



St Catherine's bigger and brighter

Story: Saleema Imam

For the past year, we have waited for the dust and noise to settle but, at last, the new school buildings are up and running.

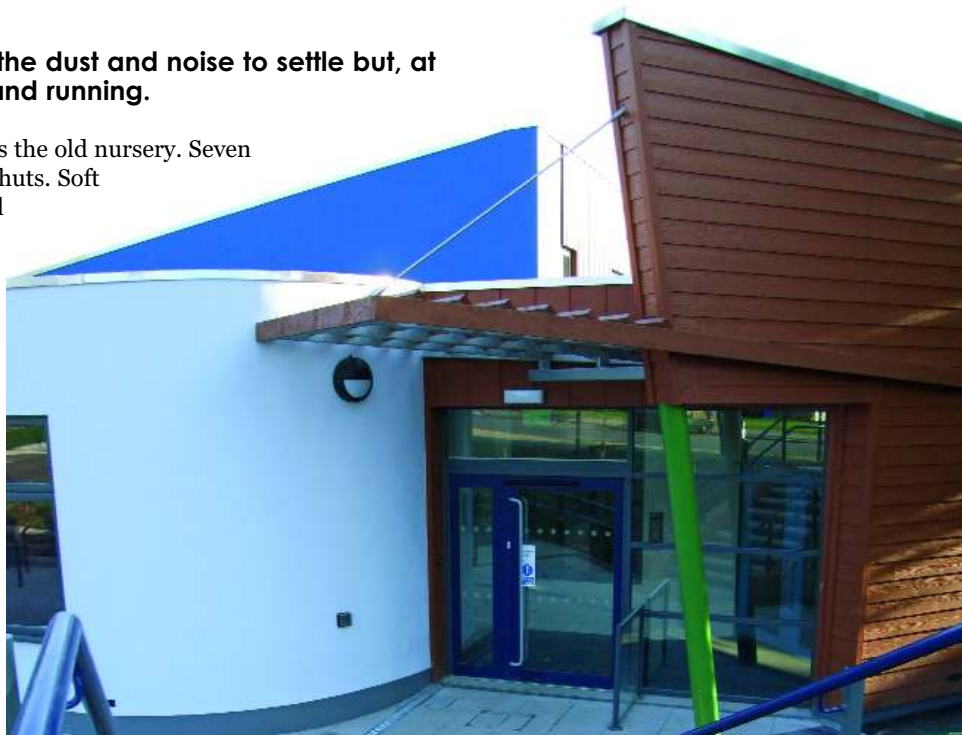
A state-of-the-art Foundation building replaces the old nursery. Seven new classrooms replace the four in temporary huts. Soft surfaces and new equipment behind the school enable a lot of the learning to be done outdoors.

The Crescent Community Centre, a much larger space than that demolished, will host regular STEPS meetings, keep fit, yoga, Brownies, Rainbows and Guides, the Thursday lunch club and craft sessions. It is also available for private hire. It offers a kitchen and - soon - a family learning room with audio-visual equipment and computers.

The Crescent open day

The school invites everyone to visit the community centre on 30th September between 11am and 3pm for tea and cakes. The school will display work from the children's Heritage Project, undertaken with a huge contribution from local residents, the Firshill Local History Group and the Parish community.

The room can be booked from 8am-8pm, or later by arrangement. Photos and charges can be viewed on the school website at www.stcatherinesprimary.org.uk. For bookings or more information contact Tom Smith on 0845 421 0700.



Colourful Pye Bank extension

Pye Bank's extension now houses Y5 and Y6 classes and a large hall. Features include lots of vivid colours, a grass roof and more playground space, ready for the increase in pupil numbers.



Parkwood: "New academy, new uniform, lots of ambition"



Story: Douglas Johnson

Parkwood Academy is the new Parkwood High School, as students returned in September.

Most noticeable about the first day of school was the sight of people in pale grey blazers. Students were enjoying the feeling of dressing up in smart new clothes - though parents wondered how the mud and ketchup would come off.

Amongst the students were a number of invited guests, including the Secretary of State for Education, Ed Balls MP. TV crews were there to capture the opening. Shortly after leaving Parkwood, Mr Balls commented, "new academy, new uniform, lots of ambition."

Parkwood's latest GCSE results also showed it was continuing to improve, with the best ever results: 68% of students got at least 5 A*-C grades.

More news about schools on our website.

Pakistan Advice and Community Association



Jobs

Senior Youth Worker

£18852 pro rata working 18 hours per week.

Youth Worker

£15408 pro rata working 18 hours per week.

Applications are invited for two new posts, working on new project "Achieve and Succeed", which will target disadvantaged children and young people and engage them in positive activities. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided, but preference will be given to those who have the right skills and aptitude to work in a fast-paced, pressured environment. Both positions will be subject to satisfactory completion of an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Both posts are funded up to 31st March 2010 with the possibility of being extended.

Applicants should call **0114 261 9130** or e-mail **pacfirvale@aol.com** for an application pack, or write to:

*Pakistan Advice & Community Association,
127 Page Hall Road, Sheffield, S4 8GU.*

Deadline for both posts is Monday 12th October 2009.

For an informal discussion, please contact Lisa Winfindale on 0114 261 9130.

Management Committee members

Want to gain the management experience necessary to help you progress up the career ladder?

Or do you just have an interest in what's happening in your local area and want to take a more hands-on approach?

There are many reasons why people choose to become members of our Management Committee. Why not join them? If you have some time to spare, and would like to stand for election onto our Management Committee at our AGM (coming soon, date to be confirmed), please contact us.

Please contact Gulnaz Hussain on 0114 261 9130 to discuss this in more detail.

Volunteers

Volunteering with PACA is about more than just helping out a good cause. Volunteers gain valuable skills and experience which they can use when applying for jobs. There are many different types of work you could do with us, including administration, advice work, or you could even join our Management Committee.

It is well-known that it is easiest to gain employment when you're already in employment, so why not join us and improve your prospects for the future?

To discuss the possibilities, contact Gulnaz Hussain on 0114 261 9130.

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Urban Theology Unit



The Urban Theology Unit on Abbeyfield Road is offering:

A Foundation Degree in Theology and Ministry* through York St John University.

This degree combines practical work and the theory that lies behind it.

The degree is suitable for those who are involved in their church or local community.

**For further information contact:
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On
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Men's Health Day

A free health event for men in the Burngreave and Firvale area. Come and find out more

**Thursday 1st October 10am - 3pm
Verdon Recreation Centre**

Keynote Speaker: Malcolm Whitfield, Professor of Health Economics and Management and Director of the Centre for Health and Social Care Research at Sheffield Hallam University.

Stalls

- Healthy Eating
- 5 a Day
- Stop Smoking
- Keep warm
- Free Health Check

Workshops

- Diabetes
- Cancer Awareness
- Sexual Health
- Stress Management

Free halal lunch

Translators available

Verdon Recreation Centre
Verdon Street, Burngreave, S3 9QN

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at Burngreave Health Matters
on 292 0464.**



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Fir Vale 'Section 30' extended

The controversial 'section 30' order for Fir Vale has been extended until November.

The order gives the police powers to disperse people thought to be a nuisance. It also allows them to take under-16s home if they are out without a responsible adult.

Local councillors and residents had asked for the order to remain in place for its maximum 6 months but the council leadership did not agree: they said it was not a long-term solutions to crime and the underlying issues needed to be looked at. Council leader Paul Scriven promised a "top-level" meeting to discuss alternatives, pointing out that previous section 30 orders had not made much difference. The council only agreed to 4 months for the order originally.

However, the council has now agreed to extend the dispersal order until November.

Anger over parking tickets

On the 20th August, businesses from the Fir Vale and Page Hall Traders association came together to express their frustration with Parking Services, who have been handing out numerous tickets in recent months.

The meeting at the Pakistan Advice and Community Association was called by Councillor Ibrar Hussain, who had received complaints from business owners whose delivery vehicles had been ticketed repeatedly.

Local business owner Wahid Nazir told the Messenger that it was impossible for all deliveries to be made in the limited loading times allowed by Parking Services, it was also the inconsistent

approach that made it difficult:

"Some wardens would be alright and as long as we were unloading there would be no ticket. Then the next day a different warden would give a ticket, and they come round everyday, morning and evening."

The focus on parking in Fir Vale has come through the priorities set by the Neighbourhood Action Group, chaired by the police, which means Parking Services spend more time than usual in Fir Vale.

Following the meeting, a card will now be issued to traders to display in vehicles so they can receive deliveries from 9.30am to 4pm. Councillor Hussain said,

"We have asked Parking Services to be sensible about it and, working with the police and local traders, we now have a solution. We will be reviewing it at the PACT meeting on 1st October, 7pm at the Pakistan Advice Centre."

Young men jailed for Tarek

On 6th August, four young men were jailed for killing Tarek Chaiboub, who was shot dead on Spital St in July last year.

All four were given life sentences, with minimum terms set by the court before they can be considered for parole. Junior

Ramsey, said to have masterminded the killing even though he was already in jail, got 35 years. Michael Chattoo was believed to have fired the bullet and he got a minimum of 30 years. Levan Menzies, only 17, and Denzil Ramsey will both have to serve at least 25 years.

Tarek was killed five days after being badly stabbed outside his home on 6th July 2008. Michael Chattoo and Javan Galloway were also convicted of the stabbing and Javan was sentenced to 9 years.

Mobility Scam

In June we reported on residents' concerns about companies selling mobility equipment at extortionate prices and falsely claiming to be from social services.

We wish to make clear that the company named Optimum Mobility Ltd, of

Wiltshire, was not connected to the scam in any way.

Residents should still remain vigilant about sales calls, especially as scammers may misrepresent themselves as legitimate companies. Residents can check companies by contacting the British Healthcare Traders Association and asking if they are registered. Call 0207 702 2141



So long Ian

Our thanks go to Ian Clifford, who recently left the Messenger management committee and editorial team to voyage around the world to Nepal, where he will be teaching English.



Ian has been involved in the Messenger for close to 10 years. His contributions will be sorely missed, not least because he always had the best gossip.

We're all secretly hoping he gets bored and makes his way back to Burngreave!

Burngreave Messenger AGM and 10 year celebration!

24th October 2009. 11am-1pm At Burngreave Vestry Hall

Join us as we look back at all the great work our volunteers have done in the last ten years.

At 1pm we'll have a celebratory lunch, alongside members of Burngreave Community Action Forum and their quarterly meeting.

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We love Burngreave!

Story: Ian Clifford

A new survey shows big changes in the way Burngreave people see themselves, though little real change around poverty and jobs.

New Deal commissioned regular surveys from MORI to measure their progress. 400 to 500 residents have been surveyed every two years since 2002.

The survey in 2008 showed 82% of residents were 'very' or 'fairly' satisfied with the area as a place to live, up from 64% in 2002. 58% said they feel part of the community 'a great deal' or 'a fair amount' compared to 44% in 2002 and 56% said they felt 'very safe' or 'fairly safe' walking alone in the area after dark, up from 38% in 2002. Several key things have changed, with big falls in those who feel that boarded up houses and burnt out cars are a problem.

More professionals ...

But are these changes because poor people have moved away and been replaced with professionals? The proportion in professional, managerial or senior occupations is up from 12% in 2002 to 23% in 2008.

Another key area of change is around policing and crime. In 2008, 71% said they trusted the police 'a great deal' or 'a fair amount', compared with 58% in 2002. Fear of crime is also down. Changes around actual experience of crime are less marked: Burglaries fell from 9% in 2002 to 5% in 2008 but this is still much higher than national figures.

... but many still poor

Real change around jobs is less clear. The percentage in paid work rose only slightly and many people are still poor - 41% have an income of less than £10,400, compared with 12% nationally.

29% of Burngreave residents now have degree qualifications, compared with 19% in 2002, but a quarter of residents have no qualifications. The proportion needing help with basic skills is unchanged since 2002, and double the national figures.

Findings on 'community' are encouraging, with high figures for volunteering, friendliness and people feeling that Burngreave is an area where people from different backgrounds get on well together.

Overall the survey paints a picture of Burngreave as an area which still has real problems, especially around poverty, lack of work and qualifications, but of a positive, friendly community that gets on well together.

A full report on the survey is on the Messenger website.

Burngreave Community Action Forum AGM



Things are changing at the Forum. We have just registered as a limited company and on 24th October we will hold our first Annual General Meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend

1pm at the Vestry Hall

The meeting will start with lunch, shared with the Burngreave Messenger, also holding their AGM in the hall in the morning.

AGM business will be followed by the **Quarterly Forum Meeting**

The theme will be 'Who represents us?'

There have been big changes in local democracy, from New Deal to community Assemblies. Who do you turn to when you want your voice heard on an issue?

Councillors, TARAs, community groups?

For more information contact BCAF on 272 8008, email enquiries@bcf.org.uk

Or visit www.bcaf.org.uk



Cemetery meeting

Following a petition to the full Council, a public meeting was held on 10th August about the maintenance of the cemetery. Bereavement Services staff attended, with Councillors Ibrar Hussain and Shaffaq Mohammed, cabinet member for the environment.

About 20 grave owners attended the meeting and expressed their anger and frustration at the poor state of the cemetery. One grave owner said,

"It's like a battleground. Gravestones are littered all over and side stones are just piled up."

One grave owner complained how her family headstone had been laid down without any notice given and another, Cheryl Smith, said,

"I don't think the cemetery has been maintained effectively. Headstones should not be removed as people come a

long way to see them - even as far as Australia. They are an important part of our heritage. A lot of damage is done by lawn-mowers; they used to use strimmers."

Residents defended the cemetery's importance as a green space and a heritage site. One resident asked Bereavement Services not to cut any more trees down.

Bereavement Services have been doing extensive clearance work at the top of the cemetery in recent months, cutting back trees and shrubs, removing side-stones and re-setting some fallen headstones.

However, with no plan for discussion, the meeting descended into angry exchanges and the Messenger challenged the Council about why no plan had been brought to the meeting. They said they had a plan but it was not written down. This did nothing to encourage confidence.

Since the meeting, a plan has been produced for the Community Assembly meeting on 24th September. It will appear on our website once it is available.



1970: The Hallcar Tavern is the last building standing.

Hallcar Tavern closes its doors

Story: Michelle Cook

The Hallcar Tavern closed as a pub this summer, and was sold at auction in September for just £52,000. It is such a landmark in the area and has stood through so many changes over the years. We reflect on a time when the local pub was the heart of the community.

History

Story: Christine Steers

The earliest reference we can find is in the 1871 census, when the address was Hall Carr Gardens, near Carwood House. The landlord was William Talbot, aged 62, a Beer House Keeper from Nottingham. His wife, Harriet, was from Sheffield. After his death in 1874 he was buried at Burngreave cemetery and his wife went on to be landlady.

William Biggin took over in 1882, when the address changed to Carwood Lane. The following known landlords were:

1893 Thomas Spencer

1898-1902 Amos Flude, also buried in Burngreave cemetery

1921 James H Blackhurst

1932-1939 Thomas Hinds

1951 Glyn Punter

During the 1960s all the old housing was demolished and the new estate was built by 1974. So many people are still living locally with memories of the Tavern. Marion Graham shared hers with us.

The pub that never shut

Story: Marion Graham

My earliest memories of the Hallcar are from the 1940's when I was about 6 or 7 years old, not that I was in the pub you understand but the building stood on the corner of Carwood Terrace where my Grandmother lived and we passed it every time we went to her house. It was obviously very much the 'local' of the area and a meeting place for many of the men - in those days not many women went into pubs except on special occasions like weddings, funerals and Christmas.

My main recollections come from Boxing Days when everyone from my mother's side of the family visited my Nan. It was obligatory, no excuses were accepted. We had a huge gathering in her little terraced house. There was always lots of food for tea and afterwards the adults would go off to the Hallcar which was right next to my Nan's yard. One of the older children looked after the younger ones, no babysitters in those days. We played games like Ludo or snakes and ladders or tried to tap out tunes on the upright piano which stood in the 'front room'. Every hour or so, one of the adults would pop back to see if we were all ok and usually brought us a packet of crisps (Smiths crisps with salt in a little blue

paper twist) and maybe some lemonade.

As the evening developed towards 10pm, when all the pubs closed, some of the younger children would fall asleep and be carried upstairs. The older children would be allowed to stay up and there would be heaps of roast pork and stuffing sandwiches with pickled onions. Late into the night there would be a rowdy sing song around the piano and my Dad would play the accordion. No ASBOs were ever involved, no complaints from the neighbours because they would all be there, joining in. Finally everyone would either drift off home or fall asleep in chairs. We used to live in Norwood and we would leave at the crack of dawn so my Dad would be home in time for his breakfast.

So this was our yearly ritual with the Hallcar, which we kept up until the 1970s when the old houses were demolished to make way for the new estate. Well done the Hallcar, still standing 40 years later, if the walls could talk, what tales they would tell.



Marion's Grandad in the Hallcar in the mid 1950s.

We would like to thank Marion and members of Firshill History Group for sharing with us. Please contact the Messenger if you have any memories to share about Burngreave.

150 year old tree felled

One of the very large trees near the entrance of Abbeyfield Park was removed in September for safety reasons.

The tree, around 150 years old, was suffering from a fungus called *Meripilus giganteus*, which only affects beech trees. The Council's tree inspector said,

"It's probably the most dangerous pathogen of beech trees because it mainly affects the roots causing catastrophic whole tree failure, which can have no warning."

Abbeyfield Park has been lucky to have new trees planted in recent years but they are struggling against vandalism. As the mature trees reach an age when they are more vulnerable to disease, it's important we look after the next generation of trees.



SADACCA International Community Cultural Day

Story: Viva Radja

SADACCA International Community Cultural Day was held on 31st August to showcase some of Sheffield's best community based acts and to share culture together as a united community.

The festival was organised and sponsored by Refugee Support, Thompson's, GMB Union and Irwin Mitchell solicitors, who also attended the event to support people with information and advice. These organisations normally help individuals with their needs such as housing settlement, work problems, working payments, pensions and anything regarding their rights in the UK.

The front stage included many local performers such as Zwakala Africa Art

Project, Mr Drummer, Mrs Roomes and the SADACCA Women's Group.

The Zwakala Africa Art Project made an amazing performance playing tam tams, with African dances and encouraging people to sing along with them. Mr Drummer played and sang easy listening and classic songs on his guitar to brighten up the audience, and Mrs Roomes was a totally motivating person, full of courage in front of people. I was totally amazed by her hilarious performance, which included poems, songs and a prayer for the audience.

The SADACCA Women's Group choir sang with truly amazing voices; they also showed the audience the meaning in their songs with movements and gestures.

After these musical events there was a fashion demonstration of clothes from African and other cultures. It was absolutely fabulous to see all the well designed clothes modelled by volunteers.

It was an atmospheric day and everyone enjoyed the delicious tasting food from Zimbabwe, Eritrea and Jamaica, and the cool drinks of juice and beer provided by SADACCA.



Splat Craft Zone

Story: Brent Moya
Photos: Ange Whichelow

Local youngsters are being invited to express their creative sides with SPLAT, a drop-in arts and crafts group aimed at 8-13 year olds.

Sessions take place on Wednesdays from 3.30 - 5.30pm as part of Christchurch's youth provision and cover everything from glass painting to sweet making. There is an open access policy allowing participants to come and go as they please while the group also welcomes people from all backgrounds regardless of religion or ethnicity.

I spoke to local resident Lydia Flanagan (pictured right) who has been helping out at Christchurch and who set up the Splat project. She explained that Hendrik Klaver, the youth leader wanted to get young people and young adults involved in leadership. "I started going to the group aged 11 and spent many happy years there so when I was asked by Hendrik to help out I jumped at the chance."



Lydia is now doing leadership training and is volunteering as a part time trainee. She explained her motivation for getting involved:

"Arts and crafts is something I'm very passionate about. I'd like to think I'm inspiring kids to be creative which gives me a great feeling."

Hendrik was full of praise for Lydia's work:

"Lydia has a real gift of working with children and young people. The children love Lydia and follow her around. It is a real privilege to be involved in helping someone like Lydia to develop her leadership skills and qualities further."

For more information on SPLAT or to get involved contact Hendrik Klaver on 07771 590 034 or email him at hendrik@christchurchpitsmoor.com

The next Splat sessions will be 30th September and 14th October.



Becoming a Young Advisor?

Story: Farhan Ahmed

The Sheffield Young Advisors is a group of young people who have been trained to provide a supportive service to the community



I have been a Young Advisor for a year now and have had the opportunity to organise events, provide training to professionals, get accreditation for different courses, help the community and this list can go on.

It's not all work, it's fun too. Every year a residential is held and throughout the year we are invited to visit other Young Advisors in different cities. This is a chance to travel and meet new people. You will be able to look at other communities and use this information to improve your own area.

If you are between 16 and 21, then you can become a Young Advisor. It only requires up to 5 hours a week and everything is paid for, so what have you got to lose?

To join or for further details please contact:
Zain 0792 149 1540
Farhan 07926 960 181



Positive Parenting

Story: Daryl Gowlett

Burngreave Children's Centre held a graduation ceremony on Friday 21st August for parents who have completed the OCN (Open College Network) accreditation for their Positive Parenting programme.

The Positive Parenting course runs twice a year, at both Burngreave Children's Centre and Owl Brook Children's Centre in Fir Vale, for parents with children under five, or who are expecting a new baby. The nine week course is aimed at getting parents to bring out the best in their child, by listening and understanding, and by praising and encouraging their efforts. Topics covered include positive talking and listening,

encouragement and child development, healthy eating and childhood obesity, accident prevention, quality time and play, managing behaviour and discipline.

OCN have recently accredited this course to Levels One and Two so that parents, if they choose to, can gain credits towards further learning when they complete the course.

At the ceremony itself, parents were presented with their OCN certificates by Tracy Watson, Citywide Parenting Strategy manager at Sheffield City Council, and Sonia Graham, Deputy Programme Manager at the Children's Centre.

For more information about the Positive Parenting Programme, contact Burngreave Children's Centre on 252 5220.

Burngreave focused for interfaith week

Story: Nirmal Fernando

Photo: Rohan Francis

Sheffield's celebrations for UK's first ever interfaith week will be launched on Sunday, 15th November 2009 at Burngreave on the theme of 'Faith, Work and Food in Fellowship'.

The day will commence at Burngreave Ashram on Spital Hill with outdoor faith reflections, followed by the planting of an 'Interfaith Tree' on Ellesmere Green. Lunch will be at the Al-Rahman Mosque, preceded by reflections from all faiths. Readings, talks, music and song from representatives of some seven faith



communities will be hosted by the Pitsmoor Methodist Church in the afternoon. It is proposed to have interfaith displays on Burngreave's streets over this period, sponsored by the churches, mosques and other faith centres in the area.

Burngreave has become a focus for interfaith activities for a number of years. One example is the Multifaith Chapel and Library (pictured left), started a year ago at the Burngreave Ashram. Displayed with equal prominence, side by side on its walls, are harmonious depictions of seven major faiths. It is open to individuals and groups irrespective of identity with a faith or with none. Interfaith seminars on topical social issues are regularly held. Prayer, meditation, studies and discussion is also ongoing.

The interfaith launch event starts at 12 noon Sunday 15th November at Burngreave Ashram, Spital Hill. The Interfaith tree planting at Ellesmere starts at 1pm. To reserve a place for lunch contact: Nirmal Fernando; Burngreave Ashram, 84-86 Spital Hill, Sheffield S4 7LG, 270 0972 or 020 8961 5867 (answering machine) – curlsu@hotmail.com

Al-Amen counselling

Story & photo: Taibah Khan

I met Nuria Quintilla at her office in the SYAC building on the Wicker. Here Nuria is the Director and Senior Counsellor of the Women's Resource Centre which offers professional counselling services and workshops for women from Black and Ethnic minorities.

I asked Nuria how she became involved in counselling:

"As a translator in London, I came across lots of people, asylum seekers, international students and refugees, many who could not speak English. So I set up a Saturday coffee morning where I taught English and helped with legal issues for free."

Nuria found mental health issues were common amongst ethnic minority women, both Muslim and Non-Muslim.

"In Sheffield at the Purpose Of Life Centre, I ran a coffee morning where I provided free counselling for women who suffered from a range of mental health issues including depression, post-natal depression and sometimes schizophrenia."

This centre closed but women still needed help, so Nuria set up an email account and phone line where women who really needed to talk could do so in confidence.

"I felt really motivated to get a degree in Counselling as so many people needed help."

After gaining Open University qualifications, Nuria formed Al-Amen in SYAC because it's easy for women to access from the Burngreave area. On Fridays women can come and discuss for free, any problems they may be having. Alongside counselling, workshops



including Islamic will writing, household and time management and others are offered at various prices.

Nuria is now in the process of becoming registered with the NHS national register of counsellors, so that more women can access her skills.

For further information contact Nuria on 07506 691 773.

Fathima's fundraising cards

Story: Saleema Imam



Over the last two years, local craftswoman Fathima Khan has devoted a lot of her time to raising funds for various charities. In 2008 she took part in the 'Race for Life', helping to raise over £1000 in sponsorship, and she got the fund-raising bug.

Christmas cards in 2008 brought in over £200 for Breast Cancer Care and, as her cards became more widely known, requests came in for 'one off' special occasions. And this year you may have noticed her stall at the local festivals. She spends about an hour on each individual decoupage card. "No two the same" says she!

Sadly Fathima's niece contracted meningitis, developed septicaemia and died at the age of 14 months, so she now focuses her fund-raising for Supporting Meningitis UK. £660 has been donated to them since March towards her target of £3000.

For details of what's on offer and her Christmas raffle, contact her at 07828 230 038. You can also donate online to Forever Funds, Supporting Meningitis UK.

<http://meningitisuk.tributefunds.com/fund/sana+khan/>

Fathima's cards are also available at Mr Slator furnishings, 110-124 Infirmary Road.

Desert trek for Alzheimer's

Story: Ben Kirby

This November, Burngreave resident Tina Ball will trek over 70 kilometres across the Sinai Desert, Egypt, aiming to raise over £1000 for the Alzheimer's Society.

"I thought it'd be good to do something different," Tina told the Messenger. "It's going to be challenging - I'm 55, and not that fit, though I have started training. Hopefully it'll be lots of fun too! I'll be travelling with a group of people I haven't met before. We'll be going to Mount Sinai, and then walking across the desert and to the Red Sea."

"I've seen how dementia affects family and friends. The Alzheimer's Society supports research to improve the quality of life of people affected by dementia. It can make a big difference. In particular, their website is very helpful."

Besides the trek, Tina has also been busy organising other fundraising events for the Society: "I raised £95 on the tombola at the Abbeyfield Festival in July. I've also got a book sale planned, and a musical event to come."

If you would like to sponsor Tina on her trek, please go to www.justgiving.com/tinaball. Any old books or potential tombola prizes for future events would also be very welcome.





Street Pastors

Story: Howard Golding

Photo: Cameron Raphael-Storm

A young resident shot dead. The funeral car slowly approaching up Burngreave Road, followed by family, friends and songs of mourning. In October 2007, Pat Regan from Women Against Violence, speaking from the experience of losing a son, told a meeting at the Adventist Church, "The problem is the gun".

Gun crimes and gun culture affect us all. Here in Burngreave, it has had a

devastating effect on our community – and allows the media to stigmatise the area and the residents. Young men are killing young men. Why? Is not a young man's life worth something?

Malcolm X says you are either part of the problem or part of the solution. Street Pastors aim to be part of the solution. Street Pastors are like you and me, ordinary people! Many Street Pastors work, live or attend churches in the area.

What is a Street Pastor? How do we know they are genuine? What can they do to help?

Part of the solution is gaining the confidence of young people by befriending, listening, supporting and providing positive choices and possibilities to young people.

A Street Pastor is someone from the Christian community who is willing to engage people where they are, in terms of their perspective of life and where they hang out – be it on the streets, in the pubs and clubs or at parties.

The Street Pastor is there to get to know people in the community and to build relationships in order to find out their needs and what can be done to help.

Street Pastors must gain the credibility of the community, so that the community knows that the Church has come to them.

Street Pastor Initiative is new to Sheffield. It has been tried in other inner cities like Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds and has helped reduce gun crime.

The role is not about preaching heaven and hell, but one of caring, listening and helping.

Credibility comes from being upfront, open and honest with the community and we have already been out on Ellesmere Green to hand out information.

Confidentiality is paramount; we are not police informers. We will give advice and support to any young person when requested.

We look forward to serving the area of Burngreave.

If you would like more information about Street Pastors, please feel free to contact Pastor Andrew on 07931 732 490 or attend the next meeting on Tuesday 20th October 7.30pm at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Andover Street.

'ON TARGET' with Sheffield Wednesday FC

Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme is inviting all young people aged 8-16 years old to get involved in our weekly sporting activities taking place in and around Burngreave.

Following a successful pilot project that ran every Saturday night throughout August, the Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme will be delivering evening, weekend and holiday activities during the 09/10 season, giving young people in the area an opportunity to be trained by professional coaches and watch Sheffield Wednesday FC in Championship action at Hillsborough.

Young people who attend will also be given the opportunity to play in regular matches against other community teams in Sheffield and play in tournaments involving other professional football clubs. Sheffield Wednesday have also teamed up with Burngreave Boxing Club and will be encouraging young people to

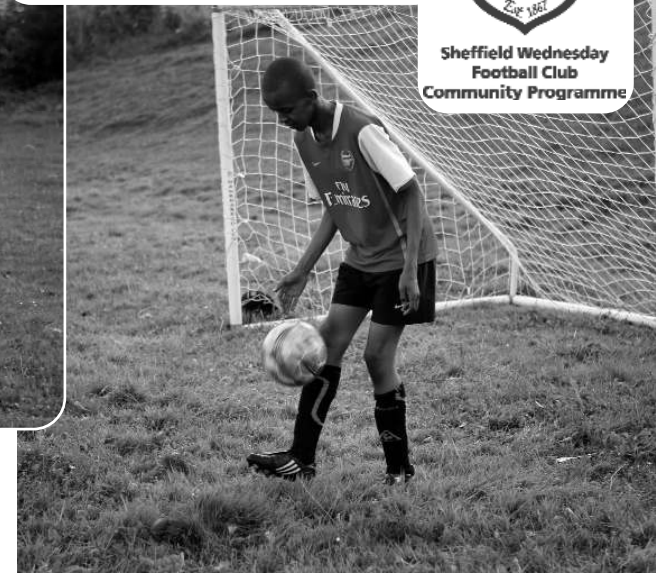


attend Earsham Street gym with Wednesday coaches to improve fitness and discipline.

Weekly sessions will start at the end of September. Please look out for posters advertising the free sessions at the following venues: Byron Wood Playing Fields (Saturdays 11am – 12.30pm), Nottingham Cliff Rec (Thursdays 5pm – 7pm), Verdon Recreation Centre and Burngreave Amateur Boxing Club.



Sheffield Wednesday Football Club Community Programme



Photos: Anwar Suliman

For further information please contact Matt Bray, Social Inclusion Officer, Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme on 07904 330 801/221 2215, or email mbray2@btinternet.com

Parental consent forms need to be completed to take part.

Sun shines on Streetworx

Young people were spoiled for choice this summer, with a great list of activities to enjoy with Sheffield Futures' Streetworx.

More than 200 young people took part in fun activities such as cinema trips, cycling and a Playstation competition. They also took time to develop their skills, learning about radio presenting, taking up athletics and raising their awareness of gun and knife crime issues.

The Streetworx team supported a wide range of young people from diverse backgrounds, who got on well with each other throughout the summer.

The highlight of the summer were the events in Nottingham Cliff Park, which were blessed with good weather and support from local parents, who helped provide free food for the whole community. Music and activities brought the Park to life for families, residents and young people alike.

For more information on Streetworx call 201 8572.



Burngreave Mentoring Project

Would you like to become a Community Mentor?

"There are times when young people face issues that are difficult for a family member or friend to address. It often helps for a third person to assist who can offer independent support and expertise."

Following the success of our 1st training course for Volunteer Mentors, we are looking to recruit again.

If you would like to support children and young people who live or go to school in Burngreave and have a couple of hours spare per week, we would like to hear from you.

Mentors receive Open College Network (OCN) accredited training, support from a multi-agency staff team, and expenses reimbursed.

Mentors must be over the age of 18, be able to complete a 2 day Mentoring Training Course, willing to supply 2 references and complete a CRB check to work with children.

Next course starts in October, with more to follow.

If you would like further information please contact Jane Bennett or Julia Baker at Burngreave/Shiregreen MAST on 233 1189.

Email: shiregreen-burngreaveMAST@sheffield.gov.uk



Parents making it happen - PITS

Story: Lisa Swift

Photos: Sherin T Rajan and Rohan Francis

Parents around Verdon Street took matters into their own hands this summer, to make sure their children were involved in positive activities in their community.

Local parent Joyce Divers felt so frustrated at the lack of activities for 8-13 years olds she got together with other parents to make things happen. With support from Streetworx and backing from the Council, the parents put on activities through the summer and launched the group PITS (Parents Intervention Takes a Stand). Parent Donna explained:

"We want activities that parents and children can do together, to help our children learn better, and we want to learn with them."

Activities have included football, photography, music workshops, break dancing, drama, gardening and arts and crafts. It's not just been about having fun either, the first task the group took on was cleaning up the playground at Denholme Close. Joyce said:

"This is about our children feeling good about this area. We want to make a difference and the kids need to know there is a community."

Councillor Jackie Drayton helped out on the day and, at the launch on 1st August, she expressed her pride in what had already been achieved by the parents group:



rubbish and painting fences. At the end the park looked a real picture and a safe place for children to play."

One local father said, "It's brilliant that this kind of thing can be got off the ground in such a short space of time. It's going to be good for all our children."

The PITS group is now looking to set up its own youth group and after-school club, while activities such as football and boxing will continue in the coming months.

"Around 40 local residents, children and young people, officers and volunteers turned up and worked solidly, pulling up weeds, cutting back brambles, picking up

Firefighting experience

Photos: Anwar Suliman

The summer's young firefighter's course really put two groups of young people through their paces, testing their skills to the limits. The final display after 5 days of training showed their friends and family it had all been worth it.

The day started with cleaning the fire engines, followed by a series of challenges where the young people pitched their skills against the retired firemen who had been coaching them all week. They performed different life-saving scenarios, in full fire fighting suits, which included rescuing a crash victim from a car and rescuing a baby from burning gas bottles.

Though no-one's life was really in danger, the young people showed professionalism and seriousness throughout, earning their awards at the end of the day.





Tons of summer trips

After a year of hard studying, young people from Burngreave After School Study Support Project spent the summer having fun. The Yemeni Community Association's project took over 300 young people on well earned trips and residentials.

Day trips included visits to Go Ape, Cable water ski-ing, paintballing, rollerblading,

ice skating, cinema trips, Hesley Woods, theme parks and two residentials to Kingswood Educational Centre, where everyone enjoyed the water sports and the great outdoors. It was a real opportunity for them to take part in new activities and make new friends, mixing with young people from all over the city.

The Burngreave After School Study Support Project is restarting educational support on the 28th September from 3.30pm at the Firvale Centre, Monday and Tuesday during term time for Y5 -Y11. Support will also be available to college and university students.

Ongoing activities.

Boxing – women and girls only, every Wednesday at Sheffield boxing gym, 7.15pm – 8.30pm.

Swimming – women only and women and toddlers (some sessions available for boys) every Sunday until the end of December.

Lifeguard training course – qualify to be a lifeguard. Male only. 38 hour course over 2 full weekends. 16yrs–25yrs old. Starting 21st November. Female course in December.

Contact Diane Haimed on 303 0141.

A positive summer at RH2

This summer, with the help of 8-13 Positive Activities funding, Reach High 2 Study Support provided a whole range of valuable activities for young people.



Cycling days were aimed at children who don't have bikes at home and rarely get the chance to cycle. The sessions introduced a simple outdoor activity to young people who in the past may have struggled to cycle or had never been taught. It gave them a new found confidence and sense of achievement.

Healthy Eating sessions gave children an opportunity to develop new culinary skills, many of whom had never cooked before. The children made healthy lunches and snacks and learnt how to make healthier choices when buying from the supermarket and shops. They also learnt how to make healthy buns and cakes at home.

The play scheme through the summer was full of creativity and outdoor fun, including visits to the park, town centre, local football ground, as well as making gift boxes. There was also a mini football tournament.



REACH HIGH 2 STUDY SUPPORT

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH, MATHS, AND SCIENCE AND HAVE FUN?

THEN REACH HIGH 2 STUDY SUPPORT IS FOR YOU!
STARTING FROM 3RD OCTOBER 2009
EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY (12pm – 3pm)
AT FIRS HILL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Weekend programme	PRIMARY	ENGLISH	MATHS	SCIENCE
SESSION 1 12.00-12.45	Y5 and Y6	Y11	Y7, 8 and 9	Y10
SESSION 2 12.45-1.30	Y5 and Y6	Y10	Y11	Y7, 8 and 9
		BREAK 1.30- 1.45pm		
SESSION 3 1.45 - 3pm	Y5 and Y6	Y7, 8 and 9	Y10	Y11

Reach High 2 has been developed to raise the attainment of young people mainly of Kashmiri/Pakistani origin, from Burngreave and City wide. The project also supports Yemeni, Somali and Afro-Caribbean students.

This is your opportunity to be part of an existing project in your community.

To enrol come down with your parent/carer to Firs Hill School on Saturday 3rd October 2009

For Further information contact:
Nasira Amin on 078 344 68 138
nasira.rh2@hotmail.co.uk





Hanging out with Christchurch

Nottingham Cliff Park has been the place to be this summer, with Christchurch's youth group, 'the Hangout'.

There was the inflatable football pitch provided by Activity Sheffield, sports and other fun activities for young people to enjoy in the outdoors.

Youth work Hendrik Klaver told the Messenger, "It's been a really good summer for Christchurch. We got to know children in the community who had not been involved before. It was also good to see Nottingham Cliff Park used and the whole community enjoying it."

From what the children had to say, they enjoyed their summer Hangout, especially the trips to Derwent valley, where they got the chance to practise their bike skills.



"I like going because I can play with my friends. The bike riding in Derwent Valley was really cool!" India

"The activities are really good because they give me something to do in the holidays and on a Friday evening. I like to play football with my friends." Tyler

"It was really good. Good way to involve many people. This makes people feel free and safe to go to the park and have fun. I loved the biking. We should do this more often!" Angela

Summer fun, even in the rain

This year Ellesmere Youth Project ran a three week programme of summer holiday activities, which involved sport, art and craft, dance and circus skills.

Highlights of the programme included a very wet but enjoyable trip to Derwent Valley for mountain biking. There was a torrential downpour half-way round the route which resulted in us all getting very wet and muddy!



We also joined staff and young people at Pitsmoor Adventure Playground for three sessions of art and craft activities, where the children were given the opportunity to make lanterns, photograph frames and kites.

We would like to thank Activity Sheffield, Pitsmoor Adventure Playground, All Saints Connexions Centre, Christ Church Pitsmoor and Swamp Circus for joining us in activities over the summer.

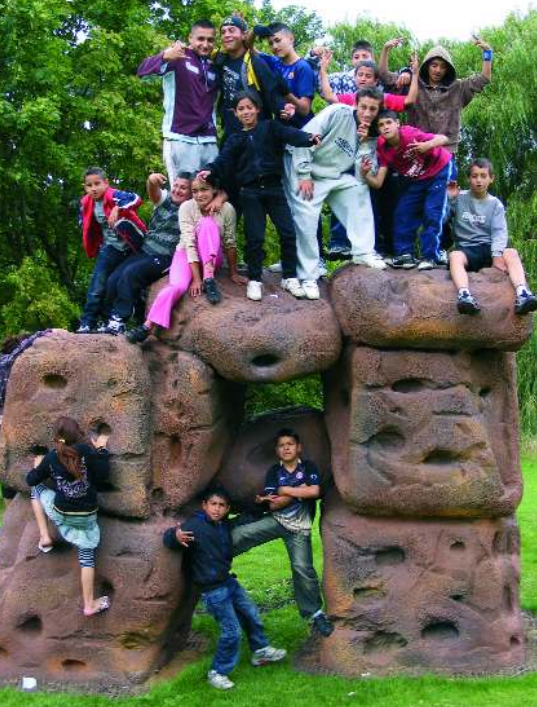
First taste of candyfloss

Earl Marshal Connexions Centre ran a wide variety of activities in the summer weeks, which were well attended, mainly by local Slovakian young people.

Travelling from Sheffield by coach to Lightwater Valley and Pleasure Island theme parks was the first experience for many of the Slovakian young people, who were amazed they could access all the rides inside the amusement park. For many it was the first time they had tasted candyfloss. As in the Slovakian culture, we found many of the older young people taking responsibility for supporting and supervising the younger ones. The young people had fun and keep asking when they can go again.

There were also creative activities in the Earl Marshal Centre, including tie-dying t-shirts, a new skill for the young people involved.





Climbing Boulder for Osgathorpe

Story: Amie Rowland
Photo: Charisma Emai George

Late July saw young people flock to Osgathorpe Park to celebrate the new climbing boulder.

The launch was a fantastic success, organised by Sheffield Futures and the Parks & Countryside Service. However, it was the enthusiasm of the Firvale Youth Group and the Earl Marshall Youth Group that really brought the energy into the Park.

Young people took part in grass sledging with the Rangers, football and cricket activities with Activity Sheffield, and

climbing sessions. There was also an art workshop run by artists who are currently employed to design and build a new shelter in the Park. Young people's ideas from the workshop will form the basis of the new shelter design.

Friends of Osgathorpe Park (FOOP) working with the Parks and Countryside Service raised funds for the new climbing boulder. Local young people chose the design of the boulder, which has easy routes as well as more challenging climbs, making it suitable for climbers of all abilities.

The boulder is part of ongoing work to improve the park's facilities.

If you would like more information please call Amie Rowland on 0114 2500 500 or email parcsandcountryside@sheffield.gov.uk.

Bike Days at the Adventure Playground

Story: Lisa Swift | Photos: Rohan Francis

It was a real summer of cycling in Burngreave with every youth group getting out on bikes. Pitsmoor Adventure Playground hosted a number of Bike Days to help children get their own bikes up to scratch.

With the help of Pedal Ready mechanics and funding from the ABC fund, children had their bikes checked and new parts fitted to make them road worthy and safe. Young people also learned how to fix their own bikes, changing brake cables and replacing tyres.

The final session helped children learn basic cycling skills, to keep the safe on the roads. Young people said,

"It was good, I learned a lot about fixing bikes."



"It made my bike safer, with the brakes, but they couldn't fix everything."



"I got new gears and the brakes fixed, but we need to do it every week."



Grading success

The Tae Kwon Do students at Verdon Recreation Centre have excelled yet again. On Sunday 6th September every student who took their grading exam passed with flying colours. Some of the students were awarded certificates of achievement for their hard work over the last three months. The grades awarded were:

Jordan Graham, 3rd Kup
Radford Love, 5th Kup (Double Grade)
Zakarya Al -Yaffai, 4th Kup (Double Grade)
Heather Bunce, 7th Kup
Morgan Barton, 8th Kup (Double Grade)
Ismail Hussein, 9th Kup

The club trains at Verdon Recreation Centre on Tuesdays 6.30pm to 8pm & Fridays 6pm-7.30pm. Under 18's £2, over 18's £3.

Fir Vale Fun Day

Story: Viva Radja
Photos: Sherin T Rajan & Charisma Emai George

Fir Vale Fun Day was a great event organised at Fir Vale school on 19th July by local people to celebrate the summer and the community of Fir Vale.



The school's playground was full of people who came to enjoy the stalls, games, food and music which was booming from the corner of the playground. It made you feel like moving to the rhythms of the live Latin American band. There were also local performances, including Arabic dancers, Slovakian music and dance, Nasheeds (Islamic songs), rappers and street dancers.

The weather was quite changeable on the day but otherwise people enjoyed it, as there were plenty of things to entertain people even in the rain.

I found out about many things at the festival and I spoke to a lot of the people about what they thought of the day.

"The food is delicious. It's a very good price for a £1, so everyone can have some. I've had some Indian food, pakoras, fried

chicken, banana fritters and dumplings and some little fairy cakes. It was all lovely."

"I go to Fir Vale School. It's a good thing for the community to get together and the food's nice!"

"We run a craft group at Firs Hill, we sell things we've made by hand. We know a lot of the stallholders, we are all friends. We've had lots of customers, even though there's been all that rain. The music's been fabulous."

"It's a really good opportunity for people in the area to find out what's going on, it's also about having a good time. The people are lovely - this is a great mixed community."

"I've met many of my old friends that I haven't seen for a long time and I've met some new people. There's a good atmosphere, good music and there's plenty to do, people are friendly."

Children's Carnival at WATOTO

Photos: Sherin T Rajan

Parents and children enjoyed a summer Carnival at WATOTO pre-school in August.

Parents and carers volunteered on the day to help the event run smoothly. With fantastic food, bric-a-brac stalls, and a children's parade, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Mohammed Iqbal MBE opened the event recognising the positive work that the centre continues to do. He praised the quality of the childcare on offer, which allows parents to return to work, and expressed how important it was for grass roots organisations, like the Black Women's Resource Centre, to provide this service.

WATOTO pre-school is open Monday to Friday, for under 5s, 8am-6pm. Call 275 1817 for more information.



Greenfingers open day

Story and photos: Cameron Raphael-Storm



SAGE (Support, Arts, Gardening, Education) Greenfingers held their annual Open Day on September 16th at the Grimesthorpe Allotments.

The project caters for individuals with various mental health issues ranging from depression and anxiety to more severe conditions. There is no upper age limit for taking part, creating an environment where clients attending the project on a short or long-term basis, benefit not only from teaching and guidance from staff and volunteers but also from the experience of their elders.

SAGE is currently running two projects: the work on Grimesthorpe allotments and singing workshops in Burngreave. The Open Day also featured partner groups run by the Primary Health Care project: the Friday knitting group and a writing group named "Write Horizons".

After greetings, the Open Day started with a moving and informative speech by Diana Tottle (project leader), outlining the project's aims and what they hoped to achieve in the future.

Then members of the writing group treated members and guests to thoughtful and entertaining readings. This was followed by several well-performed songs from the singing group and then an



enjoyable buffet lunch. The quality of the work and confidence of the members was obvious testament to the project's ongoing success in promoting well-being.

Greenfingers is currently funded by grants from the Tudor Trust, Sheffield Town Trust and the NHS and gratefully-received public donations, all of which are vital to the ongoing survival of what is evidently a worthwhile and beneficial project within the Burngreave community.

Haiku for Sage Green Fingers

By a member of Write Horizons

steel works by river
producing mass employment
a passing shadow

afraid of the crowds
too much to go to the match
one step at a time

sprays of narcissi
cream petals with yellow
trumpets
herald springtime

near the fruit and veg
a shocking taste of summer
crunchy nasturtiums!

eight dark pink petals
late flowering cosmos
bee at its centre

on the allotment
planters, growers and
weeders

come and go daily still more
at dawn, dusk and night
the work continues

with each seed planted
whether in pot or garden
mental health improves

up on sixty six
fork blackcurrants to boil
real jam tomorrow!

Help at Abbeyfield Park

In the spring, Green City Action and Friends of Abbeyfield Park planted up the border in front of the cricket pitch. But now they need help!

During autumn they will be organising a working party of volunteers to spruce up the border over the autumn months. The team will meet on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12noon when the Tool Bank is open. The Friends of the Park hope to raise funds to pay for weed suppressing mulch to reduce future maintenance of the border. If you can help, please contact Rob at Green City Action on 244 0353.

Tool Bank is open Wednesdays 1-4pm and Saturdays 10am-12noon.

Brahma Kumaris is providing **FREE meditation, self esteem and positive thinking courses**, to be delivered at a location of your choice or at the SADACCA centre. Contact Brahma Kumaris on 0114 230 6781 for more details.

Apple Day and gardening

Story: Susannah Diamond and Saleema Imam

Transition Burngreave has been focusing on how we can respond to climate change and energy depletion, this month there will be a number of events.

The Friends of Burngreave Cemetery and Chapels are holding an Apple Day and seed swap, between 11am and 3pm on **Sunday 25th October** at the cemetery. We'll be pruning fruit trees near the Adventure Playground and possibly planting more, serving soup and apple pie, juicing apples, carving pumpkins and more. Everyone's invited! Bring some food to share and seeds to swap.

A Garden Design course will be starting at the new Crescent Community Centre on **Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October**, free to Burngreave residents. We'll look at the possibilities of changing the green areas around Firshill and St Catherine's, including planning an outdoor classroom and pond areas.

Contact 275 5770 for more information.

Holtwood House

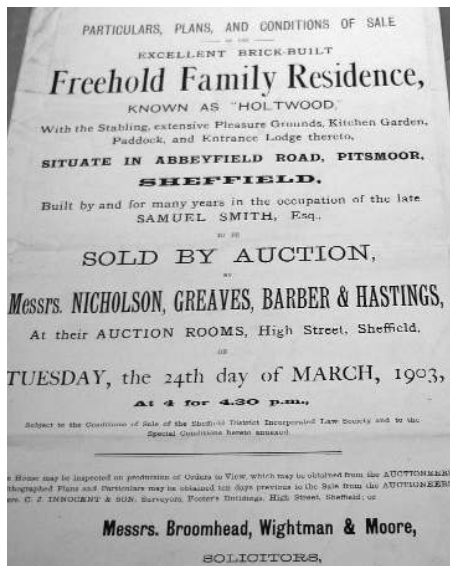
Story: Elizabeth Shaw

Across from Abbeyfield Park, on Abbeyfield Road there is a derelict lodge, have you ever wondered what it was part of, or why there is a lodge there? The lodge was originally just a small part of a much bigger estate, with a grand house called Holtwood House.

Holtwood House was built for Samuel Smith, corn miller, whose business, Victoria Flour Mills, was sited in the Corn Exchange and on Carlisle Street.

In the 1879, Kelly's Directory he is listed as residing at Abbey House on Barnsley Road, and in 1883 his address is given as Holtwood House, Abbeyfield Road so it would appear to have been built during this 4-year period. The house was quite large, there were 8 bedrooms but at the time of the 1891 census Samuel, aged 80 years, was living there as a widower with 3 servants. One of the servants, Jane Rooke aged 70 years has the title of Housekeeper, she was with the family for many years as she appears on the 1861 census as Governess when Samuel had daughters aged 20 and 17 years and 8 year old son.

On 2 February 1903 Samuel died and the property was put up for sale by auction. The sale plan below lists some of the details:

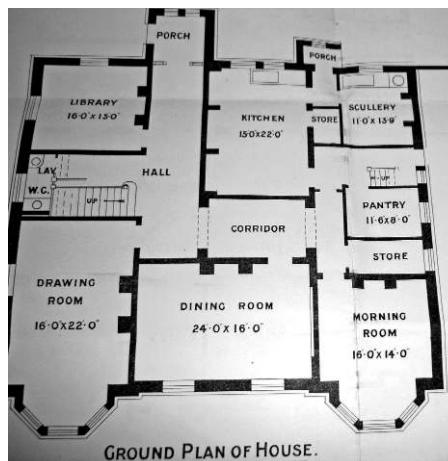


The sale plan also states:

"The grounds are prettily laid out with walks, lawns, plantations and flowerbeds and there is a productive kitchen garden and paddocks.

"Outbuildings: Substantial Entrance Lodge, stabling, loosebox, harness room, carriage house, potting shed and greenhouse."

Photo by Harry Ainscough.
More photos at
www.copperbeechstudios.co.uk



The day after the auction on 25 March 1903, the Sheffield Telegraph reported that no purchaser was forthcoming. The 1905 edition of White's lists Wm Joseph James as Caretaker.

The 1907 and 1910 editions of Kelly's list Commander Charles Thomas Scott – chief Constable as residing at Holtwood. Commander Scott was appointed as Chief Constable on 14 November 1898 at a salary of £650. On 9 January 1906 the Sheffield Local Register reported that after long debate Commanders Scott's salary was to be increased from £650 pa to £800 pa. During the time he was residing at Holtwood, he appears in the newspaper again having led a raid on several hotels in the suburbs of Sheffield during prohibited hours.

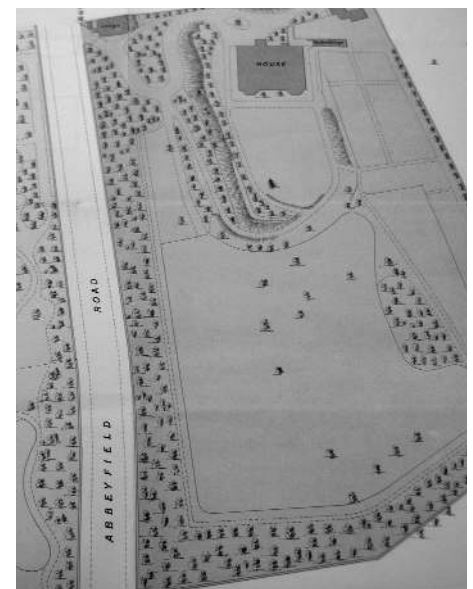
According to the Kelly Directory, between 1919 and 1922, Holtwood was a Diocesan Home for Babies; successive Matrons were listed as Miss Lily Leaf, Miss Carter and Mrs George.

By 1948/9, the Electoral Rolls show that the house had multiple occupancy with 18

adults listed including Aaron and John White. 1965/6 shows 10 adults including Aaron and Hilda White. Whites Demolition are known to be the last owners of the property which was demolished around 1969/70. The grounds continued to be used by the demolition company, though now the site has been cleared of all but the lodge, which survives in a derelict state.

*This article forms part of a display now at Burngreave Library, produced by learners from the Local History Class run by Life Long Learning and Skills and the Burngreave Messenger. The display will continue until **3rd October** during Library opening hours.*

If you would like to join the local history class, please contact the Messenger on 242 0564. Courses will run from September and January.



Curry surprise in Dorking Street

Story & photo: John Mellor



Surprises in Burngreave are often just around the corner, as I discovered recently when looking for the Curry Canteen run by Rupert Ellis. It is within about 3 minutes' walk of the Ellesmere Road shops, tucked away among the old cobbled streets behind John Heath's Funeral Parlour. To get to it, you walk down Hallcar Sreet, take the first left, then first right into Dorking Street.

The Curry Canteen lies half way down on the left between the Staffordshire Arms and the Rock Christian Centre.

I was warmly welcomed by Rupert, who owns the business, and he struck me as a great enthusiast and an energetic entrepreneur committed to producing and serving a menu of delicious curry dishes.

I asked him why he had come to Burngreave. He said:

"I've been in the catering industry for 15 years and my last business was a restaurant in Broomhall. My father owns this building which is part of Sheffield Foods Ltd, better known as 'the onion factory'. There was an opportunity for me to take over the Curry Canteen 5 months ago and this came at just the right time. I'd previously taken a year out between 1999 and 2000, travelling around India and Kashmir, and loved the taste of the different types of curry which I found there."

I then asked Rupert if he got much 'passing trade', as the restaurant is a bit off the beaten track. He replied:

"That's true, but there are several factories in this area and I am building up a good lunchtime trade from the factory workers. The clientele is quite multicultural and they keep coming back for more! The restaurant can seat around 30 customers and a lot more come for takeaways. But the main part of the business is in supplying frozen meals which we deliver to pubs across the city. We find these are very popular."

Rupert kindly offered me a complimentary plateful of curry and rice (which made it just slightly cheaper than the very reasonable prices on the menu). In fact there were four curries: lamb, chicken, spinach, and beans and chickpeas, all of which had delicious, mouth-watering flavours – I could understand why Rupert's customers kept coming back for more! While I was there a regular customer, Tesfom from Eritrea, came in for a late lunch and told me: "I really enjoy the curries they serve here".

Rupert then introduced me to his chef, Adil from Kashmir, who was busy upstairs in the large kitchen. Adil explained the secret of the wonderful flavours: "I use my own mixtures of spices which are based on traditional Kashmiri recipes; this is what gives them their special and unique flavour."

I happened to mention that my wife loves vegetable curries, especially spinach and bean recipes, and Rupert insisted on giving me a takeaway for her; it was an offer I couldn't refuse – and a very appropriate (if slightly belated) treat to celebrate our 44th wedding anniversary.

The opening times of the Curry Canteen are 12 noon – 6pm, Monday to Friday, or call 279 5348. I shall certainly be back there for another delicious curry in the not too distant future – even if I have to pay for it next time!

Lyons Street takeaway

Story: Michelle Cook
Photo: Marc Charlton

After 14 months' hard work, local caterer, Mr Imtiaz, was delighted to finally open Pizza Cottage Cafe and Takeaway on Lyons Close, Ellesmere on 3rd August. Free food was served between 2 and 6pm on the opening day.

Pizza Cottage is a very welcome addition to the area. Is the food good? Yes, all food is freshly prepared with the finest ingredients by the friendly staff, however it is not expensive. A tasty range of pizzas, kebabs, burgers, chicken

and pasta dishes are served along with desserts like jam roly poly and custard.

Pizza Cottage is such good value that it is attracting custom from all over the area and is not only popular with local families, taking advantage of the "kiddies specials", but with the young people from All Saints youth club opposite. In fact, Mr Imtiaz is hoping his cafe will become a resource which local young people can use rather than hanging around the streets. He has a television which regularly plays music channels and kids are often in there chatting and enjoying the food.

Pizza Cottage is open Sun – Thurs 11.30am till 11.45pm and till 12am Fri and Sat. There is free delivery on orders over £7. Telephone: 0114 243 9011.



BNDfC Succession Plans

The Burngreave New Deal for Communities Succession Strategy was first shared with the Burngreave community back in 2007. In very simple terms the strategy is to manage the buildings bought with NDC funds to make money to reinvest back into the local community within the Burngreave ward.

How we will do that reinvestment is not yet decided and it will be one of the first tasks for the Board of the new charitable company we're setting up. What we do know is that we have to invest in activities which continue to contribute to some of the original NDC outcomes around education, employment, health, crime, environment and community engagement.

We are now submitting our application for charitable status and then we'll have to set up a trading arm to manage the buildings. Our succession plans are being subject to a rigorous approval process by our accountable body, the City Council and they will then be submitted to our funders, the Department for Communities and Local Government. Their approval process is scheduled to run between October 2009 and April 2010.

The big prize for Burngreave at the end of the process is that the buildings will have all legal charges and grant payback clauses removed and they will truly be the property of BNDfC to manage for the benefit of the community. As that point gets closer, we will be seeking regular feedback on what we should reinvest our money in and what ideas people have for the use of the buildings.

On 10 September we held an Open House Day at Sorby House for people to talk to us in more depth about our plans. We also gave residents the chance to think of a name for the trading arm of the charity that will manage the buildings. The winning name will be announced in the next edition of the Messenger.

FREE computers

BNDfC has a number of clean, very good condition PCs that we'd like to give to Burngreave residents. Numbers are limited so it will be on a **first come, first served basis** with only one PC per household. Call in to Sorby House, Spital Hill in the week beginning **12 October** to collect one. Please bring proof of your address.

Burngreave Vestry Hall



Vestry Hall is now fully open again...!

To celebrate this we are promoting the venue with two great offers!

- BOGOF (Book one and get one free – a room that is).
- Local Groups – got a meeting planned? Then why not use our meeting rooms at only £10 for the first two hours?

Remember that community groups and residents can get a discount on all other bookings at the Vestry Hall.

Want more details?

Please call in at Burngreave Vestry Hall or telephone 0114 213 3800. Email: enquiries@burngreavevestryhall.co.uk

Friends of Vestry Hall

We held a meeting of the community advisory group for the Vestry Hall on Tuesday 8 September. We rather like the name of 'Friends of Vestry Hall' for future meetings.

We talked about the current provision that's available and what we'd like to see in the way of future learning opportunities. We decided to meet every two months, so if you're equally passionate about the Vestry, please come along to the next meeting on **3rd November 6pm in the Vestry Hall**.

Everyone and their ideas genuinely welcome!

Supporting Employment

BNDfC is still providing support to local residents to access the employment market. David, Tammy and Zaheer from the old BOPPS team are still working from Sorby House to support individuals who need extra help to get into work.

The team is aiming to engage residents who might feel they are not ready for work and need some help with their skills or to gain confidence. The team can also sign post people to other support, so its worth getting in touch.

We're also working with other voluntary sector organisations to help deliver the Future Jobs programme and we'll also be

extending our work with employers on job vacancies.

If you'd like to know more about any of these opportunities please contact David Curtis, Economic Development Manager on 213 2300 and he'll be able to advise on what might be available for you.

Doing a good job...

As part of the national New Deal programme, every two years an independent household survey is undertaken by MORI. 83% of residents questioned said they'd heard of BNDfC and 61% said we'd helped make the area a better place to live. We'd just like to say a whopping great "THANK YOU" for that!

Community Plan takes shape



Work on the North East Community Assembly's first community plan is well under way.

The plan will identify the priorities for the area for the next 12-18 months which will guide the assembly and its partners in the work it does.

The plan will include Citizens' Targets which are direct actions the Community Assembly will commit themselves to as the result of residents' comments. A good example of this would be the clear up of a 'grot spot'.

The plan is developed through a variety of approaches. These are:

- Talking to locally-elected members about the issues
- Looking at data and information for the area
- Talking to partners
- Talking to the local community

It is important that this plan reflects what the local community wants and to do this the Community Assembly Team have been talking to residents at local festivals during the summer and have also given people the opportunity to return freepost postcards to tell us what they want to see happen in their area.

Using our communications bus at the numerous festivals, the community assembly have spoken to over 600 people and with postal feedback, nearly 1,000 responses have been fed into the work so far. In addition, the team have been talking to other local forums and all voluntary and community sector representatives were invited to an open day at the end of July.

Information about the plan was presented at a series of local ward-based

meetings across the area in September before the plan is taken to the next Community Assembly Meeting in October for discussion and decision by members.

Cllr Peter Price, Chair of the North East Community Assembly said:

"It is very clear from our consultations so far, that not surprisingly, community priorities do vary a little across such a large population within our four different wards. This is why we presented our findings to each of the ward meetings before taking the plan to our Community Assembly meeting in October. Your elected members feel that this is the best way of making sure that our plan takes on board all the issues raised by residents and that each neighbourhood has had a chance to give their own priorities."

The next Community Assembly Meeting will be October 21st 6- 8pm at Shirecliffe Community Centre, Shirecliffe Road (Catch number 83 or 7 to Shirecliffe)

What are you telling us?

In the Burngreave ward the top issues for you were:

- Crime and anti-social behaviour
- Clean and tidy streets
- The condition of the park and open spaces
- Facilities for children and teenagers
- The maintenance of the highways
- Better housing

As well as identifying these issues, we also recorded your specific concerns with the intention that we will look at some simple things we can do to improve life in the area.

Some of your individual requests or concerns were:

- CCTV or improved street lighting in the Page Hall area
- Deterring motorbikes at Carwood and Ellesmere
- More litter bins on school routes
- Getting rid of fly-tipping at the garages on Whiteways Road
- Better maintenance and more play equipment at Nottingham Cliffe park
- Getting rid of potholes on Miles Road
- Traffic calming on Penrith Road

Community Assemblies Go Green!

Up to £50,000 is up for grabs to fund community projects tackling climate change across the North East Community Assembly area.

The pot is for capital projects so can be used to fund buildings, equipment or tree planting.

The money is part of funding being handed down to community assemblies across the city and the final decision on grant allocation will be made by the local community assembly.

Applications and guidance, including useful contacts for advice and support are available from the North East Community Assembly. Please contact us on 0114 203 7562.



Councillor Surgery Dates

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

10 October: Jackie Drayton, 11am–12noon Burngreave Library, 2.15pm–1pm Firshill Tara

15 October: Jackie Drayton, 2pm–3pm Pakistan Advice Centre

20 October: Ibrar Hussain, 11am–12pm Shirecliffe Centre and 12.15–1pm Norwood/Bishopsholme

24 October: Steve Jones, 11am–12noon Burngreave Library

14 November: Ibrar Hussain, 11am–12noon Burngreave Library, 2.15pm–1pm Firshill Tara

17 November: Jackie Drayton, 11am–12pm Shirecliffe Centre and 12.15–1pm Norwood/Bishopsholme, 5pm–6pm Carwood Tara

19 November: Ibrar Hussain, 2pm–3pm Pakistan Advice Centre

18 November: Jackie Drayton, 11am–12noon Burngreave Library

Poetry by Muno Abdi

Story: Saleema Imam

Photo: Cameron Raphael-Storm

Muno began writing creatively at about 12 years old and by 14, encouraged by her teachers at Fir Vale School, was producing poetry in the English language and winning school competitions. One of her poems about the Iraq war also won a prize in an American Competition.

The youngest of seven siblings, she came to this country from Somalia at the start of the civil war when she was three, only visiting her place of birth Burco once last year when all the family returned to visit.

Muno's parents encourage the whole family to speak only Somali at home so that they don't forget the language and their cultural heritage. Though both her mother and father recite traditional poetry in their native Somali, Muno is the only member of her family to compose in English. Her poetry is written to be read out loud but so far she has only aired it before family and friends.

She finds her inspiration anywhere and everywhere, carrying pencil and notebook with her always, as she says "Just in case! I was once on a bus and saw a homeless person. Immediately ideas came to me and I had to jot them down before I forgot".

Just starting the final year of a BA Hons. Education Studies degree at Hallam University, 21 year old Muno plans to teach in a local secondary school when she has gained her PGCE English, following in her chemistry teaching sister's footsteps.

Also in the pipe-line is a new Burngreave-based group aiming to increase the literacy achievement in 13-16 year olds, through, creative writing, poetry and journalism.



"I'm passionate about staying in the local area to work, to pay back a little for all the support, encouragement and inspiration I received from my teachers at Fir Vale School and the Burngreave community."

Soldier...

I am a soldier but not in a war
I never shot a gun or seen all the gore.
But I go into battle each and every day
from my intended purpose I shall not stray.
There are people who need me, this I know
and from this experience I will grow.
If the truth be told, I'll say it first
I need them more, It's them I thirst.
They don't always like what I have to do
in time though, I think they'll gain a clue.
It does get tough, I will not lie.
Sometimes it's easy to just stop and cry.
Am I a soldier? Yes! You can call me that.
But you'll never see me in straight combat.
Those who know me call me by another.
What was that word? oh yes, it was mother.

I am a Muslim...

I am a Muslim
And God I praise
For all His blessings
My voice I raise.
In one God I believe
No equal has He
Lord of the universe
Compassionate to me.
Muhammad the Prophet
Taught me the way
To be honest and truthful
Throughout every day.
The holy Quran
To life is my guide
It's teachings I follow
By it I abide.
Islam my religion
Preaches good deeds
Mercy and kindness
To the right path it leads.
Upon all humanity
God showers His grace
Regardless of colour
Nationality or race.
Through working together
Our hopes increase
To live in a world
Full of love and peace.
I am a Muslim
And God I praise
For all His blessings
My voice is raise.

Don't Be Afraid...

Don't be afraid to shed a tear,
When you're feelin' sad,
Your heart will lose its tenderness,
If you are always glad.
Don't be afraid to lend a hand,
To someone you don't know,
For you will be rewarded,
For the kindness that you show.
Don't stand there and be spoken to,
As if you have no worth,
Speak up and speak your mind,
It's been your right since birth.
Don't be afraid, anymore,
For courage is your might,
Always hold your head up high,
And be prepared to fight.

It's not too late to get learning

If you'd like to learn something new, now is the time to get on a course.

There are a whole range of courses starting at the end of September and the beginning of October, in schools and community venues throughout the area.

From learning English, to taking up pottery, there's something for everyone.

Look out for the Adult Learning guide through your door or look at the Messenger website for the most up-to-date information, including extra courses near Fir Vale and Firth Park.

www.burngreavemessenger.org



Dear Messenger...



Write to: Abbeyfield Park House, Abbeyfield Road, Sheffield S4 7AT

The Mbodi Family thank all their supporters

My two sons and I were delighted to get a letter from the UK Border Agency two weeks ago telling us that we have indefinite leave to remain in the UK. We would like to thank everybody who supported us by signing our petition or sending our model letter to the Home Secretary. Our special thanks go to our solicitor, Mr R. Ali Hussain at Parker-Rhodes Solicitors, everyone involved in the Sheffield Committee to Defend Asylum Seekers, the National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns, the Burngreave Messenger, the doctors and other staff at the Mulberry Clinic, the boys' schools, local churches and the Sheffield City of Sanctuary.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage other asylum seekers to continue with their good fight to stay here. We are certain that we were successful because of the campaign we organised and the support it attracted from so many people, most of them complete strangers. We urge others still struggling to remain here to take heart from our story and build a strong campaign, which will undoubtedly lead to a successful conclusion.

Alpha, Aimé and Junior Mbodi

Sylvia's poetry

Technology

Technology is wonderful in many, many ways,
But sometimes we should go backwards to the good old fashioned days,
Picking up the telephone, frustrating quite a bind,
When all you want is an answer, to a question on your mind.
The thing you didn't want is the dreaded voice machine
In for a timely session the biggest bill you've ever seen.
Automation tells you, press digits four, three, or two,
The operator tells you the lines are busy, we'll get back to you.
Information tells me I'm in a line up queue.
Then there is a click, with the phone still to your ear
On comes the dreary music is the next thing that you hear.
After half an hour, pins and needles in your hand sets in,
It wouldn't be so bad if to the music you could sing
At last it's your turn, you're finally on you way,
After all the time and money
You've forgotten what to say
Sylvia.

Burngreave Cemetery letter

The Friends of Burngreave Cemetery and Chapel have written the letter below to the Council, enquiring after the disappearance of money from the sale of the cemetery lodges, which should have paid for the reconnection of electricity to the chapels.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Friends of Burngreave Cemetery & Chapel regarding the restoration of electricity to the chapel building.

We have been active as a group since 2002 and, working with Bereavement Services, Parks and Open Spaces and Burngreave New Deal for Communities, have raised money to help maintain and repair this Grade 2 listed building. We have had many events and exhibitions over the years and these have helped with fund raising. Last winter the electricity was disconnected as a result of a Health and Safety inspection when the Superintendents' Lodge and Sextons' House were being sold off. Part of the profits from the sale was allocated to restore the electricity to the Workman's Hut and Chapel. We think it is right and proper that the money should be used for this purpose. This means that although we still open all year round, the lack of electricity limits what we do and curtails our fund raising efforts. We are also very cold and feel like birds in the wilderness looking for light!

Please let us know what you will do to assist us in this matter. We open the Chapel on Sundays (11.00am – 3.00pm) and would be happy for you to visit us.

Yours sincerely, Christine Steers

Impact of New Deal – Sheffield Live

Sheffield Live presenter, Irimi Apostolidou, has been talking to local residents about the effect New Deal has had on the Burngreave Community.

Irimi said, "My aim was to record a part of the oral history. I have tried to abstain from suggesting any conclusions, and leave this for the listeners instead."

Tune in from Monday 5th to Friday 9th October on SheffieldLive! 93.2 FM at 12:00, repeated at 5pm. Also be available as a podcast on www.sheffieldlive.org.

The number 20 bus

A number of residents have contacted us with concerns about the number 20 bus, which travels along Scott Road. We want to hear from you if you have had any problems: **Does it run on time? Is it over crowded? Can to get to a suitable seat?**

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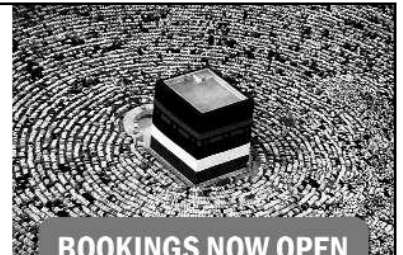
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