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Voice of the Burngreave Community

A senseless killing



In the early hours of Wednesday 14th March, a fatal shooting took place on Scott Road which left a family devastated and the local community shocked.

Shortly after starting a night shift, Taxi driver, Mr Younis Khan, was traveling along Scott Road at 1.45am when he was shot near to the junction with College Close.

The 53 year old of Abbeyfield Road tried to drive on but lost control and crashed into two parked cars near the cemetery gates.

He was rushed to the Northern General Hospital by ambulance but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Following the shooting, the Police arrested four suspects but have released them all on bail, pending inquiries. The investigation now involves more than 100 officers including up to 60 CID officers.

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The Police stressed that Mr Khan was not the victim of a robbery and had not recently been a victim of crime, nor was he involved in criminality himself. Inspector Jon Ekwubiri was keen to reassure residents that the shooting is not connected to the death of Ibrahim Ilyas in June last year.

Mr Khan was a well known person in the local community. A father of five and grandfather of three, he had worked as a taxi driver and lived on Abbeyfield Road for more than 20 years. Until last year, he also ran the Younis supermarket - now called Premier Supermarket Express on Scott Road.

Mr Khan's family issued the following statement to the Messenger:

"Mr Younis was a well respected and loved person in the area. He had no hate and just love for everyone. He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him in the community."

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New Tesco plans



For details of the plans for a huge Tesco between Spital Hill and Savile Street and what this could mean for Burngreave, see page 8.

Byron Wood fire

On Saturday 10th March a fire, caused by faulty wiring, destroyed the library and computer room at Byron Wood School. Headteacher Tony Carter said that, while sad, the fire presented "an opportunity to make things even better at Byron Wood, with new books and computers." More details on page 22.





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Finance Manager/ Administrator

The Burngreave Messenger is an established community newspaper; part funded by Burngreave New Deal for Communities and delivered free to the Burngreave area of Sheffield. We are looking for an experienced financial worker with excellent administrative skills to help us to seek funding to ensure the Messenger's future and encourage more volunteers to take part in producing the newspaper.

Job Title: Finance Manager / Administrator

Salary: £20,895 - £22,293 p.a. pro rata (NJC sp 26-28)

depending on experience.

Hours: 18.5 hours (0.5 FTE) worked Mon-Fri, plus

occasional evening work.

Key Responsibilities:

- Developing the Burngreave Messenger's financial and administration systems in line with the changing needs of the organisation.
- Assisting the Manager in the preparation of funding applications.
- Providing administrative support to all Messenger activities.

For an application pack please phone 242 0564, or email messenger@burngreave.net.

The closing date for applications is Monday 23rd April 2007. Interviews will take place between Monday 30th April and Friday 4th May 2007.

Shiregreen/Burngreave Service District Street Work Project



Part-time Youth Worker

• Ref: SF020

Salary: £16,707 – £18,807 (pro-rata
 Hours: 14.8 per week (40% contract)

A Vacancy has arisen within a dynamic New Project for a Part Time level 2 Detached Youth Worker to work in the Burngreave New Deal for Communities area. The sessions will mainly be detached work carried out during the evening and weekends. The main responsibilities of the post will be to work with disengaged young people on the streets of Burngreave.

The successful candidates should have NVQ level 3 in Youth and Community work. Substantial experience and awareness of all issues facing young people who by nature are challenging is essential as is knowledge and understanding of multi–cultural communities, as well as having experience of multi-agency working. Candidates must have good organisational and communication skills.

Informal enquiries – Zain Abdulla 07921 491 540

Closing Date:13th April 2007 Interviews scheduled for week commencing 23rd April 2007

Application forms and further information are available from Sheffield Futures, Star House, 43 Division Street, Sheffield S1 4SL. Tel: 0114 201 2843 (24 hours).

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Save ESOL

Story: Bob Bennett Photo: Andrew Edmondson

Nearly 200 people attended a meeting at SADACCA on 13th March, united against the government proposal to cut funding to English language courses (ESOL). The cuts will kill off at least 25% of courses run in Burngreave, with a devastating effect on Adult Learning Providers catering for refugees and asylum seekers.

Speakers attacked the cuts as disgusting and degrading, with unanimous support for a local campaign to support National opposition to the cuts, coordinated by the University and Colleges Union.

Burngreave Labour councillor Ibrar Hussain said: "I think the withdrawal of ESOL will have a devastating impact on all of us."

It was agreed that the Learning and Skills Council cuts would take away the basic tool of citizenship from immigrants - the ability to speak English, contradicting the Government's message that people coming into the UK should play a full role in British society.

Maxine Bowler, a Respect Party candidate for Burngreave, said: "The decision flies in the face of social cohesion."

African asylum seeker, Wattara Houadjotany warned that the cuts would damage refugees' and immigrants' futures and that the community would be divided without a common language. "When people look at me they see a black man - but when they talk to me they forget that I am different because we are speaking the same language."

Kathryn Austin of Sheffield College said the cuts were "heart rending". If the decision is not reversed, many people could be paying up to $\pounds 500$ to learn English. "Many vulnerable and hard to reach groups in the community would be hit hard," she added. The cuts would also damage courses designed to provide a "learning ladder" for people who had completed ESOL courses.

Tony Tingle, of Sheffield Council's Adult Education Service, spoke in a personal capacity, saying that ethnic minority communities would be the hardest hit.

"The Government has decided we should assess fees for ESOL courses using Working Tax Credit. Only 3% of migrant workers currently claim income tax credit. It could be because the application form for working tax credit is a very long document - in English," he said.

Representatives of the Sheffield Save ESOL group are lobbying MPs, councillors and local trade union branches to support the campaign.

A Save ESOL protest march through Sheffield City Centre will take place on Saturday 21st April. For more details contact Ahmed Gurnah on 279 4961 or Tony Tingle on 255 5791 after 6pm.

Editorial 🏈

This edition the Messenger says goodbye to long-serving Management Committee member Dr. Mark Lankshear, who is emigrating to New Zealand with his partner, Charlotte and young son, Joe.

Mark made a major contribution to the voluntary sector in Burngreave and further afield. He has been a Messenger volunteer for seven years and heavily involved with the Garden Rooms Arts Project, all while working hard as a GP in Tinsley and the Manor.

We wish Mark and his family all the best down under.

Aessenger Info

Editorial meetings: 6.30 pm at Abbeyfield Park House Next meeting: Wed, 18th April All welcome.

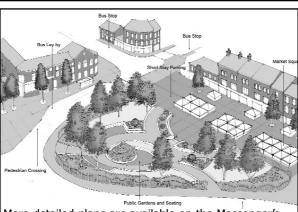
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This month's team: Angelina Abel, Asma Ali, Richard Belbin, Ian Clifford, Camille Daughma, Rohan Francis, Anne Grange, Naheem Hanif, Saleema Imam, Douglas Johnson, Jamie Marriott, Derrick Okrah, Christine Steers, Lisa Swift.



More detailed plans are available on the Messenger's website: www.burngreavemessenger.org

Ellesmere Proposals

The Council are planning to make Spital Hill "more attractive to shoppers, to improve the economic vitality of the area and encourage the creation of new business and expansion of existing ones."

Space has been allocated for a 26-stall market. The plans also show a

town garden with colourful flowers and planting, public art, play areas and improved seating. Safety railings will provide reassurance for parents. The current toilets would be demolished, with Sorby House's available during the working day.

Although there will be opportunities to comment when further designs are drawn up (probably by May 2007) comments on the plans can be made in the meantime to Chris Birks on 273 5880 or email: chris.birks@sheffield.gov.uk.

Apprenticeships for All

Story: Angelina Abel

17 year old Neelam Fazal is described as a 'breath of fresh air' by her manager at Construction Design Centre which she joined through Apprenticeship for All.

The Apprenticeships for All Project is managed by Sheffield City Council with New Deal for Communities and the Learning and Skills Council.

The Project offers Burngreave residents over 16 the opportunity to undertake accredited training and receive employment support in many different areas of work.

Neelam Fazal shows the benefits of the scheme. Aiming to be a receptionist, Neelam took up a place on the Project's Business Administration programme.

After submitting her CV, Neelam was selected to work in the Construction Design Centre. She describes her experience as a great learning process involving putting each step into practice.

"It's wicked, I really enjoy it. I'm registering people, putting information into the computer, passing on messages. This experience has increased my confidence." Neelam describes the employer as "brilliant". "The staff are really good, the women are much older than me but really supportive. I feel that I can learn from them".

Neelam is developing her communication skills, talking to people face to face, receiving visitors and placing orders. She is working towards an Apprenticeship Framework in Business and Administration that includes NVQ Level 2 by attending Sheffield City Council's Employment Unit on day release. Having started in October 2006, Neelam will qualify in November 2007; meanwhile she's been earning £80 for a 5-day week.

The experience has opened doors but also windows for Neelam, who hopes to be a receptionist in a solicitor's firm and has been nominated for the Young Business Woman of the Year Award by the Project.

Neelam's determination and hard work has paid off as the judges recommended her certificate be upgraded to 'highly commended' for her contribution to her placement. When asked about the award, Neelam said:



"I was proud and excited; I had to work hard to get it. The receptionist before me was off ill so I had a lot of work and a lot of responsibility. When I went to the ceremony I was nervous and had butterflies, but it was very good."

We wish Neelam and her twin sister Niayla, also on the project, the best of luck.

Apprenticeship for All offers a wide range of opportunities: Administration/IT, Construction, Catering, Printing and many other areas of work.

For more details about the Apprenticeships for All programme, ring 272 2743 or e-mail ed-employmentunit@sheffield.gov.uk.

Bumper crowd for Burngreave Business Awards

Story: Naheem Hanif

Winners of the third annual Burngreave Business Awards (pictured right) enjoyed a night of celebrations with a bumper crowd.

Earlier in the day, hundreds of businessmen and women, aspiring entrepreneurs and business students received advice from 30 different enterprise support agencies and took part in seminars on business start-up and finance.

The awards were organised and sponsored by Burngreave New Deal for Communities, Burngreave Business Forum and Business Link South Yorkshire.

Community Impact Award winner Safiya Saeed (Saf Saf) said: "I appreciate the support of everybody who recognised my hard work. It was overwhelming to be nominated let alone win the award"

Customer Service Award winner



Amanda Wells (Stress Solutions) said: "I was surprised and delighted to win. With so many winners being female, it is a real step forward for women who are not well represented in big businesses."

Denis Healy, of Business Link South Yorkshire, said: "This is the third time we have sponsored the event and the energy, enthusiasm and drive never ceases to amaze me."

Students from Firvale and Firth Park schools took part in a Dragon's Den exercise pitching business ideas that would benefit pupils at their schools. Films of the winning pitches were shown as part of the presentation.

Community reaction to the Scott Road shooting

Following the death of local resident and taxi driver Younis Khan, the Messenger went out to speak to residents, to record people's reactions and feelings.

The following are some of the comments we collected from 25 parents at a local school.

"We're all in shock, it just happens on your doorstep. He was such a nice person."

"Children think its normal - another murder. We need to stand by each other and support each other."

"It's just such a shock and loss. I've lived in the area for 20 years. He was an honest guy trying to earn a living. It's a loss to the community. You have to think about the grand children - they're only young but they'll have to live with it for the rest of their lives. I just hope they get who did it and that they get a proper sentence."

"We will miss him and are very shocked and upset by the manner of his death."

"I'm just scared. I live on that road. It happens everywhere else - Manchester, London, but you don't think it will happen on your street. I didn't let my husband go to work the day after. I couldn't believe it."

"I'm scared. It's disgusting. We knew him since we were kids. A right good man; a family man. He used to always laugh and had a cheeky grin. It makes you wonder what will happen next."

"My wife knew his wife - they used to go to the gym to do keep fit together. It's really shocking. People need to rally around"

"Frightening for our children, too close for comfort, we want to move from here."

"It's disgusting and appalling - where are they getting their guns. Why don't they clean it up?"

"I'm shocked - more should be done to get guns and drugs off the street - the community should help the police." "I'm really shocked. Pitsmoor is a multicultural area and up to now we haven't had too much of these kind of problems. It makes you more aware, especially when your five year old is asking about guns and violence."

"It's really grim that people have to resort to shooting someone to sort out a difference. Do they really think they can get away with it? It's always two steps forward, one step back for Pitsmoor."

"We need to stand by each other and support each other."

"It's awful and shocking, I feel for the family. Lots of people know him. Children know it's happened, but you don't know how to explain why."

The Messenger met a group of young people to discuss how the incident affected them, they talked about its link to crime and young people, and how to move forward.

"Reputation means people get into a cycle of violence. Because of reputation they have to do something. Its peer pressure."

"We don't want it, we don't need it. It all needs to calm down."

"The community and the police have a responsibility to do something."

"The reason why people in the community don't say anything about crimes is because suspicion is not enough, you need evidence - and it's a risk speaking up without evidence."

"The community and the police have a responsibility to do something, but also the media has to keep it in proportion. It's stupid not to accept some responsibility ourselves – it's our future it affects."

Many tributes have been made with flowers and cards near Burngreave Cemetery gates, where Younis Khan was killed.





"My deepest sympathy to the family. The Community is thinking of you at this terrible time."

"Mr Younis Khan. We remember your lovely smiling face and jokes when we used to come to your shop. We are deeply shocked and saddened by what has happened."

The *Messenger* has also received tributes:

"We were very fond of Younis, although we only knew him through the shop. He was a warm and instantly likeable person. We will miss him and are very shocked and upset by the manner of his death. I think the real man shone through when he smiled. He worked very hard and was devoted to his family, who must be devastated by their loss."

You can add comments or condolences to our website: www.burngreavemessenger.org

The police would like to hear from you if you have any information about the incident.

Please do not hesitate to call the major incident team on 296 4471, 296 4472 or 296 4473. Details can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Any information provided will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Woodside New Housing – continuing saga

Story: Lisa Swift, Saleema Imam, Douglas Johnson

Affordable housing was not on the agenda for Councillors in March, despite concern from residents, Burngreave Community Action Forum and Burngreave New Deal for Communities.

In January, New Deal withdrew its investment of £1million, following a Council decision to reduce the amount of affordable housing to be built in Woodside. With only about 30 of the 200 new homes likely to be classed as 'affordable' much of the development will be out of reach for residents of Burngreave.

40 residents attended the BCAF quarterly meeting on 22nd February, to discuss the issue, and expressed concern about a growing housing crisis.

One resident told the meeting:

"My grandson had to rent from a landlord, when he would have loved a Council house. You just don't know how landlords will treat them."

Another said she had been waiting six years for a Council property. While a young woman explained:

"I want to be able to buy a small house, two bedrooms maybe, but with things as they are I can't afford it in Burngreave. Young people have no chance."

In defense of the plans council officers said:

"The decision has been made by Councillors in cabinet, the Council has other capitol commitments."

David Reid, chairing the meeting, read out a resolution supporting the increase in affordable housing for Woodside and it was agreed that BCAF would host a meeting for potential councillors before the May elections (see advert bottom right.)

At the New Housing Project Group, on 27th February, Council officers explained the Councils 'capitol commitments' meant spending money made on the sale of Woodside, on work the Council must do across the city. The Project Group, which is supposed to involve residents in the planning of new housing for the area, was told the decision about the number of affordable homes on Woodside was a political one, and can be changed. The Group asked for the development process to be delayed so that it could be raised with Councillors at the next Area Panel on 22nd March.

Councillors denied the request to put the matter on the agenda, but at the meeting were pushed to response to why "affordable housing" was not up for discussion. There was no clear answer. Instead, David Shepherd, the council's lead manager for the area, said he hoped the council would press ahead with the tendering process for developers for the Woodside estate. In response to demands for more affordable housing, he stated that council policy was to stick with the minimum level of 15%, even though residents pointed out the Masterplan itself had recommended 20%.

The *Messenger* has learned that the development of Woodside is due to go ahead as planned, with the first step of asking developers to submit tenders for the work from April.

Next episode – Monday 23rd April 7.00 pm at Verdon St Recreation Centre. Come along and ask your questions, get some answers. Council reports on illegal evictions

Story: Douglas Johnson

In February (Issue 68), we reported on claims that a group of destitute asylum-seekers had been forcibly evicted from Catherine Rd flats to make way for redevelopment.

The council owns the flats but Arches Housing Association is developing them, and they employed the developer Redwall Developments Ltd to carry out the work. The council agreed to

investigate and a lengthy report has now been produced.

The Council concludes the victims "probably were evicted illegally" and, after the visit from Redwall's contractors, "certainly had good reason to feel intimidated". Redwall is already known to Burngreave residents as the "cavalier" developer of the Smithies Field site off Grimesthorpe Road for removing mature trees without planning permission.

Having said that, the Council's criticism is levelled at Arches Housing Association and ASSIST, the charity supporting the refugees. Even though the council was responsible for the court proceedings for permission to evict the men lawfully, the report finds that Sheffield City Council "had no liability for the mismanagement". The council recommends that no further action is taken although it suggests that Arches may wish to consider a "modest contribution to a suitable charity in recognition of the items allegedly lost or damaged."

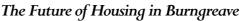
If anything, the report highlights the tensions between large-scale regeneration schemes and the needs of vulnerable individuals desperately in need of housing and support.

Taxi CCTV camera

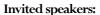
A campaign is underway to get CCTV cameras installed for Burngreave Taxi drivers. A number of local taxi drivers have fallen victim to robberies and abuse. The CCTV system is hoped to deter muggings and assaults against the drivers. The cameras could be activated by the push of a button on the dashboard.

It's hoped that BNDfC, Sheffield City Council and other statutory organisations will support the campaign. For more information contact Ibrar Hussain 07866 571 750.

Where will our children live?



A meeting organised by BCAF



All prospective candidates for the May Council election in Burngreave

Verdon Street Recreation Centre Monday 23rd April, 7.00 – 8.30pm

Everyone welcome! Refreshments available

For further details please contact BCAF on (0114) 272 8008



Pye Bank School Seeks New Governors

Story: Douglas Johnson

Following very poor exam results last year, Pye Bank School has decided to reorganise its Governing Body and is seeking new community Governors.

After a difficult merger of the infant and junior schools in 2002, results had improved steadily from 2003 to 2005. However, in December 2006, results from the national SATs were the worst in the city and almost the worst in the country. It has been conceded that the monitoring of children's progress had been poor and that the Governing Body does not reflect the community that the school serves

5th Worst School in Country?

No-one can get away from the fact that Pye Bank was listed as the 5th worst school in the country based on the "aggregate score", one of the many ways of scoring schools performance. However, many people believe the scoring systems aren't very good and they point out that it's still the schools in the poorest areas at the bottom of the tables. It's worth looking behind the figures.

Although Pye Bank is in the bottom set of 197 schools, so are 8 other Sheffield primaries: Byron Wood, Prince Edward (on the Manor), Hartley Brook, Netherthorpe, Mansel (Parson Cross), Fox Hill, Springfield (Broomhall), and Bankwood (in Gleadless). No other city in the country has so many schools so low in the list. Should the education authority be answering questions? Is it simply that all these schools are in the poorest areas? Curiously, the only education authority to have more schools in the lowest 197 is Kent, normally a very affluent county. Again, one question is whether the results are affected by new arrivals in the country with limited English.

Improving Standards

Whatever the criticism of league tables, though, it is not surprising parents will worry. In response to parents' demands, the school held an open meeting in January where headteacher Rita Storr was able to outline the action plan the Governors have adopted in conjunction with the City Council. The plan has been delayed and has yet to be made public but will cover a wide range of issues around improving leadership of the school and



better monitoring. It aims to take definite action on improving standards of Maths and English, requiring Governors to plan better and increasing communication between Governors, the local authority and the Diocese. This will no doubt please parents, but there's still more work to be done to bring the skills of parents into the school and improve communication between them.

Another challenge is that the council has decided to build new classrooms on site to admit an extra 30 pupils in each year group, doubling the size of the entire school. St Catherine's is also due to have a similar expansion to make way for the serious demand for school places in the area but both schools risk further disruption to teaching.

Working Together

Now the school has decided to reorganise its Governing body and recruit additional Governors from the community. Local Christchurch Vicar, parent of children at the school and member of the Governing Body, Martyn Snow, said,

"Pye Bank is truly a unique school. Sadly the school had very bad SATs results last year. These came on the back of two years when the results had been improving. Staff and governors have worked hard to put together an action plan to ensure improvement. For example we now have a much better system for tracking the progress children are making.

"We are also keen to recruit one or two new governors who not only represent different parts of the community but also bring particular expertise. Being a governor can be very rewarding but it is also hard work – at least four meetings a term, with regular school visits – and all of it unpaid! We recognise too that we need more parents to be involved in the school – working together we can improve things still further."

Ultimately, Pye Bank School remains in a deprived part of Sheffield, itself a very divided city. As Rita Storr says, it can take a long time to see significant changes in a school, but where's there's the will of parents, there's a way.

Pye Bank Netball

Story: Louise Johnson

I am a pupil at Pye Bank School. I recently joined the girls' netball team for something to do after school. At first I didn't like it but after a few sessions of practice I began to feel that I was enjoying it. We have played home games and away games - recently we had an away match with Sheffield High Girls School. We played two games. The score for the first game was 8-5.

We lost the second game but we came very close to winning - the score was 6-5 - we lost by one point! We still played very well. Our school pitch is not marked out although we practice once a week. If the pitch was marked out properly, we could perhaps have more practice at lunchtimes. I noticed that some other schools have more facilities for sport. Maybe if Pye Bank had better facilities for sport, we could be with hard practice one of the best netball teams. All the team is very keen to



Louise Johnson and Nekeisha Onfroy-Lally

improve on their skills and need support and commitment from both school and parents. Perhaps with a marked out pitch and more support from parents and school this could be really good for our school and the Burngreave area.

My mother helped a lot since she saw us play a match at school (we can't get rid of her now). When she was young she was good at netball herself and was team captain for a long time. Miss Harrison, Miss Jones and Mr Belgrave were also a big help. Without them all we would not play as well as we do.

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New TESCO planned

Tesco has put in an initial planning application for a huge new store at the bottom of Spital Hill.

The proposed sales floor space is 80,000 square feet (7432m²), comparable the ASDA at Handsworth which is 85,000 square feet. This is much bigger than the original proposal in the Masterplan, which "recommended that a store of between 1,200 and 1,600m2 with car parking would be suitable." The Messenger raised a number of issues in an article on our website, which Tesco have responded to.

Tesco's plans involve extensive development on three levels of the area between Spital Hill and Savile St. Extensive car-parking on all three levels will feed into the store itself, with the main pedestrian entrance at the same level as Spital Hill shops. Landscaping of Caborn's Corner will give this little triangle of green a well-needed scrub-up, with a meandering ramped path leading through the steps to the shop entrance. Tesco have even said that they will keep the plaque commemorating a visit by a delegation of Bulgarian Trade Unionists to Sheffield if there is sufficient public interest in this (See page 9 for a history of Caborn's Corner).

The Council have asked Tesco to include commercial office blocks in their plans. The Messenger enquired whether there could be subsidised office space for community groups, but Tesco says this is "not yet decided".

Local Jobs

Tesco speak of 595 local jobs, though only 395 of these are with the store, the rest are assumed to come from the office developments. Tesco have stressed their commitment to local recruitment, saying they want local shoppers to see familiar faces working in the store. Tesco want to hear from people who already have retail skills, but are keen to open up opportunities to those with no retail skills, offering training around reading, writing or speaking English, or teamworking through their Tesco Job Guarantee scheme - a national initiative aimed at the long-term unemployed in areas where new stores are being built. Tesco also say they will work with the Jobcentre and local agencies like Burngreave Opportunities.

The plan is to open the doors in early 2009, but you can sign up for a job now. It is less clear whether local people will be



The proposed Tesco viewed from above Spital Hill. Pedestrian access to the store will be opposite the Kashmir Curry House close to the East House Pub.

able to access the top jobs and those with special skills, such as admin, human resources, food hygiene and stock control. It's estimated that 30 or so people will be in management positions and another 100 in skilled posts, but Tesco's consultants were less clear about their commitment to training people up in these areas. This sort of training was "not envisaged."

Impact on Local Business

So what impact will such a massive development have on existing local businesses? A massive supermarket could undercut every other business. It can also take risks to move into more specialised and localised areas of business (black hair products, for instance) and take over those too. However, Tesco says that, with its pedestrian linkage to Spital Hill, they will support and complement local business. Tesco says: "In Burngreave there are a large number of specialist shops who offer completely different products to Tesco. Our store won't compete with them, it will help business."

Planning process

Tesco's application, which was due to be submitted in early March, has now been held back until April or May, while they complete a traffic analysis. This gives more time for local people to give their views, which is especially important as the Council can make a financial contribution to improving the community's well-being a condition of planning approval (sometimes called a section 106 contribution). The issue of how much it will be and what it will cover depends on how successful the council is in their negotiation with Tesco's team. At this stage, however, plans are fairly well advanced despite a lack of detailed community consultation so far.

More info

For detailed plans: see www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-citycouncil/council-meetings/areapanels/burngreave/agenda-22ndfebruary-2007

For jobs in retail and Tesco opportunities contact Burngreave Opportunities, based at Forum House. See advert below.

To contact Tesco direct: Phone Max or Karen on 0800 216 254 or e-mail max.curtis@uk.tesco.com or km.west@btinternet.com.



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The Bulgarian Cultural Attache (left), George Caborn's son, Richard Caborn MP (middle) and Mary Caborn (right) plant a tree on Caborn's Corner, May 1983.

Caborn's Corner – a bit of Sheffield's history under threat?

Story: Nikky Wilson Photo: © Martin Jenkinson

Whilst studying recent plans for the new Tesco supermarket at the top of Spital Hill, somebody pointed out to me that the 'attractive urban landscape with potential public plaza' marked at the front of the drawing appeared to obliterate a bit of Sheffield's political history: Caborn's Corner, It's a small

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triangle of land located at the junction of Spital Hill and Carlisle Street, just below the East House and opposite The Kashmir restaurant.

Leading the marches

Although insignificant in appearance and poorly maintained, there's a story behind the site which many Sheffielders will know. It is named in honour of the famous trade unionist and lifelong communist, George Caborn. During the 1950s, '60s and '70s the corner became famous as the traditional assembly point for political rallies and marches. George often lead the marches and was always involved in planning them with fellow union members.

Born in 1914, George grew up in Attercliffe, surrounded by industry. His father was a foreman at Sheffield Works so the family were quite well off by the standards of the time. However, as a boy, George witnessed the great poverty experienced by other steel workers in more lowly jobs.

Rising in the Union ranks

At the age of 14 George started work in Firth Brown steel works and became a shop steward at 22. A year later he rose again in the union ranks to become a convenor of shop stewards. He ended up as the District Secretary of the

Amalgamated Union of Engineering for 12 years. During that time he remained a staunch communist committed to campaigning for the rights of the workers. When he died in 1982, the city council decided to turn the site into a garden to honour his dedication to political action. In 1983 the Bulgarian Cultural Attache and George's widow, Mary, planted a blue cedar tree on the site to commemorate his life. It's still there although overshadowed by other trees.

Wanting to find out more about George, I went to meet Jack Illingworth, a former colleague in the union.

"I first met George in 1940," said Jack. "He was a bit older than me and quite a fatherly figure. But over the years we worked together on many campaigns and became good friends. My upbringing was in a Labour household and George always respected that – he never tried to change my views. But he was a man with great powers of persuasion and someone who could motivate and inspire others. He commanded respect from people of all parties – I can recall that people always wanted to shake his hand as we walked through town on the marches! And he stood out as totally honest. He taught me never to tell lies!"

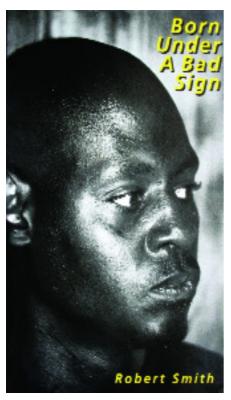
Tackling racism

George was also famous as one of the founders of the Sheffield Campaign Against Racism in the 1980s and became Chair of the organisation for 5 years. He wasn't afraid to tackle racism in the workplace and campaigned for black workers to be given skilled jobs in the steel industry at a time when they could only get work as labourers on machines.

Twenty five years after his death, George is still spoken about with respect – not a common phenomenon when we talk about politicians! For this reason and the fact that his efforts are seen as part of the political and industrial heritage of Sheffield, Caborn's Corner needs to be preserved (and maybe a bit better looked after) to honour an admirable man in Sheffield's history.

Thanks to Jack Illingworth for talking to me about George Caborn. If you want to see the plans for the new Tesco, you can pick up a leaflet about it in Burngreave Library or New Roots café. Add your comments to the form on the back!

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Rob Smith word smith

Story: Brent Moya

Rob Smith, a former writer for the *Burngreave Messenger* has been continuing in his creativity since leaving his position in December last year.

At present Rob is working on a number of projects. Having produced more than 20 poems he is now writing 'The Further Trails', the sequel to his first novel, 'Born Under A Bad Sign'.

I spoke with Rob regarding his work and asked why he chooses to write, to which he replied "Because I can."

"I've written about my life experiences as well as things I've seen and learned. Some of my poems are conveyed with humour while others have a more serious tone depending on their content."

Rob has been working closely with Pie Crust Website Designs, based here in Sheffield, creating his own website. This will promote not only excerpts from his novel and sequel but many other ongoing titles. More poetry, music, script ideas, topical discussions and blogs.

Primed for launch on April 29th 2007 @www.butterwouldntmelt.org.uk Rob Smith will be frank with the title of his frist open discussion: A Reason Not To Smoke Cannabis: Part 1.

In the meantime you can contact Rob by email at robert@burngreave.net.

The Word Smith

My great ancestors were captives on slave ships Great-great-grandfather owned by a Black-Smith Grandfather trained himself as a shoe-Smith His first daughter born, how he worshipped She used to work all day on the night shifts But her first born son caused a right rift Abandoned at birth, found a new gift Now elevates himself as the word Smith.

Down Presser

Down pressers had a plan to keep the whole haul Without sharing with nobody no love at all Now running round with their backs to the wall Little after that they make this world call Relieve deprivation suffered by all Afraid of the day when Babylon fall Now inner city gunshots in the ghetto repeat Young and the old start admitting defeat With fear everyday is a life on the street When summer-time comes and a rise in the heat So sadly it is, to word things so neat But many young people will drop at our feet

Down pressers it's now that you must understand Just what it is that is truly at hand Raping the earth and stealing the land Divide and conquer as part of your plan Ammunition and gun trade in search of more Creating world suffering in the art of War No financial costs could even the score On how many hearts and souls you've tore That's why every night on our knees some pray While you oppress others both night and day Put up the scales and know they don't weigh Sending this world into such disarray That very first day you sailed those long ships International slavery chained bound and whipped Half of this world into an empire Both hands on a bible while breathing out fire Discovery, you claim, now we know you're a liar Sold out your soul just to gain your desire Now building spaceships you want to reach higher With all of that might and all of your power.

A Reversible Poem

Top to Bottom

Don't give up the fight Don't give up the fight **Emancipate from segregation** Put cultural differences out of sight Precipitation, participation To stop the fuss and fight Enunciate, become articulate Stand up and do things right Regenerate and congregate Together in the light **Emancipate from dissipation** By using all your might Find Solution for pollution To save the nation's plight **Eradicate deprivation** Moving day from night Instigate, initiate Blending black and white Emanate, predominate Don't give up the right. Remonstrate don't hesitate The sun is shining bright Illuminate don't prevaricate, Just read the things we write.

Bottom Back To Top

Bicentenary of the abolition of slavery

200 years since the abolition of slavery... or is it?

On 25th March 1807, Parliament finally passed a law to ban the trade in slaves. It was a significant step forward, but it didn't actually end slavery. And it wasn't the work of just one man, even though William Wilberforce became very famous. In fact, it wasn't until 1833 that slavery itself was banned.

As the *Messenger* goes to press, a number of events are taking place to remember the contribution of thousands of enslaved Africans to winning their freedom. If you would like help with our reporting or contribute to future articles, please get in touch on 242 0564.

Olaudah Equiano,1745 -1797, was sold into slavery as a boy. After many years he bought his own freedom and became involved in the movement to abolish slavery. He was just one of many who fought to end slavery in Britain.

Burngreave Voices

Story: Saleema Imam Photos: Carl Rose

'Final Fling'

A crowded Verdon Recreation Centre saw the culmination of two and a half year's work by Nikky Wilson on the Burngreave Voices project, with the launch of its website on Saturday 17th March.

An exhibition of some of the work produced with the support of Sheffield Galleries and Museums and funded by New Deal filled the sports hall: posters and banners from the Palace and Mosques, memory boxes celebrating favourite things, patchwork wallhanging, photographs, postcards, 'Shadows Lie Behind' interviews, - it goes on!

Visitors' said it was 'stunning!' and 'amazing!' and that 'these should be on permanent display somewhere!'

After a splendid lunch produced by Milton Edwards, the new interactive website was



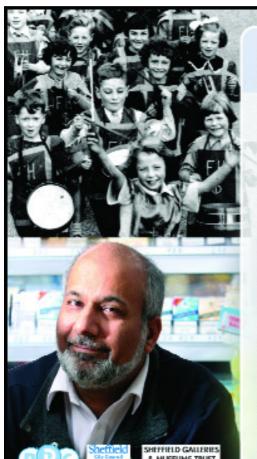
launched by Lord Mayor Councillor Jackie Drayton, who reminded everyone of the achievements and innovations of Sheffield people and Pitsmoor people in particular.

A showing of the short film 'Corner Shops in Burngreave' and Jo William's monologue in the persona of Olaudah Equiano (pictured top-right) about his life from Africa to slavery to emancipation finished the afternoon.

A booklet containing the history of the project and its various outcomes, written by Nikky, will soon be available free to Burngreave residents at Burngreave Library. Also take a look at the website and add your stories and pictures:

www.sheffieldgalleries.org.uk/burngreave





Burngreave Voices Our Stories Celebrated

'Burngreave Voices -A celebration of people and place'

A book about Burngreave, the people, the places and the history.

Come and claim your FREE copy of the book at Burngreave Library! It's full of great stories written and told by local people with photographs, both contemporary and older, collected by the Burngreave Voices project.

Available for collection from late April 2007.

For more information contact staff at Burngreave Library on 0114 2039002. Burngreave Library is open all day Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

You can also read and listen to some of the stories collected on the Burngreave Voices website:

www.sheffieldgalleries.org.uk/burngreave.

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Girl Guides

Story: Derrick Okrah

Girls involved in hiking and camping? It didn't seem possible in the early 1900s, when skirts were ankle length and young ladies never ran. It was all about scouting for boys in 1907 until a small group of girls turned the situation around by insisting on a group of their own and the Girl Guides were born.

The *Messenger* paid a visit to the Burngreave-based Guides group to find out what it is like. Marjorie Thorpe, leader of the group, explained, "Helping girls acquiring self-awareness, self-respect and self-confidence gives me a feeling I can't explain."

Activities include educational trips, fundraising, craft learning, team working and much more. Oh, and also taking international trips! Several of them will be going to Switzerland for 10 days in the summer.

Marjorie is trying to encourage girls aged 10 – 14 to join the Guides and meet once a week for an hour at Roe Lane Social Centre. I asked Marjorie what her biggest challenge was:

"We only have a few members from ethnic minority groups, but reaching out to more girls is a big challenge. I appeal to parents for support. The Girl Guides are about having fun and learning new skills, about the world about us and about the different groups in our multicultural community."

This year the Guides will be celebrating different religious festivals, the Hindu festival of Holi, the Muslim festival of Eid and others, with guides working towards a badge in 'Celebrations'. The Guiders would appreciate members of the community coming to a meeting to share a little bit about their culture with the girls.

"Come let's share our culture so we can understand each other and have fun."

With about 16 children and 3 staff already involved, it seems the Girl Guides are going places, and with a little encouragement and support from parents, more girls could be having fun at Guides. If you want to join the Guides, you can find out more from Marjorie Thorpe 242 4673 or Doreen Rushforth 243 6902.

New under 7s football team

Earl Marshall FC are looking for under 7s players for the 2007/08 season. Players will currently be Y1.

Managers and Coaches are also required to help establish the Under 7s team for the 2007/8 season. Volunteers must be willing to attend football training courses and will be subject to CRB checks. Interested? Please contact:

Garfield – 07760 240 366 or Mark – 07776 457 732

Youth Council amaze residents

Story: Naurin Fatima and Ian Clifford



Those who attended the New Deal Children and Young People's Resident Forum were in for an astounding performance.

The evening unfolded with delicious food prepared by the All Saints cooks: Del and Jackie, who had prepared tasty chicken and saltfish. Surprisingly even the young adults who dwell on pizza and chips enjoyed the food immensely.

This was followed by a moving song and dance performance from the Ellesmere Youth Project. The younger children from the performance group: "Militant" performed several numbers. One asked: "Why is there so much poverty and war" and called for more love and caring in the world.

This was followed by the much-awaited question and answer session with the newly-elected members of the Burngreave Youth Council. Those present were hugely impressed by how articulate and thoughtful the new representatives had become. In such a short period of time these young people had matured immensely. This could have only been achieved via the support and the guidance of the Streetworx team.

All members called for more activities for young people in the area. Hasseena called for derelict buildings in the area to be renovated to keep young people off the streets and use their abilities productively. Furthermore, Nazia called for the lack of affordable housing in the area to be addressed promptly before the situation becomes irreversible.

Several representatives addressed the need for the Youth Council to be representative of the whole community. "We have to bring different communities together," said Zanumb, "to get rid of all the divisions that are evident in our area due to race and gang formation".

Nazia called for representatives of the Youth Council to be allowed to become members of the various powerful Boards in the area, such as the New Deal and Services District Boards. However, this can only be achieved once the young people have training to enhance their communication, confidence and presentation skills.

Those who attended left with full bellies; a song in their hearts and much food for thought from the comments raised by the young councillors.



My name is Nadia Rahman and I'm from the Burngreave After School Study Support Project. On Saturdays' me and my friends go to a spray can art project. It is a recognised award and lasts for ten weeks. The course is fun and different every week. It makes me feel very responsible and creative.

Usually spray can art is a hooligan thing but really it is a really good thing to do. You'll never know unless you try it.

This is a very big opportunity for me and I will prove if I am resourceful enough to complete the project with flying colours and leave with a spray can art stencil of my name in any colour. Furthermore the teacher helps us to design our own tags. We also get homework to research more about spray can art.

The teacher brings in DVDs so that we can see other people that have already

done what we are now doing and have succeeded. So it builds up my confidence.

I think that we should do more of these types of activities because they make learning exciting and it gives us something to do on the weekend instead of staying at home doing nothing.

My name is Huda Yousif, I go to Fir Vale Secondary School and Burngreave After School Study Support Project. Every Saturday I attend the OCN-spray can art project. There we learn many skills e.g. how to use a spray can, art and design. We also learn about different colours. Spray can art is a well known thing in the U.K. I enjoy attending because it is a lot of fun and I get to see my friends and I also like attending because we get an accredited award out of this. We are

also going to go and see a play about break dancing this weekend to help us with our work.

Spray Can Art tutor Shaun Tummings, explained what the OCN course involves.

"I teach health and safety, the legalities, the history of spray can art, as well as the practicalities. Spray can art is a great outlet, there's nothing you can't do, but it takes dedication and commitment."

To find out more about spray can art at the All Saints Centre, contact Shaun on 256 2940.

125 Health Project

Hello my name is Iyah Haimeed, I am 13 years old and I go to Fir Vale School. I finish school at 3.30 then I go straight to Burngreave After-School Project. When I get there we have some food then we have up to 5.00 to do our homework, use the computers and eat some food. When it's 5.00 we have classes;

Science, Maths and English, but on Tuesdays we have 125 Health Project. 125 Health Project is about keeping healthy, keeping safe and learning new things. So far in 125 Health Project, we have learnt about distress, aromatherapy, dealing with stress and relaxation techniques. During break we have to eat fruit and drink water and at the end we get to choose who contributed the best in class and they get to pick out of a lucky dip.



Women only swimming baths with "male guards"

I am a 14 year old girl that really enjoys swimming, but I can't go to my local swimming baths because on 'women's only' days they sometimes have male life-guards operating. For a young Muslim girl we should not be swimming half naked in front of men.

What could we do?

We should have the right to go to the baths and swim freely, and having male guards at the baths is making that simple right nearly impossible. I wish to be able to book the swimming baths and have WOMEN lifeguards available. As young Asian women we find it difficult to stay healthy and take part in healthy activities. I would like to see more women's only timeslots at the baths and also at Ponds Forge.

Has anyone out there also found the same problem? Write to the new youth page at the *Messenger*. Maybe together we can make a difference!

Pitsmoor Tattooist

Story: Derrick Okrah

With over a decade of experience, convention tours, travelling abroad and a solid reputation as a one of a kind freehand tattooist, Andy decided on locating one of his many shops in Pitsmoor near home.

"I was just a punk kid... but I guess I'm still a punk kid. I started my apprenticeship the old way and I did that for nothing so that they wouldn't kick me out of the shop and also, yeah, to survive as a punk," laughed Andy, as he told me how it all began.

Andy receives customers from outside Sheffield, including Doncaster, Amsterdam, Newcastle, Japan, Manchester, Germany, Rotherham and Thailand, and there is no doubt his Pitsmoor-based shop, Lab 13, is the best in town.

"I guess it's natural, I always make sure my customers get the best of everything, if you want me to do a procedure on you, all you have to do is trust me and you will see what you've never witnessed before".

Lab 13 is strict about hygiene and the customers it offers services to. The best sterilisation equipment, tattoo machine,

needles, tubes, ink, and tattoo after care, advice and materials are available for your comfort.

"I can't believe how many inexperienced tattooist there are to be found in the Sheffield area. I'm pure freehand, but I also understand the hygiene of my customers and also the setting up of my machines - a lot don't."

Andy has teamed up with people such as Markus Manue, a local graffiti artist who painted the spacemen mural on Spital Hill, who has furnished Lab 13 with its own art, inside and out. Jenny Clark has been working in the tattoo world for 15 years; her designs have won her awards and for the artists who tattoo them. A good friend and a well known tattooist from Amsterdam will be invited to Lab 13 in the summer.



"At Lab 13 we innovate not imitate," said Andy, pictured right.

Andy plans to open a tattooing school for apprentices who wish to learn the skills of the trade, and the school seems to have had a lot of response already. There are about 3 or 4 apprentices currently undergoing training. The door of Lab 13 is open for

only serious people who are determined.

"A lot of tattooists in Sheffield may love or hate me, as I've plans to open a tattooing school, to show serious people the right formats of this taboo trade. It's a bit like being a magician, you're not supposed to show people your tricks, but they have to remember somebody gave me this opportunity and that is why I am what I am today."

If you are looking to have your body decorated with all kinds of tattoo styles and piercings by a specialist in freehand, look no other place than Lab 13, and Dr. Sosk and his team of surgeons will perform a

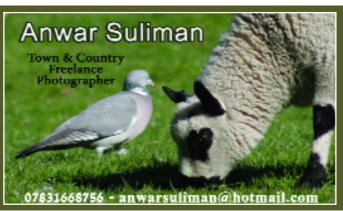
procedure you will always thank them

for. Lab 13 is open 6 days a week, 11am – 4pm on Mondays and Fridays, 10am – 6:30pm on Saturdays, and are also willing to take appointments at anytime outside working hours.

"A good tattoo ain't cheap and a cheap tattoo ain't good."

To find out more contact Andy at Lab 13 on 272 0301, or email sosktattoo@hotmail.com.





Rural Exposure Project Sheffield

Local photographer, Anwar Suliman, is starting a new project to introduce young people from inner city areas to the countryside through the medium of photography.

The project, funded by Unltd UK, aims to take interested 14 to 16 year olds for a day out to places of interest in the countryside.

- Enjoy the freedom and the breath taking views.
- Learn to use a digital camera.
- Learn to access the countryside with friends or family.
- Record your experience and publish it online.

If there are any young people that want to join us, please contact Anwar on 07831 668 756.

International Women's Day

Story and photos: Camille Daughma

Verdon Street Centre was a hub of activity on March 8th 2007. Women came out in their numbers to celebrate International Women's Day.

The days focus was: Ending Impunity for Violence against Women and Girls, an area that still doesn't receive the attention or resources it deserves.

As I approached the venue I sensed a buzz. People were laughing, talking and helping each other. Balloons decorated the entrance, giving it a welcoming feel. On entering the building itself, I was shocked to see how packed it was. There was music, people talking and local organisations with information stalls. I could hardly find space to walk.

The room next door was occupied with women shaking their booty, young and old alike, jigging to Little Richie's "Hey Judy Bam Ba Do Bam" and an Elvis selection.

In another corner women were being pampered. Massages were being given; henna was a popular treat and nail and hair care gave that extra bit of feel-good sensation. As the women received their treatment you could see how relaxed they were, almost asleep possibly!

The women were enjoying their healthy, colourful food and it felt like a community united. There were smiles on faces and everyone seemed to be having a good time.

Sadie Palmer, Care Coordinator at SACHMA and Vice-Chair for SSCAT Foundation, commented on the good turn out and how the event fostered positive ways of facilitating mental health awareness for women of various cultures.

A stress workshop by Amanda Wells stressed how we can re-train our minds to deal with stress and other hurdles we face on a daily basis.

International Women's Day has been held annually on the 8th of March since the early 1900's. Through this event women across the world have been inspired to celebrate their achievements as well as realise a significant change and attitudinal shift to our equality in a fairly patriarchal society.



DJ Legaliz

Story: Angelina Abel



I met local DJ Liz Searle aka DJ Legaliz for a chat about being a DJ in the Sheffield scene.

Sheffield-born, Burngreave resident, Liz, works with people with learning disabilities during the day and becomes a music 'feeder' in the many Sheffield venues at night. Liz fits in her DJing around work, and performs once a month, but summer will be busier with good weather and time to relax raising the demand for good music. Liz says:

"I like the classics, old ska and reggae. People enjoy recognising the tunes. But I also play Reggae breaks, I like putting old and new together."

As one of the valued members of DubCentral, Liz has performed at the Everyone Centre, Plug, Cactus Club, The Earl and many others.

"I think about where I'm playing, if I'm on early I'll start quiet and bring it up to get people's attention. I like to interact with the crowd and respond to what they like. It's not always easy as sometimes there's people asking for a certain tune but, for some reason, they can't remember the name of what they want."

When asked about being a woman DJ, Liz says she feels respected for the good job she does and gets support from other women and men but she reveals she was once stopped from getting to the decks by a bouncer who couldn't believe a woman could be a DJ.

Sheffield's music scene is getting bigger and better with new DJs and venues emerging all the time. Liz is a resident DJ with DubCentral, but also plays as part of the great reggae parties organised by Sequoia and Riddimtion Sound Systems. DubCentral has a regular night on the last Saturday of the month at Club Shhh.

For those curious about what vibes these DJs can bring you, get ready to dance at Club Shhh at the Wicker Arches on

Saturday 31st of March. The Disciples and DubCentral with DJ Legaliz will play the main room, with Centralsound and Junglist Alliance in 'the Catacombs'.

"Club Shhh opened about a year and a half ago and it's improving and becoming more professional", says Liz, "it has an ace atmosphere. It's not just a big hall, there are different rooms. It's an old building, part of the Wicker arches. They've got the Catacombs which are the cellars, with big stone bits and tunnels"

April will also be busy for Liz with bookings at Dulo as part of Sharrow Lantern Carnival 1st April; Fat Moon at the Earl on 6th April, Leeds Atrium DubCentral with High Pressure Sound System on 19th April, and DubCentral again at Shhhh on 28th April.

We wish Liz all the best: Hit us with music!



Family Learning Awards

Story: Charlotte Munro

Parents from across Sheffield received awards from the Lord Mayor at the first Sheffield Family Learning Awards held at the Town Hall in February.

Some of the parents are part of FamilyNet, an Objective One funded project running at 8 schools including Pye Bank, Byron Wood, Firs Hill and St Catherine's. 30 families from each school received a computer last year with internet access to use at home. Workshops and courses take place in the schools to help parents get the most out of their new equipment.

Husna Andishmand, a FamilyNet parent with children at Firs Hill School, tells her story:

"It was a very wonderful day in my life. I was nervous and excited. It was like my dream come true; I could never imagine getting an award for learning from the Mayor.

"I was born into a family who always encouraged me to learn. I studied very hard in Afghanistan to become a doctor. I studied for four years. Unfortunately women were stopped from studying. This was a very dark time for education and for women. I thought that I could never learn again.

"Since coming to Sheffield in 2004, I have achieved English qualifications at Castle College. I have also studied Health and Social care as a way to get into medicine again.

"I started doing family learning at Firs Hill School through FamilyNet. I learnt how to use the computer and am doing a course called 'e-citizen' at the moment.

Thank you to my teachers at Sheffield College and FamilyNet for helping me. Thank you also to the Lord Mayor. You have showed me a bright future for me and my children."



FamilyNet award winners

Byron Wood: Maryan Ali, Khadra Elmi, Tony Hall.
St Catherine's: Kathryn Todd, Wajid Nazir and Shabana Wajid,
Firs Hill: Husna Andishmand (pictured), Wendy Moxam
Pye Bank: Lisa Horsfield, Deborah Allison, Fosiya Deria, Rahma Ali

Disability rights

Sheffield Law Centre has a long reputation for helping people, especially in Burngreave. Hidden away behind the Wicker, the small team of caseworkers has helped prevent evictions, stopped deportations and won rights for workers.



Burngreave resident, Douglas Johnson has just taken up a new post as a Disability Rights Worker and is happy to hear from anyone who has been treated badly because of their disability. He will be doing casework for individuals and is also available to talk to groups.



People have different ideas of what disability means: it's not just people with mobility problems but includes people with sight or hearing difficulties, people with depression and anxiety, people with conditions like cancer, MS and HIV and those who have had problems in the past even if they're in good health now.

Even though disabled people have had legal rights since 1995, few have used them. You might be able to use your rights:

- If you're mobility problems stop you getting into shops
- If you can't use a call centre because you're deaf
- If you get a poorer quality of service because you're disabled
- If the disabled toilet is always locked
- If you're asked to leave because of your autistic child's behaviour.

Douglas Johnson can be contacted at Sheffield Law Centre on 273 1888 or at Waverley House, Nursery Lane or by e-mail: Douglas@slc.org.uk. The Law Centre's service is always free.

Ethnic Minority Older People's Consultation Day

Tuesday 24th of April 10am – 1pm Firth Park Clock Tower



Lunch provided

Are you over the age of 55?

Would you like to tell people about the quality of the services you are getting?

Would you like to tell us about the services you would like to receive?

We would like to hear from you to help shape services around your needs!

We look forward to seeing you!

Transport is available.

Please call the YCA on 256 0933, or the Pakistan

Community Association, on 261 9130 to arrange this.

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Together with local resident Christine Handstock and her grandson, they finally managed it. The tree is a six metre high Cedar of Lebanon provided by Tim and the Sheffield Community Tree Project.

On Sunday 18th February, the Friends of Burngreave Chapel and Cemetery were busy "brewing up" and cutting the cake especially baked by Betty. The weather wasn't too cold and the sun did shine for the Lord Mayor's arrival. She chatted to everybody and was interested to hear how the restoration of the Chapels was progressing (slowly), added the first soil and all the Friends and some passers by enjoyed shovelling in the rest. They all retired to the Chapel to warm up and talk about the Small-leaved Lime avenue that is also being planted in the Cemetery.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

The Family Life Ministries is an important part of our church. It recognizes there are periods in peoples lives where they need extra help and support. We run outreach programmes for families whose relatives are in prison, or going through bereavement.

CHRISTIAN HOPE FOR FAMILIES IN DISTRESS

Saturday 7th April, Burngreave Seventh Day Adventist Church, Andover Street.

Main speaker: Michael Walker, a reformed prison inmate

Lunch will be provided

3pm - 4pm Special presentation from Northampton Prison Ministrie

Subject: Support for families with relatives in prison

All visitors welcome. God Bless. Call 01924 412 228 for further information.



Green City Action

Need help to sort out your garden?

The Green City Stewards have been busy helping elderly residents get their gardens into shape. If you or a relative are over 65 living in the BNDfC area and need some help tidying up your garden then give us a ring on 244 0353. Our friendly team will be quick to respond and will only visit by appointment at you convenience. This service is free to elderly residents, no catches, just good old-fashioned efficient, courteous service.

Mrs
Pearson
who has
recently
benefited
from our
gardening
service.



Free advice

Spring is here at last and for those BNDfC residents who are thinking about starting work in their garden and could do with a bit of friendly advice, why not ring us and one of our friendly experts will come along and offer you a FREE consultation. Ring 244 0353 today to book your slot.

Trees galore

This spring GCA has planted almost 1000 trees in partnership with Tim Shortland, the Council's Community Forester. Trees have been planted at the Sheffield United Academy in Shirecliffe, Pitsmoor Road Open Space, Firshill Close and Abbeyfield Park. Twenty bird boxes have been put up in Roe Wood, Verdon Street and Denholme Close Open Space.

Environment day

Bird and bat boxes, bird feeders and bird tables will be amongst other discounted goodies that will be on sale at the environment day on May 20th in Abbeyfield Park. If you are interested in taking part in the environment day, or helping make our green spaces great, then get in touch on 244 0353.

Deliver it **green...**

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A Good Life!

Story: Jenson Grant

Collis Icylyn Beckford is a sprightly 73 year old mother of six from Burngreave. Destinations Arts managed to catch up with her and recorded her life story as part of our Oral History and Arts Project, Digital Journeys. These are extracts from Collis's rich and fascinating life!

Life in Jamaica

I was born in Trelawney, Jamaica on 19th June 1933. I'm one of 13 children that are ten girls and three boys. We all lived on a farm and my parents had acres of coffee plants, fruit, vegetables and banana trees. We had fresh food and never needed to go to the markets.

Life in England

When I moved to England, I didn't have much problems with fitting in because I applied for a job in the hospital that my sister was working in. One month after I came I got a job as a psychiatric nurse at Middlewood Hospital. I came to Sheffield on the 22nd October 1960 and got a job on the 23rd of November!

Three Weeks Turned Into 10 Years!

My other sisters were in New York looking after my sick dad. When he died, I went to America to bury him. This event was a very memorable chapter in my life! After the funeral, it took a long time to sort out his affairs, and because I was grieving, I did not realise that my visa had run out. I was trapped in America for ten years! I had to work as a child minder for a rich accountant's family before my visa was renewed. A three month trip took up ten years of my life!

I had a Dream

I remember the last thing my mother said to me when she took me to the airport. She said, "Collis, when you go to England and you get a job, save don't squander your money. You just save it for a good life with your family". That was the last time I saw her.



I had a dream that I came home from work one night and I sat down on my bed.

Someone knocked on the door and when I opened it, my mother came in with my children as bright as anything, smiling just as usual with the baby in her arms. She sat down next to me and put her hand on my knee and she turned around so I couldn't see her face. I called her but she didn't turn back.

That very weekend I got a call from my sister. My mother had collapsed at my sister's wedding and had died a few days later. I think that was a special dream telling me to look after my family.

I've lost three sisters and a brother so there's still nine of us. I'm the sixth to last right in the middle and at 73 years old, I'm feeling strong!

Destinations Arts has spent the last 18 months collecting and celebrating the memories of people from the Caribbean. You can see our videos and listen to songs and memories from Sheffield's African Caribbean community by visiting us at www.bohp.org.

Memories of the Adelphi Cinema and Pavilion

Story: Yasmin Khan



I grew up in the Attercliffe area and lived between the two cinemas. The Adelphi was a grand cinema with a glass dome and stained glass windows.

My mum was very busy with cooking, cleaning, looking after visiting relatives. The only day off was Sunday, when mum's entertainment was a good movie. I remember my mum taking me, but my younger siblings had to stay at home. The films I remember most are 'Mother India' and 'Sangam'. The films were as good as 'Gone with the Wind' and 'The Magnificent Seven'.

The cinema was very large with small side-circles and a large main circle. I remember one time we watched a film and had to sit right next to the screen. It was very high and wide and the sound was deafening.

Our house was nearer to the Pavilion Cinema. Mum sometimes preferred the quiet of a Sunday, she would send the three of us (including a male chaperone). We found that on certain occasions the cinema became very rowdy and over-excited people frequently got out of their seats and disrupted the film.

In the mid-70s my uncle and his friend owned the Pavilion for about 4-5 months. This was fantastic as we were allowed to go and watch films free. Soon it was sold and the new management group ran Saturday matinees for the local children. They would have singing competitions and talent shows. Some of my favourite shows were 'The Monkeys', 'The Adams Family', 'The Cassidy Family' and 'The Hillbillies'. The cinema was sold many more times over the years bit it still maintained its tradition of adult films (including French films) midweek and Saturday matinee specials for children.

From the mid-70s to the late 80s people were rehoused outside the Attercliffe area. The existing housing was pre-war and very run down. Eventually some of the factories were knocked down and many people were made redundant or homeless.

In more recent times, both cinemas became nightclubs and currently serve as clubs for the gay community. These two beautiful buildings look the way they used to, with no changes to the exteriors as they are grade II listed. Even though media and technology has advanced greatly you can't beat the cinema experience.



- Starting down memory lane at the tram stop in the Wicker, the old tram, destination the terminus at Sheffield Lane Top, but first the Wicker Picture House, one of eight in the area.
- Next the Coliscum on Burngreave Road, further on the stone built church.
- Over the top to Fir Vale, our third cinema The Sunbeam, opposite a row of collages.
- Travel now to Page Hall.
 The Roxy Cinema and Roxy
 Ballroom. Fourth in line.
- Then turn right down
 Page Hall Road, where the
 old trams travelled to
 Attercliffe shopping area,
 passing our fifth picture
 house called the Victory.
- A return tram ride to Firth Park, sixth on the list, the Paragon Cinema.
- Seventh house, just a short distance away up Herrics Road the Forum.
- Our tram reaches its destination at Sheffield Lanc Top, just a short walk down to the last of our cinemas, first called the Capitol, later years the Essoldo.

All these cinemas are now gone along with many other buildings in our area, but we cannot complain as, in their place, has come much more for us to look at and admire. Take a walk in any direction and you will see changes that have enhanced our area, all planned by people who care.

SJ Reaney.





Forum/Essoldo c. 1950. Open 1938-1969
Demolished and site now used for Tesco
supermarket.

HERRIE



Capital/Essoldo/Vogue cinema 2007. Barnsley Road. Open 1939-1975. Now used as a carpet warehouse.



Paragon cinema c. 1948. Open 1934-1962. The building was demolished and is now the site of Firth Park Bowling Alley.

UPWELL STREET

Victory Cinema. Upwell Street. Open 1921-1957. Demolished.

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Roxy/Page Hall Cinema c. 1965. Idsworth Road. Open 1920-1959

Still standing and currently used as a furniture shop.

Coliseum c. 1965. Open 1913-1963 Demolished to make way for a petrol station - now standing unused on Spital Hill. Sunbeam c. 1960. Barnsley Road. Open 1922-1961. The cinema stood on land next to Skinnerthorpe Road but was demolished and the land redeveloped for a petrol station.

Sunbeam photo courtesy of JR Wrigley and published in A Pitsmoor Camera, available from bookshops or by contacting Pickard Communications 275 7222.

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Wicker Picture Palace/Studio 7 c. 1950. Open 1920-1987. Demolished to make way for a road near the SYAC centre.



A New Deal for Burngreave

BNDfC Community Representative elections come around Make your mark, make it count

Everyone over the age of 15 who lives in the BNDfC area is entitled to vote in the forthcoming elections for six Community Representatives on the New Deal Board.

You are included even if you do not have residency status from the Home Office or if you have recently moved to the area.



Rose Ardron, Retiring Chair, BNDfC Partnership Board.

In order to vote, your name must be on the BNDfC election register. The closing date for this is Friday, 1st June.

Don't miss out - make sure you are registered to vote.

If you are already registered to vote in local and national elections, you will automatically be on the BNDfC electoral register unless you have opted-out of being included in the public electoral register. You will not be on this register if you are under 18 or you have recently moved to the area.

If you are not sure if you are on the BNDfC register, contact Mark Stringfellow on 292 2910.

If you are not registered, all you need to do is take two pieces of identity proving you live in Burngreave to the Information Shop at 131 Spital Hill and we will make sure you are added to our register.

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

You do not even have to go to a polling station to cast your vote. In early summer, ballot packs will be sent by post to everyone on the BNDfC electoral register. Each pack will contain a ballot paper, information on each candidate and a pre-paid envelope to return your vote.

Opportunities to Vote

There will be a number of opportunities for you to vote throughout the summer. Your last opportunity to vote will be at the Abbeyfield Multicultural festival on Sunday 8th July. The results will be advertised in mid July after the festival with a celebration to welcome the new Board members.

Although sometimes challenging, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the BNDfC Board and hope you too will want to get involved.

Rose Ardron, Retiring Chair, BNDfC Partnership Board.



Your last opportunity to vote:

Abbeyfield Park Multicultural Festival
on Sunday 8th July



A New Deal for Burngreave



You Can Represent the Burngreave Community

Do you want to be a Community Representative on the Burngreave New Deal for Communities Partnership Board?

Do you want to help leave a meaningful legacy for the people of Burngreave long after the BNDfC programme has ended?

This year, six local residents will be elected to represent the community to join the five existing members of the BNDfC Board.

If you live in Burngreave and are interested in:

- Representing the Burngreave community, taking their views forward and raising any concerns at meetings;
- Helping the programme deliver projects which make a real difference to the lives of the people of Burngreave;

This is your opportunity to stand for election or nominate someone you think would be good in this role.

To find out more about standing for election and what becoming a Community Representative really means, look out for details of our community governance sessions: 'How your neighbourhood works' at the end of May and come along.

To stand as a Community Representative you need to be nominated by six Burngreave residents. For a nomination pack or any further information contact the Communication Assistant, Mark Stringfellow on 292 2910, or call in to the Information Shop at 131 Spital Hill.

Did you know?

- Over 50% of Burngreave residents are from Black and Ethnic minority communities. To reflect this diversity, BNDfC welcomes Black and Ethnic minority candidates.
- The BNDfC Community Representative Elections are held every two years.
- · The miniumum age to be a BNDfC Community Representative is 18.
- You can receive child care costs and other expenses up to £2,500 per year
 if you are undertaking work on behalf of BNDfC. This includes attending
 meetings, training events or conferences.
- BNDfC have a loss of earnings policy for non-statutory Board members including the self employed.
- There is a personal development plan for each member of our Board to help them achieve personal goals.

Look out for further dates and information

Burngreave Green Space Safari

Thursday 5th April

Meet in the playground at Denholme Close Open Space at 2pm. We will travel to Nottingham Cliff, Malton Street and Ella Road by minibus, ending up at Abbeyfield Park at 3.30pm for tea and biscuits. There will be a chance for residents to ask questions about what they've seen and heard and make suggestions.

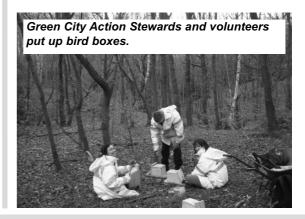
Please call Mark Stringfellow at BNDfC on 292 2910 to book a place in advance. Children under sixteen must be accompanied by an adult. No pets please!



The safari will include visits to four green spaces where the Green City Stewards have been working this year. Residents will have the opportunity to hear first-hand from Green City Action staff why the improvement of green spaces is an essential part of the overall regeneration of the area.

As well as making the green spaces attractive and useful for residents, instead of the "grot spots" they used to be, information will be provided on how properly implemented green space improvements, working together with residents who live close by them delivers appropriate changes.

Designing out opportunities for criminal and antisocial behaviour, increasing bio-diversity, increasing the area's tree cover and overcoming years of neglect are key factors that Green City Action takes on board when working on these improvements.



Burngreave Area Panel

contact:2769134



Dave and Denise are part of Council's "CYPD Capacity Planning and Development – Assets" team. They are on call and as they were making plans for a night out one Saturday in March, their phones go off...

Fire at Byron Wood

Dave gets there by 6pm, just when the fire brigade is damping down. Dave explains

"They were tremendous. They managed somehow to get the hoses into the loft spaces and so prevent the whole school going up".

Dave met up with Richard (the school buildings officer – ex caretaker); all the fire doors throughout the school were closed, so the damage was limited and it's clear that Richard knew his job inside out. The Council 'dangerous structures' staff arrive and check the state of the site with Dave and the fire service. Despite Richard's big dog, Dave calls security and when they arrive, he leaves after 8pm.

Monday

8am: Site meeting at the school. Sally Swann and Leah Barrett lead on major incidents and have already helped to set up the response with Dave and Denise. Kier are there; Tony Carter as the headteacher with Sandra Davies the bursar; Richard as buildings officer.

What are the priorities?

- 1. To support the school staff;
- 2. To get to work on the site and
- 3. Sort out the practicalities of getting the children back into learning and school as soon as possible.

An asbestos survey has to be carried out so that anyone on the site knows that the air is 'clean'. Dangerous parts of the school are isolated – fencing, security, keeping people away.

By the afternoon, contractors are in to look at demolishing those sections that need bringing down and the loss adjuster and the Quantity Surveyor are picking their way around. But still no services – they'd all been cut off; so power, gas, water have all to be arranged.

Tuesday

Dave's under pressure to get the cleaners in – but there's no point unless there's power. And Denise is being asked "when can the children come back in". As Dave says, his job isn't buildings – "it's not just bricks and sticks" – it's about children and the staff that work with them. Fire damage at any school is traumatic but there's got to be a safe environment to start the re-opening.

By Tuesday afternoon, the 'team' (as they now are, with additions) meet again at Whiteways. Power and water have both been re-connected; the options for the children can be looked at more clearly. Those children facing the ever critical SATs are the priority – and Whiteways School can make space for them. St Catherine's can provide space for teachers. And the recently closed Young Children's Centre down on Catherine Road could be re-opened for the nursery children.

Dave fully acknowledges how everyone is affected – and the local economy with some parents having to take unpaid time-off work.

Support

It looks like 26th March is the date the school can re-open - and the Nursery children will be back there soon after Easter. But this required organisation, team working and discipline which doesn't happen automatically. That's why we have so-called "back room" staff throughout the Council. When things like fires at schools happen, all the school and Council staff can work together to get the contractors and others to make things happen quickly and efficiently. With people like Dave and Denise, there's experience, know-how and the ability to know how a school and its children (and its wider community) can be supported.

Dave says that some things happen in Burngreave like nowhere else. On Monday, a chap came out of a house on Malton Street. Overalls and gloves – "what can I do to help?" he asked Dave. "Thanks – but it's all taken care of" replied Dave. "No, that's not right – there must be something I can do – even just filling a skip…"

Dave asks – "where else would you get that?"

Councillors' Surgery Dates

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







Councillors' surgeries are on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month.

14th April: Steve Jones, 11am–12 noon Burngreave Library and 12.15–1.00pm: Firshill TARA

28th April: Ibrar Hussain, 11am–12 noon Burngreave Library **12th May**: Ibrar Hussain, 11am–12 noon Burngreave Library and 12.15–1.00pm: Firshill TARA

26th May: Steve Jones, 11am-12 noon Burngreave Library

Next Area Panel Meeting

Thursday 24th May at 6pm at Verdon Street for more information see the Council's website: ${\bf www.sheffield.gov.uk}$

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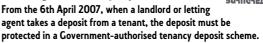
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