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Spital Hill event delayed

Story: Lisa Swift

Local resident and promoter Kevin from Rollout Promotion, is planning an event in Black History month after an event to celebrate the birthday of Haile Selassie at Spital Hill Plaza was delayed.

Originally planned for 23rd of July, the event's Temporary Event License received objections from the Police. Following

discussions with the organisers the Police have decided to support and cooperate with the organisers for future events.

Kevin said, "I decided to retract the submission of the license after all the negative publicity on the Star. They said a lot of things that weren't true. But now I'm looking to put on a positive event in October to mark Black History month and we will work with the police to make sure it all runs smoothly this time."

For more info about future events, see the Messenger and the website. The Plaza is also running two talent show events in August. For more information see page 2.



Fire at nature site

A large fire spread through grassland near the Carwood Estate on Saturday afternoon on 10th July.

The fire service were called to Smithies Field, or Wood Hill as it is also known, at 4.15pm as the fire took hold. The Fire service said the blaze covered 150 square metres on their arrival, spreading to 500 square metres at its height. Teams from four stations tackled the fire for over five hours until 9.55pm.

Smithies Field is a recognised nature site

because of its wild grasslands, which is home to many species of birds and insects. Foxes and bats are known to be resident there, and a number of rare and red list species have been recorded.

Local resident Jim Bruce said, "The damage is devastating, it's affected a huge area, I've seen a dead fox cub in the site."

The fire comes just months after local residents raised concerns about planning permission given to Redwall to build houses, flats and a nursing home at the top edge of Smithies Field.

The fire service described the cause of the fire as 'accidental'.

Clothes remix

Story: Susannah Diamond

Transition Burngreave organised a clothes swap for Sunday 4th July despite stiff competition from other events. Clothes swaps are a great way to revamp a wardrobe without costing the earth, and most people who dropped in seemed to take some exciting clothes away with them. If you didn't make this one, and would like to find out about future events, then contact burngreave@lists.transitionssheffield.org or see www.transitionburngreave.wordpress.com to find out more.



Summer Events

Once again, there are lots of summer activities for young people in Burngreave. See pages 11 to 13.

Music, dance and sport; trips out; arts and crafts; indoor and outdoor activities; playschemes and youth clubs – they're all there.

Burngreave has a wealth of activity going on and we're pleased the Messenger can bring you all this information in a single place.

You can also check our website for events and even sign up for regular daily or weekly bulletins in different categories such as:

- Children and young people
- Local politics
- Local history
- Jobs
- Arts and culture

If you're promoting an event in Burngreave, let us know if you want it listing on the website. E-mail us the details on mail@burngreavemessenger.org.

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This month's team: Caroline Harris, Saleema Imam, Douglas Johnson, Rohan Francis, Jamie Marriott, John Mellor, Lisa Swift, Vivien Urwodhi.

Gypsy site plans dropped

Story: Lisa Swift

The Council have dropped proposals for a Gypsy and Traveller site on Abbeyfield Road and Holtwood Road, following cuts in funding and changes in government policy.

The proposals were first made public at the end of May, when three sites in Burngreave, Firth Park and Darnall, were put forward by the Lib-Dem Council as part of the Sheffield Development Framework consultation (see page 6).

This surprise announcement provoked angry objections from nearby residents and councillors. The Star printed a string of negative stories with headlines such as 'Gypsy site race fear', in which local MP, David Blunkett, described the proposals as creating a 'tinder box of tensions'.

Hard questions for Lib-Dems

Labour councillors quizzed officers and Lib-Dems at the Scrutiny Committee on 6th July. Councillor Penny Baker, Cabinet member for housing and planning, announced that central government no longer required the sites. It was also revealed that the need for the sites would be reassessed, effectively taking the whole process back 3 years. As Head of Planning Phil Abbot said, "it will not happen quickly." The Government has also cancelled grants for Gypsy and Traveller sites to local authorities.

Secret lists

From the Councillors' questions, it became clear that the proposed sites had been pushed forward at private meetings of Lib-Dem councillors and were changed at the last minute to include sites in Burngreave and Firth Park. Despite months of discussion about the SDF document, the proposed traveller sites had been kept secret and there had been no consultation with Gypsies themselves. Broader consultation was rejected because it "might alarm large numbers of people," and sites in Lib-Dem wards would cause 'concern' for their local residents.

No apology

Labour Councillor Joan Barton said, "It stinks, this process has been a shambles from beginning to end."

Lib-Dem Councillor Penny Baker refused to apologise but said, "I don't want people to be upset. I'm sorry that they are."



The committee recommended that new criteria be drawn up for new sites in a cross-party meeting and that the three sites proposed should never be considered for traveller sites in the future.

Residents misrepresented

Story: Tim Neal

Local residents Gwyn Fields and Linda Cawley felt that the Star headline had misrepresented residents' feelings. The approach of the Star was divisive, tending towards polarising opinion rather than representing the views of the participants. Gwyn said the problem was that:

"People involved in the meeting on Abbeyfield Road were expressing their frustration. The feeling was that, rather than being involved in a constructive discussion, a decision had been sprung on people, leading them to express their

dissatisfaction about the process and how the decision had been made."

Linda commented that,

"It felt like yet another pressure was being placed on a community already facing diminishing resources and it was not acceptable to find the proposal hidden away in such a large document with no discussion with the community".

Gwyn commented,

"We were appalled by the Star headline. It demeaned and detracted from our main point which was discrepancies in the way the council operates and how they deal with issues. The headline evoked debate but in a divisive way. We don't want this issue to be used as a stick for people to beat each other - the debate is around the way council policy is put into practice not about Gypsies and Travellers."

The truth about Gypsies

Story: Lyn Brandon

Gypsies and Travellers, whose ancestors migrated from India in the 10th Century, have been living and travelling in Britain for at least 500 years. Like other minority ethnic groups, Gypsies and Travellers have their own cultural traditions and languages.

Gypsies and Travellers present a variety of complex and unique issues. Their culture is very different from mainstream society but there are similarities: some members are wealthy and successful whilst others live in extreme poverty. The extended family forms the core unit of the community and many families aspire to own or rent a piece of land.

Despite their long history and culture, Gypsies and Travellers have been described as one of the most marginalised minorities. Alvaro Gil-Robles, the first EU Commissioner for Human Rights, said,

"To judge by ... the national press, Gypsies would appear to be the last ethnic minority in respect of which openly racist views can still be acceptably expressed. If it is true that the traditional way of life for Gypsies is increasingly difficult to square with modern society, and that individual Gypsies and Travellers must themselves bear an equal responsibility for the maintenance of good relations with their neighbours, it is clear that much more serious efforts are required to accommodate their needs and promote greater tolerance towards them than are currently in evidence."

As a long-standing resident of Burngreave, I feel proud that, despite our many difficulties and assumptions made by people from outside the area, the strength of our community provides an open welcome to all who make Burngreave their home. I would like to think we can take the time to listen to the voice of the Gypsy and Traveller community with openness and without prejudice and that future site provision will be developed in partnership.

Adult learning cuts

Story: Lisa Swift

The Council have announced massive cuts to their Adult and Community Learning (ACL) team, which will have a major impact on Burngreave.

For 10 years the ACL team developed and delivered courses in the area, and helped local organisations to work together to provide learning to those who need it most. The Council are proposing to cut the team from 15 down to 5.

The Council say the reason for the cuts is reduced funding from government, Service Manager Dee Desgranges told the Messenger: "In previous years the ACL team has been funded from a number of funding pots, these have all now come to an end. We have managed to maintain the service up until this point by pooling resources but now that money has run

out. It has not been an easy decision, but we are prioritising the funding we get from the government to deliver courses from September."

Jobs will also be lost at a local centre, Sheaf Training, where funding has been clawed back by the government.

The Council claims it is still committed to directly delivering courses, however the head of the department Tony Tweedy admitted at a Community Assembly meeting in April that they had failed to include the ACL team in their bid for Area Based Grant.

One worker told us "Their priorities lie elsewhere and they think they can run adult community learning cheaply on a market model from April 2011."

The proposed cuts come ahead of Cabinet and Full Council meetings at the end of July where cuts to other departments are expected.

July bus changes

Story: Saleema Imam and Douglas Johnson

On Sunday 25th July, the bus companies change some services. For detailed information on timetables contact Traveline on 01709 515151 or look at www.travelsouthyorkshire.com.

More buses for Firshill

The half-hourly **No. 7** will cease and will be replaced in Burngreave by the **No.73** (City Centre to Ecclesfield). First will run a Monday to Saturday service every 10 minutes up to 6pm. TM Travel will then run an hourly service starting at 7.30pm.

The **No. 83** will continue every 10 minutes up to 6pm Monday to Saturday and a new half-hourly Sunday service will be introduced.

Changes for Cookwood Road and Shirecliffe

The **No. 33** and **34** will cease and a new **No. 72** service will go from Burngreave Road up Cookwood Road and Shirecliffe Road to end at Parkwood School on Penrith Road. It will be hourly with no Sunday service.

Little bus for Verdon Street and Carwood Road

The **M20** "Hail & Ride" route will now include Verdon Street but still only 3 buses a day on weekdays. The **No. 5** now takes in Carwood Road and Grimsthorpe on the way through Margate Drive to Firth Park.

Other services

The **No. 4** will no longer run through Pitsmoor. The **No.76** will no longer go past Netto at Lane Top.

ticket for a journey, even if you need to change buses and it could be used on all operators. Buses will still accept cash fares but these may be more expensive than using your card.

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Council plans damage woods

Story: Lisa Swift



Local residents have raised concerns about a recent planning application to expand Sheaf Training Centre.

Residents are worried that the new development will affect access to Roe Woods from the Firshill estate. A previous small building project on the site churned up the access road leaving deep mud that prevented residents getting into the woods.

Local resident Peter Mappin said, "It was so deep you just couldn't get into the woods from Firshill. Lots of people use it, especially to walk their dogs. No one told us about the new planning application, if they had, I would have objected."

Firshill resident Maureen Scott said, "The mud was so deep I couldn't see my two dogs. It's just not on. They should have told Firshill residents about this new building plan, they are trying to pull the wool over our eyes."

The Messenger visited Roe Woods with local residents and saw evidence of mud and rubble dumped inside the woods near the proposed extension.

The planning application was approved in just 3 months in December 2009, only 16 houses on Norwood Drive were informed of the application. There is no information in the application about how the site will be accessed during the building of the new extension, and no consideration has been given to the impact on the bordering woodland.

The Council told the Messenger,

"The Project Management department are currently working closely with Parks and Woodland officers to ensure suitable tree protection measures are in place and discussions are taking place with regard to upgrading the track and ensuring that it is not damaged. Also a bat survey is also being carried out."

New fare system proposal

Story: Michelle Cook

South Yorkshire Passenger Transport is consulting on the introduction of a new fares system and changes to the bus network.

One proposal is to have a smartcard system like the Oyster card in London, where you top up your card at kiosks, shops or online. Fares will then be charged by zone. Importantly, the new system could allow you to buy just one

Future of development

Story: Rohan Francis

The Council's new planning document, The Sheffield Development Framework, or SDF, was unveiled at a recent Burngreave Community Action Forum meeting in June, ahead of 6 weeks of public consultation.

The SDF replaces Sheffield's 'Unitary Development Plan' adopted some twelve years ago, and shows how the City's land could be used in the future. The document will eventually form the basis for local planning decisions.

Council officers set out how Burngreave would be affected. At Spital Hill, the existing 'Employment Zone' would allow for further office and commercial development but prohibit general industry. On Rutland Road, the plan is to introduce a 'Flexible Use Area' which would permit family housing as well as employment developments.

Housing is still a priority for Earl Marshal, Ellesmere, Woodside and Catherine Street. However the target for affordable housing is now 40% on these sites, up from a previous target of 15%, with 30% of new homes to be adaptable for wheelchair users.

For residents keen to conserve local green spaces, the SDF sets out the protection each site can expect. In Burngreave we



have many areas of green space and some have more protection than others.

Local Nature Sites are an important resource for biodiversity. They are identified by the Council and protected from development except under exceptional circumstances, in which case the developer must compensate for, or replace, damaged habitats. Local Nature Sites in Burngreave are Smithies Field, Parkwood Springs, Petre Street Playing Fields, Wood Spring Court at Grimesthorpe, Denholm Close Open Space, Wincobank Wood and the woodland at Osgathorpe Road.

Local Nature Reserves have the same protection as Local Nature Sites but are considered of such importance that they are recognised by Natural England. Burngreave has three Local Nature Reserves, Roe Woods, Little Roe Woods and Crabtree Ponds.

Historic Parks and Gardens are protected and any development that would damage their features, character, setting or appearance is not permitted. Abbeyfield Park, Devon Gardens and Burngreave Cemetery are classed as Historic Parks or Gardens.

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) are the least common type of green space. Burngreave has two of only seven SSSI in the city; one at Neepsend Brickworks, off Rutland Road and the other alongside the railway below Parkwood Landfill. Both sites are protected by national legislation and managed by Natural England.

Other Open Spaces - these include all other areas of formal or informal open space, such as woodlands, allotments, sports pitches and small landscaped areas that you might find in housing estates. They will only be developed where a clear replacement can be provided locally, or where the open space is not required to meet a local need shown by an assessment. The assessment would have to show that local people have access to a range of open spaces and they would not be disadvantaged by the loss of the open space.

The Council's consultation on the SDF continues until 30th July 2010. For more information contact the SDF Team at Howden House, Union Street, email: sdf@sheffield.gov.uk or go online: www.sheffield.gov.uk/sdfconsult

The SDF map and policy documents can be viewed at all Sheffield libraries, Howden House and the Messenger office at Abbeyfield Park House.



Work on the Rec begins

Planned improvements to Burngreave Recreation Ground near Byron Wood School will start in August, taking 16 weeks.

The plans have been under development since 2006 in consultation with the local community. Now with funding from Viridor Landfill Tax Credit, Playbuilder & Healthy Living Challenge Fund, Big Lottery Fund, and section 106 money, part of the plans can be made into reality.

The improvements will include:

- Stone terracing on the slope between Burngreave Street and Burngreave Bank
- New steps from Burngreave Street along the edge of the Adventure Playground
- Replacement of steps to the top of the Rec playing field
- Steps removed at the top of Burngreave Bank replaced with a ramp
- New seating and benches

The old tarmac pitch will be replaced with:

- New kick pitch
- Playmeadow with outdoor play equipment
- Stone seating

The work is due to be completed in December. During the improvements access to the site will be affected, and some routes through the site will be closed

For more information contact Amie Rowland, Parks & Countryside Service on 2736952 or email amie.rowland@sheffield.gov.uk

Progress for mental health service users

The Maat probe group have continued their campaign for better mental health services, taking their message to Nottingham where they spoke to other service users.



The group made 6 recommendations to improve services after 63% of service users they surveyed said they were not treated well in hospital.

Pauline – from the Maat Probe Group

In Sheffield there have been many initiatives over many years to reduce discrimination which African Caribbean service users face. This has been going on for the last 50 years with change only coming after people have stood up and spoken for their rights.

We have had four meetings with the Primary Care Trust to look at the recommendations we made. One of these was to set up a service user panel working alongside advocacy workers to look at discrimination. We have met with PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Services) but they only deal with minor issues. Some people are optimistic about what happened and some are pessimistic.

One proposal for which we have seen progress is in relation to 'Respect' (an approach that avoids the use of restraint in hospitals). A steering committee is to be set up with members from the statutory sector and representatives from the Maat Probe group.

Robin – from the Maat Probe Group

People say to make changes in the NHS takes a long time. But recently we have seen progress. In July we had a meeting with the PMVA (Prevention and Management of Violence and Aggression) Manager and there is going to be a steering group made up of doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, SACMHA (Sheffield African Caribbean Mental Health Association) and Maat Probe Group. It will meet once a month for 4 months. There will then be a recommendation about how 'Respect' training will be brought in to the Sheffield Primary Care Trust.

For more information on the group contact SACMHA on 272 6393



Space to recover

Story: Derrick Okrah

SPACES, a Community Recovery Service (formerly Adult Mental Health Day Services), is a newly commissioned service which has an ongoing commitment to support people to re-engage with their local communities and to access the resources and opportunities that most of us take for granted.

The new name was voted for by staff and service users from a range of suggestions and simply stands for "Sheffield Pathways and Access to Community Engagement Services." A member of staff puts it this way; "We believe the new name is more reflective of the work that day services have been doing for some time now, which delivers more of its services in the community."

To provide a holistic approach to service delivery for people with mental health problems, SPACES combines the skills of community recovery nurses and social care workers and also involve other health agencies.

"We work with a wide spectrum of mental health support needs, ranging from those who require short term support to manage their mental wellbeing, and regain confidence and independence, to those whose needs are more complex and enduring and who need more support to enjoy good quality of life."

SPACES in two teams, North (based at 259 Pitsmoor Rd) serving the North and West of the city and South (based at 9 Moncrieffe Rd) serving the South East and South West of the city.

Access to SPACES is usually by referral from a member of a Community Mental Health Team, an acute ward, or an Sheffield Health & Social Care specialist service. Potential service users are contacted within seven days after being allocated a worker.

What do service users say about their experience with SPACES?

"I can remember walking into this room and saying to myself, 'there is no chance I am staying in here,' but now look at me; I can't get away from it!"

"It came to a point in my life where there was no hope for me. The only hope I had was SPACES, and they were there to support and encourage me in my recovery. For them to the present at that critical moment in my life, stopped me from doing some horrific things to myself."

"Where do I start? In short, the staff and support you get from SPACES are priceless; the staff are some of the most down to earth people you will ever meet in the NHS."

On June 17th in the South and 24th in the North, the long anticipated SPACES launch events proved to be a success with the warm weather adding to the excitement. Service users, service providers, voluntary organisations and members of the general public had the chance to find out more about what SPACES offer.

If you would like to find out more about SPACES, contact Will Mayor from the North on 226 2660.

Firshill TARA Funday

Story: Marion Graham

On 3rd July Firshill Tenants and Residents Association held their Summer Fair at Sheffield United Academy.

There were lots of stalls, including local guides, Firshill craft group, and Firshill History Group. There was a cake stall and bric a brac. The police had their information bus and spoke to local residents about their issues.

The winners of the Firshill garden competition were awarded with prizes for the best garden, best balcony and best hanging basket. The winners in each category were:

Best-kept Garden - Joan Rowlands, Firshill Glade.

Best Balcony - Betty Bower, Firshill Crescent.

Best Hanging Basket - Bob Duckworth, Firshill Glade.

Residents were delighted with the prize draw, with winners taking home a microwave, a toaster, dvd player, a set of pans, bottles of sherry and whiskey and cuddly toys.

Everyone had a good time eating strawberries and cream provided by Firshill TARA. The TARA expressed their appreciation to Sheffield United Academy who made the venue available for free, and to Sheffield Homes who donated first prizes for the gardening competition.

As part of the Summer Fair, the TARA held a poster competition, on the theme of keeping fit and eating healthy. This year's winners were Siemon Umoh in Y1, and Bree Ella Quinton in Y6.



For more information about Firshill TARA contact the office on 256 0337



12 months of mould

Story: Lisa Swift

Sheffield Homes tenants at Firshill Glade have been suffering with mould in their flats for over 12 months, despite repeatedly reporting problems.

One tenant affected explained that she had contacted Sheffield Homes over and over again on the phone and even in person at the housing office. Her property was visited by inspectors but the problem was still not solved.

A leaking roof and gutter left the outer wall black and inside the bathroom window surrounded by mould and crumbling plaster. The tenant told the Messenger,

"Its affecting my health now. I'm sick of reporting it and nothing happening. We had scaffolding on our house for weeks, but the work wasn't done."

The Messenger contacted Sheffield Homes to find out what had happened. They explained that their records showed they had come to do the work but the resident wasn't home. After leaving a 'you were not in' card, it was then up to the tenant to contact Sheffield Homes to rearrange.

When the Messenger spoke to the

tenant again, they said, "I have never received one of those cards. But since I raised it with the TARA office I have had four inspectors visit in the last month. They say they've fixed the roof now, but the plaster work still needs doing. And now I've been told that I will have to do my own decorating. I'm telling you now I'm not doing it. Its not my fault its been damaged."

Sheffield Homes told the Messenger:

"We have arranged with Miss Sampson to carry out remedial work to her bathroom and kitchen on 29th July."

"Once the repairs are complete, she will need to complete a decoration grant form. We will then visit Miss Sampson to discuss a discretionary payment if applicable."

Firshill TARA don't feel enough is being done to fix the problem. "Is this what resident's are expected to put up with? It's just not good enough," said Maureen Scott, the TARA's chair (pictured).



Carwood clean up

Story: Michelle Cook
Photos: Rohan Francis

Carwood Estate, tucked away on the edge of Burngreave, became a hive of activity on June 16th when the Hanging Basket Day and Clean Up was held. This has become an annual event organised by Carwood TARA. This year it was bigger and better than ever, with 12 different agencies involved.

Volunteers from the estate busily made gorgeous hanging baskets for sale at a bargain £5 each, refilling the baskets from last year. Meanwhile groups of people set to work litter picking and tidying up the shrubs and flower beds in the seating area outside the community room and the 'Bullring' walled area.

Amongst the hard working diggers were children from Yewlands school as part of a project in partnership with Greenwatch Rangers. Gavin Breward Student Support officer said,

"We've brought young people here today to work with the Park Ranger. They've worked really hard today and they're doing a good job."

Liam, a pupil from Yewlands said,

Carwood TARA committee members Gwen, Ron, Val and Wynn, working hard for the estate.

"It's good. We've been digging and grafting. We've cleared these beds."

The children were able to make and take some hanging baskets back to school with them.

St Thomas Church, Crookes fetched over volunteers who were visiting all the way from North Carolina!

Cllr Jackie Drayton, busy in the corner planting new herbs and plants, some donated by Sheffield College Horticulture Dept, said,

"It is really great to see so many people all pulling together to make their estate look nice. I think everyone is having a nice enjoyable day, there is a real feeling of community spirit"

Veolia, Street Force and Sheaf Training supplied the equipment and willing hands to do more digging and litter picking.

Also there were Sheffield Homes, who manage the estate, Burngreave Safer Neighbourhood Team NEAT Team, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and Cllr Ibrar Hussain.

As visitors gathered in the sun they could get information from the Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue as well as enjoying sandwiches and cakes, supplied by Carwood TARA and plenty of cups of tea and juice to keep everybody going in the heat.

People had the chance to talk to their local councillors and Sheffield Homes about what they would like to see on the estate. Local tenant Nagat Abdulla said,

"It's a lovely day, everyone has enjoyed it. Everyone works together on this estate, we know each other."

Dave Fisher, Chair of Carwood TARA said,

"It has been really good. People have been saying what they want to see happen on the estate."



Confident young women

Story: Jenny Tibbles

A group of 11 young women are coming to the end of a fantastic programme with Ellesmere Youth Project, focussed on growing confidence and raising aspirations.

Activities have included an animation workshop at Weston Park Museum; jewellery-making with a professional silversmith; felt making; canoeing, climbing, zip wire and kickboxing. They

have had a women's health talk, a 'pamper session' and healthy cooking.

The young people also planned a two-day residential in Pickering in North Yorkshire. They decided to stay in a self-catering camping barn and went quad biking and horse riding and visited York Dungeons and Dalby Forest National Park.

"By going to girls group, I have learnt new things, for example, how to make felt. My best bit was learning how to quad bike" (Charlotte)

"I have learnt how to recycle and make my own jewellery. The best bit for me on the residential was everyone making noise and keeping the staff awake!" (Bethany)



Abbeyfield success

Story: Emily Haimeed | Photos: Vivien Urwodhi

On Sunday 11th July, the annual Abbeyfield festival took place, attracting thousands of people from all over Sheffield.

The festival was very lively and successful, with something for everyone to do. Many different workshops and activities had been set up and were available to anyone. Chess games and Shiatsu sessions were also held and were very popular!

Members of the local community took to the stage, showcasing weeks of hard work in entertaining performances. There was a fantastic atmosphere as people of all ages got involved in the singing and dancing.

The festival also provided a range of food

stalls, with a variety of food from different countries. There was a strong community feel to the Abbeyfield festival and people really enjoyed themselves.



Around 150 people volunteered at the festival, many were from the Rock Christian Centre, who helped in the children's area and as stewards. Thanks go to everyone who contributed to the festival, this year funded mainly by the Council through the Community Assembly.

To have your say on next year's festival, contact BCAF on 272 8008, first meeting planned for October.

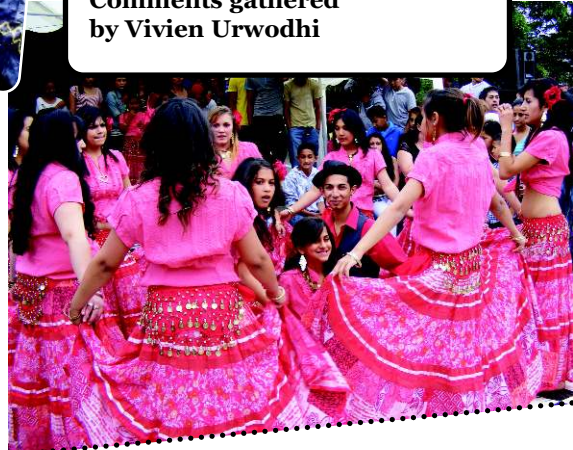
"They have put a lot of thought into it. I think it's very good, there are a lot of lovely stalls." Pauline

"We've been and had our blood pressure taken. It's been good; we've had a cup of tea and a piece of cake." Firs hill resident

"This is one of my favourite days on the calendar, I love this festival! The kids who came from St. Catherine's school, they were fantastic." MC Nige

"Abbeyfield festival is a great opportunity for community to celebrate together, eat together and listen to music together." Pastor Jon Watts

Comments gathered by Vivien Urwodhi



Fantastic Firvale

Story: Vivien Urwodhi

Firale Fun Day took place in Osgathorpe Park on the 4th July on a day when the sun was sparkling in the park.

Osgathorpe Park was filled with music, dance, food and local stalls. Lord Mayor Allan Law opened the festival, he welcomed and thanked all the supporters and participants for making the event happen. He then headed up the hill to



open the new shelter near the children's playground.

Mr Adam McNally played the opening music with songs from reggae icon Bob Marley, before the Owler Brook children's choir took to the stage with bright songs they had learnt at school. All their parents were supporting and encouraging them, everyone said it was the best start to a festival they had seen.

Bollywood dancers Desi Twist, made a great performance by switching between different dance styles and music, showing their great talent. Zubaidah then impressed the crowd with their fusion belly dancing. Probably the most eagerly awaited appearance of the festival, was



the Slovakian dancing group, Romano Jilo, who performed flamenco style dances that everyone loved to see.

Burngreave local rappers the Citizens came on stage with courage and pride. Followed by some great performances from the crowd, including local talent JKAS. Then local Latin American band, Son Para Todos, gave the festival an upbeat finale.

All the families and children had loads of fun and enjoyed the food, local stalls, henna art, circus skills and much more.

Ramadan's Big Fast Break!

Story: Diane Haimeed

The Yemeni Community Association sub-group and Burngreave Young People's Network are organising a special and harmonious fast opening and meal in the holy month of Ramadan.

This event is taking place on the **25th August at Vestry Hall from 7pm**. Everyone from different communities and backgrounds are welcome to come along and bring a sweet or savoury dish to contribute to this special occasion.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Every day during this month, Muslims around the world spend the daylight hours in a complete fast.

Muslims use this month to re-evaluate their lives in light of Islamic guidance. They are to make peace with those who have wronged them, strengthen ties with family and friends and refrain from bad habits. The Arabic word for fasting, 'sawm', literally means 'to refrain'.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Diane Haimeed/ Sami Musaid on 0114 303 0141

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4th August 2010, 11am – 3.30pm

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The displays have been created by students from ESOL classes at Sheffield's Yemeni Community Centre (YCA), young women from the YCA after-school group and Abbeydale Grange School, and artist Mohamed Lahsoon

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With talks on Sheba and Arwa and antiquities of Yemen, food, music, arts and crafts

With Sheba and Arwa will be on display until February 2012

For more information email
belonging@museums-sheffield.org.uk
Or telephone Lisa Parkes on 0114 278 2647

Summer Activities for young people
free and open to all unless otherwise stated

Playschemes

Holiday Care (2-8yrs) Monday - Friday, 9am-4pm

Shoppers Crèche (6 months-5yrs)
Ellesmere Children's Centre, Maxwell Street
Contact Sharon Curtis for prices on 281 2143

Kids Can Do (8-13yrs)

Wednesdays 28th July - 25th August, 2-4pm
Pakistan Advice and Community Association
127 Page Hall Road
Contact Arzoo, Olina or Farah on 261 9130

SADACCA (5-16yrs) £10 per child per week

Monday - Friday, 26th July - 20th August, 10am-4pm
Limited spaces, please ring to book
Contact Carmelita Duncan on 273 1975 or 275 3479

All Saints Centre Playscheme (8-13yrs)

Arts & Crafts and multi-media
Monday - Friday, 26th July - 20th August, 10am-5pm
Contact Courtney Sterling, Sheffield Futures 256 2940

Summer Breeze (4-8yrs) £15 per day

Monday - Friday, 2nd - 13th August, 10am-3pm
Firvale Pre-School, Firvale Centre, Earl Marshall Road
Please book sessions you want to attend in advance
Contact Safina Ali Shah or Intesar Hanash on 303 0147

Music, Dance and Drama

Music Making (8-14yrs)

Every Saturday, 6-8pm, Verdon Recreation Centre
Contact PITS, Anwar or Joyce on 07831 668 758

Street Dance (8-14yrs)

Every Wednesday, 6-8pm, PITS office Verdon Street
Contact PITS, Anwar or Joyce on 07831 668 758

Street Dance & Cheerleading (11-16yrs)

Friday 6th August, 6-9pm, Concord Sport Centre
(limited transport - first come first served)
Contact Nick Gill, Activity Sheffield on 273 6496

Unity Through Dance - Streetdance (13-18yrs)

Tuesdays 27th July & 3rd August, 4.30-6.30pm
Pakistan Advice and Community Association
127 Page Hall Road
Contact Arzoo, Olina or Farah on 261 9130

Drama (8-16yrs)

Tuesdays 3rd & 10th August, 5-6.30pm
Cornerstone Building
Corner of Carwood and Grimesthorpe Road
Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 243 5854

Romano Jilo (11-18yrs)

Traditional Romani dance sessions and tuition with performances throughout the summer months
Fridays 30th July - 27th August, 1-3pm
Pakistan Advice and Community Association
127 Page Hall Road
Contact Arzoo, Olina or Farah on 261 9130



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summer activities

All activities are **free** and **open to all** young people unless otherwise stated

Summer Activities are compiled by the Burngreave Messenger for the Burngreave Youth Network Group.

Outdoor Activities

Respect for Firth Park (8-18yrs)

Arts, crafts, games and sporting activities at Firth Park,
Thursday 12th August, 3-6pm
Contact the North Team Rangers on 240 3578

Play activities at Nottingham Cliff Park (8-14yrs)

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th August, 6-8.30pm
Contact Hendrik Klaver, Christ Church on 0777 159 0034

Hesley Woods Outdoor Activities (BME women 13-19yrs)

Thursdays 22nd July - 5th August, 1-3pm
Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures on 07919 446 851

Twilight on the Heath

A guided walk of approximately 2 miles around Parkwood Springs
Thursday 22nd July, 7-9pm
Meet at Little Pear Tree Field, off Shirecliffe/Cooks Wood Road
Contact the Ecology Monitoring Team on 205 3618

Woodland Playday at Parkwood Springs

Woodcraft, climbing and treasure hunts
Monday 26th July, 10am-4pm
Contact the 2nd Nature Team on 273 6199

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

Learn to make shelters, campfire cooking, fire and tool safety
Wednesday 28th July, 10am-3pm
Roe Wood, meet at Norwood Road entrance
Booking essential, contact the North Team Rangers on 240 3578

Grass Sledging at Osgathorpe Park

9th August, 2-3pm
Contact the Rangers on 245 9749

Go Fly a Kite in Firth Park

Make, paint and fly your own kite
Tuesday 3rd August, 1-3pm
Contact the North Team Rangers on 240 3578

Nature's Transformers

An afternoon spotting insect 'transformers' around Crabtree Ponds
Friday 30th July, 1-3pm
Contact Hannah Wittram, Wildlife Trust on 279 2670

Batty About Crabtree

Guided twilight stroll, looking for bats in Crabtree Woods
Friday 6th August, 8-9.30pm - book in advance by 4th August
Meet at the entrance off Crabtree Close
Contact Hannah Wittram, Wildlife Trust on 263 4335

Scarecrows from scrap

Make fun recycled objects - bring old clothes or material to use
Wednesday 11th August, 1-3pm
Crabtree Ponds Nature Reserve - meet by the pond
Contact Hannah Wittram, Wildlife Trust on 279 2670

Children's Club (Under 8's accompanied by an adult)

Woodland games and activities at Parkwood Springs
Tuesday 27th July - Friday 30th July, 10.30am-12.30pm & 1-3pm
Booking essential, contact the 2nd Nature Team on 273 6199

Youth Clubs

Cyber Café at Old Firth Park Library (13-19yrs)

Multi-media, arts & crafts and sports
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 26th July - 20th August, 6-9pm
Contact Elaine Virgo, Sheffield Futures on 201 8580

Chillout Cafe (15+yrs)

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th August, 6-8.30pm
Welcome Centre, Nottingham Street
Contact Hendrik Klaver, Christ Church on 0777 159 0034

Earl Marshall Centre Heathcote Street (13-19yrs)

Arts and Crafts, multi-media, sports
Mondays & Fridays 26th July - 20th August, 6-9pm
Contact Elaine Virgo, Sheffield Futures on 201 8580

Ellesmere Youth Project (8-16yrs)

Cooking, Art & Craft, games & sport
Mondays 2nd - 16th August 1-4pm
Cornerstone Building, Corner of Carwood / Grimesthorpe Road
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 243 5854

Just 4 girls - arts, crafts, dance (13-19yrs)

Thursdays 22nd July - 26th August, 4.30-6.30pm
Pakistan Advice and Community Association, 127 Pagehall Road
Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures on 07919 446 851

All Saints Connexions Centre Youth Club (13-19yrs)

Arts & crafts, multimedia, sport
Mondays - Fridays 26th July - 20th August, 6.30-10pm
Contact Courtney Sterling, Sheffield Futures on 256 2940

Osgathorpe Pavilion (13-19yrs)

Arts and crafts, multi-media, sports
Mondays & Thursdays 26th July - 9th August, 6-9pm
Contact Elaine Virgo, Sheffield Futures on 201 8580

Drop in for looked-after children

Mondays 26th July & 16th August, 6-9pm
Millan Centre, Transport Available
Contact Jackie Willis, Sheffield Futures Verdon Street on 201 8570

Youth drop-in (8-14yrs)

Tuesdays 3rd, 10th & 17th August, 6-8.30pm
Welcome Centre, Nottingham Street
Contact Hendrik Klaver, Christ Church on 0777 159 0034

Verdon Rec Arts, Crafts & Sports Camp (8-16yrs)

Under 8's accompanied by an adult (18+yrs)
Sports, games & fun. Bring appropriate clothing & a non-fizzy drink
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 27th July - 31st August, 2-5pm
Activity Sheffield, Verdon Recreation Centre
Contact Aislinn Adams on 249 1626

Yemeni Community Association (8-13yrs)

26th July - 6th August,
Firvale Centre, Earl Marshal Road
Contact Diane Haimeed on 303 0141 for more information

Burngreave Streetworx

Streetworx will be delivering a full summer programme of activities targeted at young people who have been referred by their parents, community groups, schools and other agencies. This is a closed programme aimed at supporting young people and families who need additional help. For more information contact Streetworx on 201 8570

Sports

Taekwondo (£2 for under 18s, £3 for 18+)

Tuesdays 27th July - 31st August, 6.30-8pm

Fridays 30th July - 27th August, 6-7.30pm

Contact Aislinn Adams at Verdon Recreation Centre on 249 1626

Sports at Nottingham Cliff Park (8-14yrs)

Mondays 2nd, 9th & 16th August, 6-8.30pm

Wear suitable sports clothing

Contact Hendrik Klaver, Christ Church on 07771 590 034

Kick it in the Park at Firth Park (8-16yrs)

Tuesdays 24th & 31st August, 1-3pm

Contact Nick Gill, Activity Sheffield on 273 6496

Boxing (Boys 13-19yrs)

Thursdays 22nd July - 5th August, 6.30-7.30pm

Sheffield Boxing Centre, Upwell Street

Contact Amin or Omar, Sheffield Futures on 07766 915 693

Sports Camps (8-16yrs)

Wear sports clothing and bring packed lunch and non-fizzy drink

Contact Nick Gill, Activity Sheffield on 273 6496

Firth Park Community Arts College

Wednesdays & Thursdays 28th July - 2nd September, 11am-3pm

Fir Vale Sport Centre Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

26th July - 5th August, 1-5pm

9th August - 2nd September (except 30th August) 2.30-6.30pm

Sport in Your Park - various activities and competitions (8-16yrs)

Wear sports clothing and bring packed lunch and non-fizzy drink

Contact Nick Gill, Activity Sheffield on 273 6496

Osgathorpe Park

Mondays 26th July - 23rd August, 6-8pm

Abbeyfield Park

Wednesdays 28th July - 1st September, 6-8pm

Thursdays 29th July - 2nd September, 4-6pm

Sports on the Wensley Estate

27th July - 31st August - on the field at Wensley Street

Contact Nick Gill, Activity Sheffield on 273 6496

Street Sports - climbing tower and street football (8-13yrs)

Tuesdays 5-7pm (Parental consent form required on the day)

Play Rangers - Wednesdays 3.30-5pm

Multisports - Fridays 4-6pm

Football



Blastoff Football Camps at Fir Vale Sport Centre (8-16yrs)

Wear sports clothing and bring packed lunch and non-fizzy drink

Wednesdays 28th July & 4th August, 1-5pm

Wednesdays 11th August - 1st September, 2.30-6.30pm

Contact Nick Gill, Activity Sheffield on 273 6496

Blastoff Football Tournament (11-16yrs)

Friday 6th August, 6-9pm

Concord Sport Centre (limited transport - first come first served)

Contact Nick Gill, Activity Sheffield on 273 6496

Football at Burngreave Rec (boys, 8-14yrs)

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 28th July - 6th August, 2-4pm

Contact Mohamed Issa, IT-CSSS on 07931 375 764

Football (boys 13-19yrs)

Thursdays 22nd July - 5th August, 8-9.15pm

Astroturf at Earl Marshall Sports Centre, Heathcote Street

Contact Amin or Omar, Sheffield Futures on 0776 691 5693

Trips and Events

Blackpool Trip (13-19yrs)

Saturday 31st July

Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures on 07919 446 851

Trips with Ellesmere Youth Project (8-16yrs)

Limited spaces - advance booking essential

Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 243 5854

Bike Riding at Derwent Valley Country Park £3

Wednesday 4th August, 10am-3pm

Ice Skating at Ice Sheffield £3

Thursday 5th August, 1-4pm

Millhouses Park £2

Tuesday 17th August, 12-4pm

Burngreave Library

Contact Janet, Burngreave Library on 203 9002

Imagination Gaming - board games with a twist (8-13yrs)

Wednesdays 4th, 11th & 18th August, 10-11am

Summer Fun - beach fun and activities (Under 7's)

Monday 16th August, 10-11.30am

Bumper Book Sale

26th July - 31st July, (usual library opening hours)

Summer Reading Scheme with special prizes (7-11yrs)

Everyday over the school holidays (usual library opening hours)

Jeevan Project Trips (Asian young people with disabilities)

Contact Shahnaz Hussain, Sheffield Futures on 07919 446 851

Arts and crafts

Splat Arts & Crafts (8-13yrs)

Wednesdays 21st July, 4th, 11th, 18th August, 1st & 15th September,

Welcome Centre, Nottingham Street, 3.30-5.30pm

Contact Hendrik Klaver, Christ Church on 07771 590 034

Art & Craft (8-16yrs)

Tuesdays 3rd & 10th August, 2-4pm

Pitsmoor Adventure Playground, Melrose Road

Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 243 5854

Arts & Crafts at the Library

Contact Janet at Burngreave Library on 203 9002

Kay or Jane at Firth Park Library on 203 7433

Cartooning with artist Joe Logan (8-13yrs)

Saturday 14th August,

Burngreave Library, 10-11am

Firth Park Library, 2-3pm

Alien Mask making (8-13yrs)

Monday 23rd August, 10-11am at Burngreave Library

Creative Sparks (8-13yrs)

16th, 17th, 23rd & 24th August, 9am-5pm at Firth Park Library

Clay Modelling (8-13yrs)

Tuesday 17th August, 10-11am at Firth Park Library

Pitsmoor Adventure Playground

Summer Programme (8-14yrs)

Tuesdays - Saturdays 24th July - 31st August, 10.30am-6pm

Activities include arts & crafts, sports & games, fabric painting, scoobies, pool, treasure hunt, junk modelling, sand-castle competition

Contact Denise Bluff on 203 9394

Water Playday, Wednesday 11th August, (bring change of clothes)

Sports Day, Wednesday 25th August



Pye Bank's Summer Fayre

Story: Lisa Swift



Byron Wood

Fun Day

Story: Smaira Saddique

We held our annual Family Fun day at Byron Wood School on Friday 25th June and it was a resounding success!



The weather was perfect, the food was delicious and to top it all off some of you even got to throw wet sponges at Mr Carter

The Extended Services team would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the staff, parents and volunteers who did a fantastic job in setting up the stalls and tidying up afterwards.

We raised a grand total of £500 this year! We will be using this money to buy a new cooker for the community room and organising activities for parents/carers.

"We all had a good afternoon at the fun day, my children enjoyed all the activities!"

"Mr Carter was very brave!"

"I bought a raffle ticket and won a prize for my mum."

Children and parents gathered at Pye Bank School on 16th July for a fantastic summer fayre.

Parents, teachers, and school staff put on a whole range of activities for everyone to enjoy. Delicious food included cakes, samosas, rice and chicken curry, there was even an outdoor barbeque despite the rainy weather.

The School's behaviour support worker took wet sponges on the chin, as children paid to take their best shot, raising an amazing £44 in just 2 hours.

Mr Twining, Year 5 teacher said, "Its been a real community event. We've had lots of ex pupils come to visit and children from other schools, which is great to see."

Zabeda Hussain, Community Learning Worker, worked to get the whole community involved, "We've had loads of stalls and games, with bric-a-brac and raffles as well as henna and face painting."

Deputy Headteacher, Samina Qureshi, said, "Its been a lovely day, the children have loved it, and all the staff have worked really hard."

Headteacher Paul Hopkinson said, "It's been a great year. For the first time we've achieved what they call the national 'floor target' in all subject areas, which is just brilliant."

Firs Hill School Summer Fair

Story: Kath Hobson

On Tuesday 15th June, Firs Hill School held their annual Summer Fair. There were lots of stalls and fun and games.

Children from each year group had stalls which they designed and thought about themselves, including guess the weight of the sea shells, sand pit treasure hunt,

magazine stall and decorating biscuits. Four volunteers came to do mehndi which was popular and there was face painting and washable tattoos.

Sheffield Bouncy Castle Hire supplied two fantastic inflatable castles and there was a football penalty shootout. There was also a set of stocks which this year some staff were fastened in and had wet sponges thrown at them! Along with a raffle, great refreshments and lots of sunshine, it was a really fantastic afternoon. A total of £644.20 was raised for school and the PTA (Parents Teacher Association) would like to thank everyone for their help and support.



First birthday for Young People's Service

Story: Lisa Swift

On 24th June the housing project, Burngreave Young People's Service, celebrated its first birthday with a barbeque and special guests.

The large house on Burngreave Road has been home to young people for many years, but in June 2009 the service was taken over by the UK's largest social care organisation, Turning Point, and it hasn't looked back.

The project provides 30 self-contained flats for young people who are either homeless or are at risk of being homeless, but more than just a place to stay the Turning Point project gives both emotional and practical support.

Service Manager Sarah Gregory told us:

"We support 16-25 year olds, with a focus on young people from BME communities. We give support with life skills and accessing employment. Young people come to us from a whole range of

different circumstances, including family break down. We aim to give them the right support to move on and live independently."

The project works alongside Sheffield Futures who provide extra activities to build confidence and skills. This summer young people are involved in organising their own residential.

Speaking to young people at the project it was obvious that Burngreave Young People's Service was really making a difference for those staying there. April told us,

"I've been living here for about 16 months. Turning Point have helped me with college and my finances and benefits, now I'm looking forward to moving into my own house, I've been to have a look and its got a nice back garden. I've made so many good friends here, they are like a family."



19 year old Saleh has been with the project for 7 months, he was also getting ready to move on, "It's the only place where I've really got help, you can ask for help with forms and benefits. I never used to be able to save up now I can manage my money. It's helped to build my confidence and I'd advise anyone to come here."

Junior explained how the project helped him after he came out of prison, "I've been here a year, and I feel like everyone is treated equally, the staff are very understanding. It helps to build your self-esteem. It's like a big family here."

Young People can access the project by referral through a number of other services. For more information contact Sarah Gregory on 275 2134.

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 year working with 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 is Saturday 14th and 21st August.

If you would like further information please contact
Julia Baker at Burngreave/Shiregreen MAST on:

233 1189

Email: shiregreen-burngreaveMAST@sheffield.gov.uk



Positive parenting

Story and photo: Fran Belbin



The latest parents to pass the Positive Parenting course received their certificates at a ceremony at Owler Brook Children's Centre on 5th July.

Having learnt about child development, behaviour, safety and bringing out the best in their children, the parents were encouraged to use their skills in voluntary or paid work. One parent, Zoe Bolderson, now volunteers for Action for Children.

Rashida Shahzad said she had "learned a lot about creating a safe environment and keeping healthy." Amran Suleiman, a SureStart translator, took the course to improve her own parenting skills and also to communicate better with mums from overseas.

The next OCN-accredited courses will run for 9 weeks from September at Owler Brook Children's Centre on Thursdays or on Fridays at Burngreave Children's Centre. **For more information, contact Burngreave Children's Centre on 0114 252 5220.**

Arabic achievements



Story: Lisa Swift

On 17th June the Arabic Language School held their annual celebration to recognise the achievements of their students.

The hall at the Firvale centre was full to overflowing with parents and young people. Those present were entertained by performances by students of traditional Yemeni dance, live music and singing, and drama in both English and Arabic. Applause and cheers from the crowd left students in no doubt about how proud the Yemeni community is of their achievements.

Finally students were presented with certificates and gifts for their exam results from the Head teacher Musaid Al-Hakam, chair of the Yemeni Community Association Saleh al-Noud, and special guests including Jane Brown from Sheffield Languages and the Chair of the Yemeni Community in America Ali Bileed.



Ellesmere entertains

Story & photos: Taibah Khan

As I entered Ellesmere Children's Centre to the sound of steel pan drums, I saw the centre's colourful gardens and various bric-a-brac stalls in the grounds, run by volunteers and parents.

Inside, so many things were happening including a Bollywood dance workshop with parents and children dancing.

There was also an indoor play area, as well as Henna and face painting. Sharon Curtis, one of the event co-ordinators, told me a little about the event,

"We've been running this event for over 14 years now. It's a fun family event and gives everyone a chance to engage with different cultures in the community. It's a great way for parents to get involved with the centre too."

Shazia Shakoor has a four-year-old daughter who attends the centre. Shazia commended the centre because it had been so accommodating to her needs as a working mother,

"My daughter Aliya really enjoys it here, she's been attending on and off since she was one."

David Critchley finds working at the centre "eye-opening" and enjoys the "humble, relaxing and enjoyable environment." He really enjoys working with children and relishes the opportunity. "As there are so few males working in childcare, it's great to have an opportunity to be a positive male role model."

Along with the henna, other health and beauty treatments were going on, such as massages and make-up. For such a small location, there was a vast variety of stalls, selling hand-made cards, cakes, design-your-own t-shirts and even one for your very own air-brushed tattoo.



Dave Hall, Ironman

Story: Smaira Saddique

Dave Hall, Byron Wood's Learning Mentor will be doing the 'Iron Man' competition this summer in Zurich – a marathon of swimming, cycling and running.

I began by asking him why he was doing it...

As a student, I saw Mark Jenkins, the world-class athlete, on TV when I was ill in bed. I thought, 'I can do that!' Later, I picked up a triathlon magazine and saw an article about an Ironman triathlon in Hawaii, which is one of the most famous races. If you've competed in Hawaii, it's like competing in the World Cup.

I first competed in a triathlon in 2002 at Clumber Park. It was very hard and I got an ear infection after the swim.

This is my very first Ironman in Switzerland. Some days I am really excited. Some days I am apprehensive and wonder whether I'll do the distance. But I'm looking forward to it. I'm asking people to sponsor me and the money I raise will be split two ways - half will go towards activities in Byron Wood School



where I work and the rest is for Nomad. They work really hard to help those in most need.

How long have you been training?

I have been training since September 2009 for the Ironman but I continuously train throughout the year, with a few weeks off for the usual holidays.

What motivates you?

I'm self-motivated but the Ironman is something I've always wanted to do, just to see that I can actually do it. The other thing is that I've booked and paid for it, so I can't back out now, can I? I'm also motivated by the thought that life will be

easier afterwards. It's been hard juggling friends, family and training and remaining fresh for work.

What time do you hope to do it in?

I hope to complete it in 12-14 hours. Some people have said I could do it in a shorter time but I'm keeping my feet firmly on the ground. It's a long day of racing - I could have a bike crash; it could be 40°C. There are so many things that could go wrong but I feel I am just about fit enough to do it. If I don't make it, it will be for something I can't control.

So what's next after this?

I don't know, as I've never done this before. I couldn't do it every year as it's a huge time commitment, not just for me but my family and my girlfriend. She puts up with a lot - when I spend all Saturday cycling and not being able to go out for the day, she listens to me fret about the race, especially now it's getting so close. I do love this sport, though. It's a good way of life and it makes me happy.

I think I will race shorter distances and maybe do a half-Ironman next year or try for European or world age groups. But again, it's a big commitment if you're working 40-50 hours a week and have to fit in training around work.

Quality in Study Support

Story: Jon Cowley



In June and July all four Burngreave-based study support groups gained the "Quality in Study Support" (QiSS) award in recognition of the fantastic work that they do with young people in the area.

In the last year Burngreave After School Study Support, Reach High 2, Somali Education Breakthrough and ITCSSS, enrolled 388 young people. They've been doing regular study support each week throughout the school year, but also lots of sporting and cultural activities.

Penny Rea, from the Children's University, praised one group with these words: "I would like to congratulate you not only on this achievement but also on the energy and effort you and your team are putting in to improving the academic and life chances of the young people you support."

School attainment in Burngreave has improved steadily with better schools, study support and greater involvement by parents. But they still lag behind the average in Sheffield so the work needs to go on. It is still unclear what funding the Council will provide for the Consortium after August.

Race For Life

Story: Usha Blackham

21 ladies from Whiteways Primary School took part in the Sheffield Race for Life on Sunday 20th June, either running, jogging or walking - and raising over £400.



Some took training seriously; some started a healthy diet; we all joined in with dressing up in pink. Team spirit was great - and our great sense of pride. We all feel we did something worthwhile and the money we raised is going to a very worthwhile cause.

Usha Blackham said, "We have cancer in the family, my mum went through a rough time and Aunty is still suffering."

Mandy Lawton said, "I took part in 2009's Race for Life after my father-in-law died from multiple brain tumours. It really hit home how this disease can affect everyone. I had never run or even jogged before. Now I try to fit it in twice a week."

Community clean up success!

Community Clean Up at Parkwood Springs

A joint project between the Friends of Parkwood Springs group and the Liveability team has helped to improve the appearance of a local naturalistic site.



Over 2 days, volunteers and council officers with their partners worked together to clear an area of Parkwood Springs to the rear of Penrith Road in Shirecliffe.

The Community Assembly sponsored 2 skips that were filled over the 2 days with approximately 100 black bags full of litter which were removed from the site.

The event was a real success with Neil Schofield the chairman of the friends of group saying, "I think that we really made an impact, and I'm sure that a lot of people will appreciate it enormously. For the Friends of Parkwood Springs it is very good to have things that we are involved in that have made a difference in these first months. I am sure that it will help us get more people active and involved."

Friends of Parkwood Springs next event is a Family Picnic, 25th July, 2-5pm at the Cooks Wood Road/ Shirecliffe Road entrance. Bring your own Picnic and blanket!

The next Friends of Parkwood Spring meeting is Tuesday, 21st September at 7pm at St Catherine's school.

For more info about Friends of Parkwood Springs contact Kristina 07858 758340

Bring Out Your Rubbish Days



Councillors have purchased extra Bring Out Your Rubbish Days for the Burngreave Ward. Residents in the areas to be cleared are informed by a leaflet and Veolia lorries tour the area picking up items from the pavement outside their houses.

The areas that were cleared in July 2010 were Penrith Road, Catherine Street and Cooks Wood Road.

If you feel your area needs a Bring Out Your Rubbish day then do contact us and we will record this as a request.

Now live - the North East Community Assembly blog

The North East Community Assembly blog is now live. Hannah Isherwood of the North East Community Assembly Team, is the main author and she will provide up-to-date information on what the Council is up to for anyone living or working in the North East Area of the City. Visit:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/northeastnews to view the blog. If you'd like to

receive email updates from the blog, enter your email address into 'subscription' box on the right-hand side of the page. You'll then receive the news as it is posted to the site.

Our next meetings

Come along and hear what the North East Community Assembly is doing and have your say at the Area Ward meeting for the Burngreave Ward on:

Tuesday 21 September 2010
at St Peter's Church, Lyons Street,
from 6-8pm.

The next North East Community Assembly Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th October from 6-8pm. The venue will be confirmed in the next issue of the Messenger.

Community Chest letter

The North East Community Assembly has received a letter from the 186th Sheffield Rainbow Unit. Community Chest Funding was awarded the group to allow 17 of the Rainbows to attend a Princess party to celebrate the Girl Guiding Centenary. Doreen Rushforth says:

"I am really grateful for the grant you gave us as our Rainbows had a fantastic day which I am sure they will always remember. They danced, sang, played games, made crafts and met lots of new friends."

Contact us

For more information about the Northeast Community Assembly ring 203 7562 or email communityassemblynortheast@sheffield.gov.uk

Firth Park Library, 443 Firth Park Road, S5 6QQ.

Councillor Surgery Dates

No surgeries in August

11 September: 11am-12pm Burngreave Library, 12.15pm-1pm Firshill TARA

16 September: 2pm-3pm Pakistan Advice Centre

21 September: 11am-12pm Shirecliffe Community Centre, 12.15pm-1pm Norwood and Bishopholme TARA

25 September: 11am-12pm Burngreave Library



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Burngreave Opportunities



Burngreave Opportunities are continuing to offer community based employment support to Burngreave!!

Meet the new member of staff Marlene Burrell (pictured right) who is working with new enquiries looking for work or training opportunities.

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If you are interested in any of these, local help is on hand at Sorby House 42 Spital Hill. Come and see us at Burngreave Opportunities

Please contact Zaheer on: 0114 21 32 307

New Tenants at Sorby House

Following a long period of marketing we are pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing two new occupiers to Sorby House:

Speaking up for Advocacy joined the Sorby House occupiers on June 1st. The organisation provides advocacy to adults with a learning disability. As part of their move into the building we are undertaking some improvement works to the ground floor including the creation of a new kitchen adjacent to the Carwood Suite which will give our occupiers a larger



space to meet and eat.

Khans Solicitors who are new to Sheffield but are already established as one of West Yorkshire's leading Solicitors practices, Khans will be mainly concentrating on Criminal Cases in South

Yorkshire, it is Khans second office outside Bradford and will allow them to provide their services to a wider audience.

These two occupiers help to take our occupancy to over 63% occupied with a number of other occupiers expressing an interest in space in Sorby House so watch this space for further news about occupiers.

There is still plenty of office accommodation and Hot Desks available at Sorby House so please look at what we have to offer before you make any choice about your new premises

BNDfC update

Since our last page we have been continuing to work towards securing the future of BNDfC with all our partners, progress is being made and we hope to be able to report back to the Community in the next edition of the Messenger.

We have though been busy ensuring that our buildings are functioning as we all expect them to and have as part of this process reviewed and tendered a number of contracts.

The most significant was the contract to clean all of our buildings which we tender annually. We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Launchpad to carry out this contract which not only will provide our occupiers with a high level of service but also will provide employment opportunities for their members who are often the most disadvantaged in relation to the job market.

Harleston Street finds a new tenant

As you will be aware we have been seeking to secure an occupier for part of our former Head Office at Harleston Street, following the piece in the last issue of the Messenger we have been able to work with Sheffield Racial Equality Council to accommodate them in part of the first floor following their relocation from SYAC in the Wicker.



For those groups who may still be seeking space there is still accommodation available at Harleston Street until March 2011

Scouting tradition at Holtwood

Story & photo: Brent Moya

Sheffield 205th Scout Group were first affiliated into the scout movement on 1st April 1943 during the dark days of World War II. Their Headquarters has been on Holtwood Road, off Abbeyfield Road, since 1959 and was officially opened by the District Commissioner in the summer of 1962.

The hut has recently undergone a major renovation and now comes with full wheelchair access to the side of the building as well as improved toilets and car park.

I was invited to the awards ceremony in which they swam Beavers up into Cubs and invested Cubs into Scouts while proud parents looked on. Rob Kirk of Ecclesfield Scouts was on hand to give out awards.



Pat Duggan, the group's Treasurer, has been involved since he was 8 years of age and has a staggering 64 years of scouting experience under his belt. He says many of their scouts have gone on to enjoy successful working lives, often becoming Doctors, policemen and teachers. "I've never lost my appetite for scouting and believe it is a huge benefit to the young generation who can learn life skills and discipline that will benefit them into their adult lives."

205th Scouts have a history of camping all over the country, having pitched up in Auchengillan, near Glasgow, and Deal, on the Kent Coast overlooking the English Channel. Group leader Alan Whiffin says

they have continued this tradition. "We still do camping trips whenever we get chance and have done activity groups for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts," he explained.

Ann Murphy, who led the Beavers for over 25 years, recently called time on her scouting tenure and Pat voiced his concern at the lack of new volunteers, "We do need more volunteers to come forward, especially since Ann retired," he stressed. "It would be ideal if we had more people to offer their services but unfortunately that has not been the case of late."

Group meeting times are as follows:

**Beavers (6 to 8 yrs):
Mon 6-7pm**

**Cubs (8 to 10 yrs):
Mon 7.15-8.30pm.**

**Scouts (10 to 14/15 yrs): Fridays
7.15 to 9.00 pm**

Subscriptions are £1.50 each.

All meetings held at The Scout Hut, Holtwood Rd. Contact the Group Scout Leader, Mr A Whiffin 0114 246 3728



Resident monitors Somaliland election

Story: John Mellor

Howard Knight, Burngreave resident and former City Councillor, has recently been in Somaliland as part of an international observation team of election monitors for the presidential election held on 26th June.

Howard has previously been an election observer in over 25 countries, including El Salvador, Kosovo, and Albania. Before leaving Sheffield, he said:

"The Somaliland community is one of the oldest African diaspora groups in the UK. Its roots go back to the 1890s when Somali seamen in the British Merchant Navy settled in coastal areas such as Cardiff and Liverpool. There are records showing

people from Somaliland living and working in Burngreave in the 1930s and that number gradually increased. It wasn't until the civil war began in the late 1980s that people from Somaliland and Somalia began coming to the UK as refugees."

Since Somaliland is not recognised internationally, funding for the team of observers is limited and unpaid. On his return from Somaliland, Howard spoke of his experiences:

"The Presidential Election should have taken place in 2008 but a lot of work had to be done for the proper registration of voters. This considerably helped the smooth running of the election. I was part of a team of about 60 observers organised by 'Progressio', formerly the Catholic Institute for International Relations.

"We were welcomed everywhere we went. There was great keenness and motivation to vote. Voters started queuing at 4am, waiting for the polling stations to open at 7am. There were some problems with the queuing system at a few polling stations due to the large numbers waiting to cast their vote. At one polling station, the large crowd caused a policeman to panic and discharge his rifle into the air just ten feet from where I stood! After that, things calmed down and voting continued in an orderly manner. Throughout the country there were very few disturbances, due to the commitment of the people and political parties to ensure a fair election. Unfortunately, one official of the National Electoral Commission was killed in a disturbance in Sool."

"We then had to observe and record the count, a lengthy process. The final result was that Ahmed Silanyo, leader of the Kulmiye Party, was duly elected as the new President of Somaliland."

Clearly, this election has given confidence to the people of Somaliland, with hope for a more stable and peaceful future throughout this region of Africa.

A fuller version of this article can be read on our website.

Interfaith gathering at Parkwood's Forest Garden

Story: Leonie Kapadia

On Saturday May 29th, in Sheffield Environment Weeks, a workday at Parkwood Springs Forest Garden was the third event in the series of Interfaith Tree Planting.



Although it poured all day, volunteers from different faith groups around the city worked alongside Sheffield Homes wardens and the Greenwatch ranger James Smith.

There were the Buddhist group from Burngreave Ashram, Sheffield Pagan community, the Bengali Women's Group and Hindu community, Sheffield Quaker group, Attercliffe Spiritualist church and Sheffield Methodist Churches, whilst the Sheffield Ba'hai faith group provided a musical interlude to lift the spirits.

Whitecurrants, blackcurrants and hardy kiwis were planted around the site. In the herb-bed, chrysanthemum and lady's mantle were planted to act as insect attractors, accompanied by creeping comfrey, which has many uses as an organic fertiliser, and red trefoil – a great plant for bees.

Further events will be held at the Forest Garden at harvest time and to do more planting between October and March.

Community Forestry in your Area

There have been some changes in the Community Forestry team. 2 city-wide posts ceased to exist at the end of March and the remaining 3 staff are now split across the whole city.

The 'Delivering for Sheffield' tree-planting pledge (approximately £50,000 per year) that supported the work of Community Foresters across the city has also come to an end. We aim to continue our role within the community by working with local groups to get external funding such as the Climate Change Fund, to deliver tree planting schemes.

If you are a community group and would like to get involved in tree planting and/or have a potential space in mind that could benefit from a healthier, more attractive outlook, please contact: Leonie Kapadia, Community Forestry Project Development Officer on: 0114 273 4190 or Leonie.Kapadia@sheffield.gov.uk

Abundance in Burngreave

Story: Laura Moya

Have you ever wondered where your food comes from? Did you know that there could be fruit waiting to be picked right on your doorstep?

Ever heard of the Abundance project?

Abundance is a city-wide scheme set up by volunteers, which aims to harvest seasonal fruits that may otherwise go unnoticed. "One of our main aims is to make people more aware of the produce around them," said Kate Stott, one of the Abundance volunteers in Burngreave.

The project has proved to be a success in other areas of the city, such as Sharrow, where volunteers have picked fruit such as cherries, apples and pears. Kate said,

"Abundance has been running in Sharrow for 3 or 4 years. Last year was the first time the Abundance project happened in Burngreave and just two of us harvested around half a dozen apple trees over 3 expeditions."

The project takes a laid-back approach and runs on a small scale with much of the fruit donated to local organisations. Last year for instance, Abundance gave apples to Ellesmere and Burngreave Children's Centres, as well as Firth Park Sure Start and Meadow's children's centre.

"It all comes from our urban environment without us trying."

Abundance in Burngreave is looking for all kinds of people willing to get involved, from fruit-pickers to home-owners who have fruit trees in their back gardens. Do you have a tree you are unable to harvest yourself? Similarly, if you are part of a community group that could make use of the harvest, they are happy to give you a donation.

For more information, you can visit www.growsheffield.com or contact Kate Stott by e-mailing katestott@yahoo.co.uk.



Let there be light

Story: Christine Steers

Burngreave Cemetery Friends opened the Chapel building for extra hours to celebrate the return of electricity, light and power to the chapel. They also held an accompanied walk on Sunday 18th July.

We now have another website: www.friendsofburngreavecemetery.btck.co.uk. Thanks again to all who assisted us.





Junoon... not just another clothes shop

Story: Taibah Khan | Photos: Farzana Khan

Junoon can be found on Page Hall Road, it specialises in Gul-Ahmed clothing, a leading Pakistani designer. The store focuses on modern and fashionable clothing.

Shabana Shahid, mother of one, runs the new Asian tailoring and clothing boutique with her family, offering different styles of loose material as well as ready-made garments, both formal and casual. They also sell shoes and jewellery.

What does Junoon mean, and why did you choose to open your shop in this area?

"Well, Junoon means 'obsession', and as we all know women have an obsession for clothes. Page Hall is becoming a scene for many Asian clothes shops. I felt that there was a need to have an outlet which caters for a younger generation of women."

What makes Junoon different to other clothes shops?

"We at Junoon have gone that extra mile to bring the latest designs, including Chiffon, Regalia, Chantilly De-lace and also the latest prints of Jersey and Cotton for everyday wear. We focus on the quality of clothing and have a range of different materials as well as Gul-Ahmed clothing, which is new to the area and exclusive to us."

What did you do before the opening this shop?

"I worked as a mortgage advisor and still do when I'm not here, but we run this shop as a family with everyone's input, and I live locally so it makes things easier. I've always had a passion for clothing and the shop is result of that."

Junoon is open 11am to 7pm Monday to Sunday, and also offers an in-house made to measure tailoring service.

10 years of Universal

Story: Zia Khan

Universal Takeaway in Firth Park is celebrating its 10 year anniversary in July. Universal was set up as a small family business in the year 2000. Over the years it has increased in size, so



people can sit and eat as well as takeaway. Universal Takeaway is celebrating its 10 years in business with special offers in July. For more information visit the shop or search on facebook for Universal Takeaway. Look out for new Grilled Chicken after Ramadan.

Yummies First with deserts



Story and photos: Farhan Ahmed

Local resident Naheem Khaliq is leading the way with Sheffield's first dessert bar which sells all sorts of sweet snacks, ice creams and milkshakes.

Located on Owler Lane, Fir Vale, Yummies Dessert Bar is only seven months old, "It was a big risk as the business opened during winter." It was certainly something new for Sheffield. His ambition to open the dessert bar stems from a mobile unit where similar products were sold.

"The mobile unit was where I started off. Here I had a variety of desserts available." Naheem took his ideas to the drawing board which led to the launch of Yummies. "The layout and design of the entire shop was done with my skills and experience in art and graphic design."

Naheem studied graphic design and media production but found his way into his own business by managing two large businesses. "I've always been into business. Yummies was a step further for my ambitions." The way I see it, young people are yet again putting Burngreave on the map for yummy reasons!

It seems like Sheffield is behind in the fast changing cultures else where. "I would say that I would get a better response elsewhere. Manchester has places that open 24 hours." Sheffield may be behind but Yummies is taking Burngreave to the forefront.

Come down to Yummies on Owler Lane past Jet petrol station. Open 1pm till late. Deserts include: Yummies cornflake tart; custard jam roly-poly; custard apple pie, custard cakes, milkshakes; all flavours of ice cream and Asian desserts.

Order hotline number 07554 256 648 (£10 minimum order)

Mobile deserts is launched

On my travels as a Young Advisor I noticed that desserts and milkshakes were available everywhere. So I thought we should make a mobile version of Yummies. Naheem gave me his full support and trained me up. We got our hands on a mobile unit and painted it in black We fitted the inside of the unit with everything required for making custom ice creams, hot drinks and hot food. Look out for us at events all over Sheffield!



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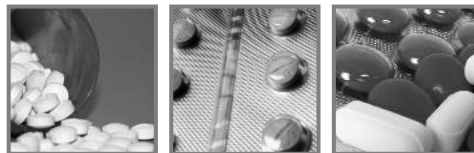
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