of extended family. I look for balance, what I call the "baby bear" solution, not too hot, not too cold, not too sweet, not too salty...

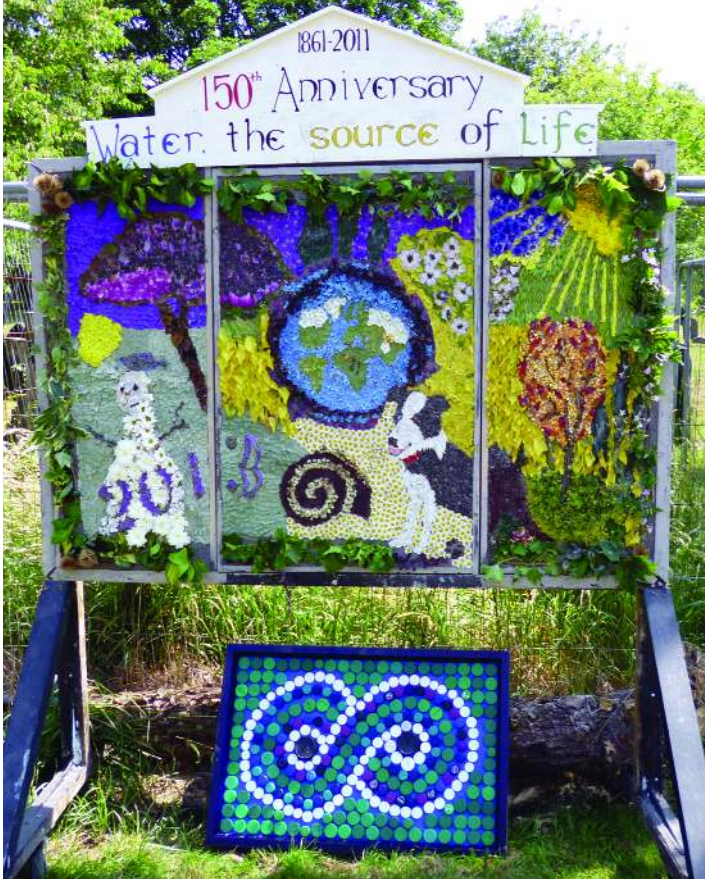
Any advice to share from your working life?

For young people, it's a combination of education and hard work. And a great rule of leadership is to stretch people, allow them to see where their real potential lies. I suspect there are a lot more creative juices in people than they imagine.

Cemetery well dressing

Story: Saleema Imam | Photo: Rohan Francis

Glorious sunshine heralded the annual well dressing in Burngreave Cemetery on Sunday 14th July. At noon, Councillor Jackie Drayton, one of a number of volunteers who had worked over the previous few days to create the artwork, revealed this year's theme: the everlasting rotation of the seasons.



The ancient local tradition of decorating wells in thanksgiving for the life giving gift of water was accompanied this time by a modern day equivalent – a mosaic made in plastic bottle tops depicting infinity. Both stand together by one of the wells which all predate the cemetery by hundreds of years.

Research into this well and the drift mines which were previously worked beneath the land now occupied by graves, is being supported by a grant from the National lottery 'All our Stories' strand.

Earlier this year saw an initial survey of the well; a mini 'dig' took place in July on the lawned area near to the Melrose Road entrance, and a Time Team style geo-physical survey of the same area is planned for the autumn.

Victorian artefacts and mining photographs from the National Mining Museum were on display inside the old mortuary chapel

The local history project continues over the summer with community workshops to create a mosaic sundial which will be placed in the grassed area near to the cemetery gates.

The Friends of Burngreave Cemetery continue to meet every Sunday between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm to help visitors find graves. Patrick Amber leads recycled craft workshops between 2.00 and 4.00pm. Details from <http://www.friendsofburngreavecemetery.btck.co.uk>

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Visit www.zerobudgetfilmfest.com for more details.



Councillor Surgeries

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

Please note there are no Surgeries held in August

14th September: 11am-12pm, Burngreave Library, Ibrar Hussain

17th September: 12pm-1pm Norwood & Bishopholme Tara, Jackie Drayton

19th September: 2pm-3pm, Pakistan Advice Centre, Talib Hussain

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David Blunkett MP's next general advice surgery is on Saturday, 20th July at Firth Park Advice Centre on Stubbin Lane from 10.30am until 12noon.

There are no advice surgeries in August, so the next scheduled session is on Saturday, 7th September, same venue, same times.

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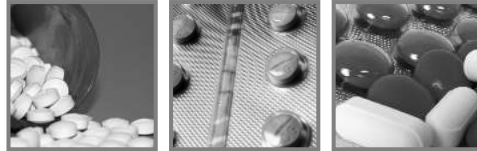
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