



## Festival for everyone

Story: Vivien Urwodhi

Photos: Anwar Suliman and Cecelia Vincent

**Abbeyfield Park Multicultural Festival continued for another year thanks to the local volunteers who made it happen.**

People from all of Burngreave's communities came together to enjoy the entertainment in the park on Sunday 10th July. Regular host MC Nige presented new faces and old on the stage. Performers showed their talents in singing, dancing and martial arts for the crowds.

The field, that is often empty and quiet on other days, was noisy with music booming out the flavour of the 2011 festival. Caribbean, Pakistani and English food were on offer, as well as the usual football area, bicycle maintenance, tea tent, circus skills, stalls, henna, face-painting and children's games. And for the second year running a successful health zone.

Many thanks to all the organisations who have supported the festival this year.



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## Creating Space



Would you like:

**Time to think?**

**Freedom to experiment?**

**Space to try out creative ideas?**

Would you like to try your hand at:

**Storytelling, writing, reading and collage?**

**Or bring along ideas of your own!**

The **Primary Mental Health Care Project** will be running a new friendly and supportive group for those who would like to try various ways of being creative to help reduce stress, improve health and enhance well-being.

**It's lots of fun and it's free.**

**No artistic ability necessary.**



**On Wednesday afternoons at 30 Minna Road.**

**Starts in September. Call for details.**

Please call Patsy on **0114 276 2644** if you would like to book a place or want to find out more. Leave a message and she will return your call.

## Wildlife Trust events



### Science Head:

Free family event

**At Crabtree Ponds Nature Reserve**

**Thursday 4th August 1pm – 3pm**

Just a dirty pond? Or a secret haven for wildlife?

Bring the family and join us for an afternoon of detective work at Crabtree Ponds, to see if you can identify what's lurking in the pond. We'll provide the pond nets and science kits – all you need is your science head!

*Meet at Crabtree Close entrance, off Barnsley Road.*



### Bats About Town:

Free event for adults and children over 13

**At Crabtree Ponds Nature Reserve**

**Thursday 11th August,  
8.15pm – 10pm**

Come along on a guided bat walk and experience some of Burngreave's Hidden Gems – we'll be exploring Crabtree Ponds and Little Roe Woods on the trail of some of our more secretive night-time residents, including pipistrelle, Leisler's, and Daubenton's bats.



**This event is bookable, so please contact Hannah Wittram to book your place by 10th August.**

*Meet at Crabtree Close entrance, off Barnsley Road*

Wear suitable footwear and warm clothes, and bring a torch if you have one.

### Batty about the Don:

Free event for adults and children over 13

**At River Don**

**Friday 2nd September, 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

Join the Sheffield Wildlife Trust and Blue Loop River Stewards for a night-time stroll along the River Don, to spot these mysterious creatures of the night. We will provide bat detectors and drinks, please bring a torch.

*Meet at Victoria Quays, outside A&G Passenger Boats.*

**Contact Hannah Wittram on 0114 263 4335  
for more information or to book places.**



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## Buildings transfer agreed

Story: Sarah Greene and Lisa Swift

**The transfer of the Vestry Hall, Sorby House and Forum House took place at the end of May, with all responsibility for assets and staff moved from Burngreave New Deal for Communities to Sheffield City Council.**

The New Deal organisation will officially close at the end of August. The buildings will continue to operate. The Council has agreed to cover New Deal's pension liability and any bills for the buildings.

As part of the transfer the Council has agreed to the New Deal Partnership

boards list of requirements for the management of the buildings. The Vestry Hall must::

- be affordable to the local community,
- be committed to education, employment, enterprise and engagement,
- have a local management committee,
- remain a Learning and Resource Centre

Similarly, Sorby House must::

- be kept open,
- be affordable to the local community
- run in line with the original business plan
- be transferred back to the community if viable in the future.

There are still concerns about the management of the buildings, especially the poor state of the Vestry Hall roof and main hall. The Council says it is working with Kier and will have a clear programme and timescale for work by the end of July. The Council's Community Buildings Team will meet with previous members of the Friends of Vestry Hall group and the New Deal board to discuss how to include local input to the management of the building. The Council encourages interested local residents to contact Nathan Rodgers on [Nathan.rodgers@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Nathan.rodgers@sheffield.gov.uk).



### Full summer for young people...

The summer activities listed on the centre pages are an impressive collation of events in Burngreave, pulled together by the Messenger, see pages 12 and 13.

But there are already fewer than last year and we worry about what resources will remain after the summer, when young people move into a new year of school, college or University ... if they can.

### ...but cuts are about to bite

Cuts to the now-disbanded Streetworx, Sheffield Futures, careers services and educational maintenance allowance (EMA) and increases in fees for University courses and ESOL will all mean fewer options for young people in September.

Further cuts in young people's services are expected after the summer. We don't know what next year's summer activity programme will look like. It is up to all relevant agencies to plan for replacements for what is being lost.

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## Ice cream van fire

Story & photo: Mohamed Bashe

**An ice-cream van on Andover Street caught fire and burst into massive flames and smoke - as seen in the picture taken by Mohamed Bashe, a local writer and taxi driver.**

The fire, believed to be an accident, happened at about 6pm on June 1st when it was one of three ice-cream vans on the street. No one was hurt but smoke went

into every room of the buildings along the street. About 150 children in the Altaqwa Mosque were evacuated as well as other families from the nearby houses. The arrival of the fire engine seemed to take a while but the children were kept far enough away until it was safely extinguished.

Ian Fenton from the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue stated, "Before leaving the scene, the fire crew requested the police to attend and arrange removal of the vehicle." However the remains of the vehicle were in the street for several days.

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# Road changes at Spital Hill

Story: Rohan Francis

**Work is underway to prepare Spital Hill for increased traffic as Tesco's Burngreave store begins to take shape.**

Changes are proposed for the length of road outside the Tesco from the junction with Savile Street to the East House pub. The plans include a new lane for Tesco customers, which will allow shoppers driving down Spital Hill to turn in to the store's car park. The pedestrian crossing will be relocated slightly lower down the hill, and a new cycle lane will be created on the uphill side.

The Spital Hill entrance will provide an alternative to the main customer access



on Savile Street, which the developers hope will "reduce the load on traffic and the new relief road". In order to make these changes possible the existing pavement on the opposite side to the Tesco store will be narrowed by at least 500mm to provide the width needed for the extra lane. The Council's planning department defended this action saying that although the pavement will be narrower the existing tarmac surface will be replaced with higher quality paving materials like those on the Wicker.

The Messenger talked to pedestrians and shop workers about the plans. One woman said, "People who live nearby use the path to walk to town. There are lots of people with prams – it's the busiest side of the road." A shopkeeper echoed this view saying, "It's busy with people walking to town on this side of the road."

Others were more concerned about parking. Staff at Face Lift Barbers on Spital Hill complained that since construction work began on Tesco their customers had nowhere to park.

A local cyclist welcomed the plan to include a cycle lane as currently the uphill lane isn't wide enough for large vehicles to safely pass a cyclist without pulling into the oncoming lane.

Work on the Tesco superstore is currently ahead of schedule and may be ready before the target opening date of 21st November 2011.

# Learners defend ESOL

Story: Sara Burkinshaw | Photo: Rohan Francis

**Local learners gathered at a public meeting on 1st July 2011 to discuss the Government's proposed cuts to ESOL classes.**

The Government plans to allow only people on JSA or ESA to have free ESOL. The cuts will mainly affect women, who are far less likely to receive these benefits. People on income support will have to pay up to 50% of the fees. For many, this is impossible.

Abtisam Mohamed of the Yemeni Community Association said, "ESOL is the key to integrating into this society as, without it, mothers cannot help their children with their homework, talk to their children's teachers, make GP's appointments or take their children to the hospital. The lack of English has a big impact on the development of the child. These children are our future doctors, nurses and professionals".

Mona, an ESOL tutor, pointed out that many people were professionals in their own countries but have to take on jobs that are not affected by the language barrier. She described the negative effect on UK society, which is in desperate need of doctors and other professionals.

Green Councillor Jillian Creasy – who worked as a GP at Page Hall – told the audience, "If you give a woman a fish, she can make a meal – but if you teach her how to fish, she can support herself forever". She said, in the same way, it is better to teach English rather than provide an interpreter every time.

MP David Blunkett was to be the main speaker and to hear the stories of individual learners. Unfortunately, he arrived late and left early. He offered his support and expressed his dedication to protecting access to ESOL.



Here are some of the views of ESOL learners at the meeting:

*"My name is Muhammad Soloman. I am an ESOL student. I strongly believe that English should be available to all. There are a lot of people who, before they came to this class, could not speak English and could not spell their own names. Now they can communicate to doctors, nurses and teachers".*

*"It is very important. I have five children. I want to speak with the teacher to find out what they are doing - I want to help my children. Before I come to school, I had never understood English. I would not be able to help my children with their homework or speak to their friends."*

*"I am Sadia. I am a student in this college and I would like to just ask a question, if we have to pay big fees next year then what are they going to do for those that cannot afford this amount of money but still want to study?"*

*"I'm Anshan. I am a student here. Some people cannot afford a lot of money. I am not happy with the fees. It's important for yourself, your development in the future, when your child going to school, going shopping, everywhere."*

*"When I first came to the UK, I had no English, not even the alphabet. When I started the ESOL classes, I did my theory and then driving test. It also helped me apply for citizenship. And it is still helping me now I have two kids. Once I couldn't understand the teachers or take them to the doctor's or hospital without my husband or an interpreter. My daughter had an emergency and I was able to take them to the hospital and write what they needed, so it does help things a lot."*

Fees for ESOL learners in September: Each course provider has different fees; details will be printed in the North East Adult Learning Guide, delivered at the end of August.



Above: Parents lobby Fir Vale School governors in June to ask them to consult more before making a decision. Below: Parents meet to ask questions and express concerns about academies



## Fir Vale go for academy status

Story: Fran Belbin | Photos: Lisa Swift

**Fir Vale School governors voted on Wednesday 15th June to apply for academy status for the school, despite the concerns of parents and Labour councillors, some of whom lobbied the meeting.**

Chair of the Governors, Tina Ball, said the school was seeking Academy status for three reasons:

*"We will have more resources and more flexibility to make sure all the teaching and learning in the school remains excellent.*

*"We will be able to protect jobs in school and offer more learning and development opportunities.*

*"Local people will be able to make the decisions that are best for the school."*

The Governors say they are proud of the School's achievements in the last 12 years including the record GCSE results and the 'outstanding' OFSTED report. The school will still be called "Fir Vale School."

But parents of current and prospective pupils disputed the school's claim that research and consultation with "stakeholders" had been going on for nine months, saying they had only recently been informed of the plans. Only some parents have been formally consulted. Gaby Spinks, parent currently choosing a secondary school said:

*"If they are not listening to me as a parent now, why should they listen to me with an issue if I sent my child there?"*

One Fir Vale pupil described the school's approach:

*"In assembly we were told about all the advantages, how we will attract new teachers and get an iPad in every classroom, but we haven't been told anything about the risks - it's very biased."*

A parent of a Fir Vale pupil, expressed further concerns:

*"The school already provides an outstanding education for our children. Why do we need to change to an academy when things are working well as they are? I worry that teachers may leave during this process."*

Local councillors had written formally to the school to express concerns about the lack of consultation, saying, "the wider community has been excluded from having a meaningful input into the future of their school and the facilities."

Tina Ball responded to concerns, saying, "The school recognises that some people in the community, including parents and future parents, still have questions and concerns about what academy status might mean. The Fir Vale Governors plan to meet with people and listen to their views about what Fir Vale School might be like with academy status and create the kind of academy school that is right for Fir Vale."

The application process will now take several months before the school formally becomes an academy.

## Academies debated

Story: Gaby Spinks

**The North East Sheffield Community Assembly held a public meeting to debate the issues around academies at Longley College on 12th July.**

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Jackie Drayton, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families and there were speakers from the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and the Anti-Academies Alliance.

Sonia Sharp, the Council's education chief listed some of the 'asks' that they are asking all schools to sign up to if they are considering becoming academies.

- To consult all stakeholders
- To adhere to key policies around admissions, special needs, inclusion etc and for schools to be for community use
- To be democratically accountable
- To have transparency around funding

A lot of questions were asked of the panel about accountability and democracy: What would happen if an academy was declared in financial trouble or whose educational standards were slipping? Who could parents turn to if they had issues with an academy? Sonia Sharp responded by saying that, if an academy did run into problems, the Local Authority would try to intervene.

### What are academies?

- Schools that become academies leave the control of the Local Authority
- Funding is cut from the Local Authority and paid to the Academy instead. This is to cover the cost of services no longer provided by the Local Authority – e.g. supply teachers, music services or educational advice and support.
- Academies control their own budgets and can purchase these services back from the Local Authority or elsewhere
- Academies can alter their admissions policy, the length of the term or the school day, and the pay and conditions of their staff
- Academies must have at least two parent Governors

# Drugs information and support on Ellesmere Green

Story: Saleema Imam | Photo: Anwar Suliman

**Local resident Rifhat Aziz has worked in a variety of posts in the community over the past 10 years is now working for the Arundel Street Project, which supports adults around drug issues.**

Drug use can be a difficult issue to talk about, but Rifhat encourages residents to seek the help and support that is available. The project's outreach van will soon be coming to Ellesmere Green between 2pm and 4pm every Wednesday afternoon, where people can talk to Rifhat and other support workers.

*"Drugs is a big taboo subject in many communities in Burngreave. I hope that when people see me working for the project they will know they can talk in confidence and that I will understand the issues."*

The Arundel Street Project, is part of CRI, a voluntary sector organisation, and is a citywide open access first contact drug service. They provide information about a whole range of drugs including khat, cannabis, alcohol, smoking, and steroids.

The Ellesmere Green visits, the latest in their citywide provision, will provide drop in advice, signposting to relevant services and information about changing areas of life such as housing for those who are new to treatment for drug use. They will also raise awareness about drug use amongst the general population.

Key workers can provide completely confidential information and support for drug users and their families and refer them on to other more intensive treatment services where necessary.



**Key workers for the Arundel Street Project  
Patrick Crowley and Rifhat Aziz**

Urdu and Punjabi languages will be regularly available on the van, other language interpreters can be booked as needed.

Rifhat said, "All communities in Sheffield are affected by drug use, and we hope that meeting people in their local area will increase understanding and reduce stigma. I am really excited about doing this work in my own community, as I have seen how much it has helped residents in other parts of the city."

A volunteer training programme is being developed alongside peer mentoring by ex-users. Volunteers and peer mentors will be trained to help to staff the drop in sessions and gain valuable experience about drug services which could lead to paid work in future.

Drug aware boxes, condoms and needle exchange are also provided.

**For more information contact Rifhat on 0114 2721481, or call in at 92a Arundel Street, Sheffield, S1 4RE. The van will be on Ellesmere Green from Wednesday 20th July.**

## Young Carer's VOYCE

Story: Diana Mohammed

**Sheffield Young Carer's VOYCE (Views of Young Carers Explained) was awarded a £1 million National Lottery grant as part of the BIG Youth in Focus scheme.**

VOYCE was created by young carers to make a difference in young carer's lives. The project works with schools and youth organisations to identify and support young carers early on and provide them with services to develop positive mental health for coping with difficult situations. It also offers training and opportunities to teachers on how to spot young carers early on and to increase their confidence and skills.

Diana Mohammed, a young carer and supporter of the project, writes:

*I am thirteen years old and started caring when I was 3 or 4. I found out I*



*was a young carer at the age of ten when a teacher directed me to Sheffield Young Carers. After being there for three years, I got elected for the 0-19 partnership services. I am really proud of myself but all this could not have been possible if it wasn't for Sheffield Young Carers. If they did not give me the support I needed I would not be at this stage now and I thank them a lot.*

*In Sheffield Young Carers, we set up a*

*group called VOYCE. It stands for Views of Young Carers Explained. After less than a year, YMCA Interchange Chilypep and Sheffield Young Carers put a bid in the lottery and have been successful with £1million.*

*But now the hard bit starts. The money will be spent on counselling, raising awareness, and training young carers to train teachers and doctors how to spot a young carer.*

*With all the money we can raise awareness of what young carers face and I feel that finally someone is listening to us. Carers save the NHS a lot of money by looking after people in their family who need help to bath, get dressed or eat food. Carers don't get paid for this so they need support.*

**The project is led by Chilypep with Sheffield Young Carers Project and Interchange in Partnership with the Sheffield City Council, Sheffield Futures and Sheffield NHS. For more information contact Chilypep on 246 3897 or Sheffield Young Carers Project on 258 4595 .**

# Exciting New Affordable Housing at Woodside



Arches Housing has successfully been working in partnership with Sheffield City Council to provide new social housing at Woodfold in the Burngreave area.

We will shortly be advertising 14 new houses for people who are on the council's waiting list to bid for via the Sheffield Property Shop.

The houses are all for rent and are due to be ready to move into late September to the end of October

2011. Arches Housing will own and manage the housing.

There will be :

- 2 X 4 bed semi detached
- 7 x 3 bed semi detached or terraced
- 5 x 2 bed terraced

The houses will provide much-needed accommodation to the community and be built to standards which will make the running costs low through energy performance measures, including solar panels and be finished to a high quality.

The houses will provide modern, safe housing and achieve Lifetime Homes and Secure by Design accreditation. The houses when ready will be let via Sheffield City Council's Property Shop and managed by Arches Housing.

Don't miss putting your bid in for one of these properties via the Sheffield Property Shop if you are interested – adverts will be appearing in their publication over the next month.

Or call Sheffield Homes on 293 0000.

## Mrs Schofield safe from eviction

Story: Lydia Flanagan

In our February issue, we reported on Sheffield Homes threatening long-standing resident Mrs Schofield with eviction because her small Jack Russell dog was deemed to be dangerous after a small incident.

Originally, she had moved to the maisonette because of an agreement she could take her dogs there when her previous home was included in a demolition scheme. Mrs Schofield said:

*"The housing management caught wind of one out-of-character incident and just took it too far."*

After receiving the eviction notice in October, Mrs Schofield sought advice from the Sheffield Law Centre, which offers free advice to people who cannot afford expensive solicitors' fees. An



adviser there took hold of the case for Mrs Schofield, explained her legal rights and battled against the eviction notice on her behalf. Neighbours signed a petition and gave statements to say Mrs Schofield's Jack Russell is not a nuisance and certainly not a dangerous dog! The Burngreave Messenger contacted Sheffield Homes to question them about their decision to evict. Their response was that the case was a "legal matter and it would be prejudicial to them to comment."

Mrs Schofield kept in contact with her adviser, who kept a check on the status of the proceedings and sent emails enquiring about the decision. Finally, last month, Mrs Schofield received a letter from Sheffield Homes who apologised and agreed she can stay in her home - and with her dog! Mrs Schofield said:

*"I am so relieved it's all over and I can stay where I've lived for twenty years and keep my dog".*

The legal help Mrs Schofield received from Sheffield Law Centre is funded by legal aid and by the Equality and Human Rights Commission. Both are under threat from the government, which aims to cut almost all preventive work through legal aid, putting the free legal advice service at risk. This is a big problem, cutting off a service to so many people who cannot pay expensive solicitor's fees. The Sheffield Law Centre believes everyone has a right to legal advice when they need it, so taking away this service is wrong. Mrs Schofield said:

*"I wouldn't like to think what would happen without this service".*

If you need advice contact Sheffield Law Centre on 273 1888.





## The Big Bang

Story: Fran Belbin | Photo: Martin Currie

**On Monday 4th July "The Big Bang" African drummers left Pitsmoor and headed for Birmingham.**

They had gained a place in the final of

the "Music for Youth" National Festival, representing Sheffield. Led by director Bert Rogers they rehearse at Firs Hill School every Tuesday - you may have heard them! They performed brilliantly at the Adrian Bolt Hall and impressed everyone who saw their performance.

Other musical groups participated from all over the country and the standard was very high. All those who went from

Pitsmoor to watch the Big Bang performers felt really proud of them. The talent and positivity displayed by our young people was outstanding. Thanks to everyone who continue to support the drummers, including the Sheffield Music Services. Thanks also to Bert for his commitment and hard work and to every member of the group, and their dancers, for a memorable day.



## Musical Achievements at Byron Wood Primary School

Story: Smaira Sadique | Photos: Mrs Stroud

**On July 7th Byron Wood's Y6 brass band entertained the audience at Sheffield City Hall with some ska music, as part of the annual 'City of Excellence' Awards ceremony.**

The band, who have been learning brass instruments together for the past three years, not only played 'Cornerstone' by John Drummond, but actually composed a middle section themselves. Mrs Stroud, Performing Arts Teacher said, "they were quite nervous before they went on stage so I was so proud of how well they played for the audience."



Not to be outdone, Byron Wood's choir sang at Sheffield Cathedral, taking part in the chorus of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat.' They were joined by other school choirs and the Cathedral Junior Choir. Headteacher, Mrs Ashton praised the choir saying, "they've worked so hard to learn all the words. The whole production was a great success."

## The Magic Key

Story: Aliya Shafiq (Y6HM)



**On 13th and 14th July, the Y5 and Y6 children at Byron Wood performed 'The Magic Key'. Parents, Governors and people from other schools came to watch it, as well as all the year groups.**



"The production was outstanding!" exclaimed one of the parents. Staff from Firshill said, "Our production is nowhere near ready". Mrs Ashton said, "It was the best performance ever".

The Magic Key is a story of four (former Byron Wood) children trying to find the key to success. The moral of the story is that to find it, you have to believe you can!







*group is good because we speak different languages, Urdu, Arabic, Somali, English and Punjabi.*

*The Women's support group is about community change and being more active. It is very important that we are learning English Language because when women speak English they are helping their children in school and can go to the Doctors, it is very important to have communication skills.*

*I want to practise more English*

*In June 2011 when I joined an ESOL class my teacher Sandra told us about one girl who came from another country and she didn't speak English very well. She had to go to hospital and she asked her husband what to say when she wanted to come home, he said tell someone "I am going, bye, bye". She said this to the nurse, who said ok, but when she came out of the lift she was lost, all she could say to people was "I am going, bye bye," and everyone thought she was crazy. That day she decided she would learn English properly. When I listen to this story I feel it is really important for women to be able to learn English together.*

*A Women's support group is important because when women come from another country they need to learn English. It is good for women to come together to feel confident about learning. Women come to the class to help each other and to help their children.*

**To find out more about the Women's Voice group contact Smaira Sadique at Byron Wood on 272 3624.**

## Women find their voice

Story: Byron Wood Women's Voice Group

**Women learning English at Byron Wood school have started a new course with the WEA called Women's Voice. The course is about learning how to be more active in the community and finding a voice on issues that matter.**

*The women are planning to start a support group for women in the area. This is what members of the Women's Voice Group said about their course:*

*This group helps women to speak English, we practice talking to each other. It will help us to find work and we can go to GP and talk to the doctor ourselves. We can talk to teachers at our children's school. We are learning about the community, the*

## Goodbye Sandra!

Story: Smaira Sadique

**Sandra Heilberg has been teaching ESOL at Byron Wood since September 2006, where she has become a respected member of the staff team in a way that even she didn't think she would.**

Some of her earlier students have passed exams, some have got jobs and some have gone on to study further at college. Sandra said:



*"I love teaching at Byron Wood. Everyone is really supportive and helpful. It's a truly multicultural environment where people are happy to share experiences, stories and friendship."*

Colleagues and students came together to say 'goodbye' to Sandra on June 23rd at a party organised by learners.

Sandra will be missed immensely, by colleagues and learners alike. She has promised to come back to visit but I doubt she will want to return from sunny Malaysia which is where she is moving to. Goodluck and Goodbye Sandra, we will miss you!

## Artists at Ellesmere Children's Centre

**Ellesmere Children's Centre celebrated its 15th Anniversary on 10th June with a resoundingly successful Open Day.**

The event enabled Ellesmere Children's Centre to showcase some of its award winning work from over the years.

One of the latest examples of this was the work of resident artists from the visual arts and dance media who were employed by the centre to give our children intensive creative sensory opportunities to explore and interact with



natural materials.

The Centre looks forward to the continuation and expansion of their work and future contributions to the next Multicultural Event.





## Firth Park Festival

It was sunny, hot and crowded at Firth Park Festival on 26th June.

Organised by volunteers, the festival had a whole range of attractions. There were food, clothes and bric-a-brac stalls, fair ground rides and activities. The emergency services were there to show off their skills, with the police dog training

display and a fire engine to explore. There was also music, dance performances and a brass band.

Activity Sheffield was a highlight, as young people from all ages and backgrounds played football together all through the afternoon. While across the field Chill Foo Front provided a dance floor for young people to practise their moves.



## Firshill Fair

The Firshill TARA, joined by other groups, provided a variety of stalls at this year's Fair. Stall included patchwork, embroidery, pottery, glass painting, bags, quilts, soft toys, dolls, wall hangings, plants, bric-a-brac, henna painting, treasure hunt and a raffle mountain of soft toys to bid for.



## Burngreave Cemetery Well Dressing 2011

Story: Saleema Imam

After a two-year gap, the 'Well Dressing' returned to the cemetery on Sunday 17th July.



Volunteers spent several days preparing the stand and covering it with clay before applying flower petals and other materials to create the design.

This year's theme pictured some of the birds on the endangered species or conservation lists that inhabit the cemetery. We need to ensure that the cemetery continues to provide the necessary habitat for their survival.

A guided walk and talk about the cemetery, led by Ken, attracted around 30 people despite an iffy weather forecast.

Thanks to all those who brought in flowers, provided displays and helped during the 3 days.

Look out for future events in the cemetery - Fungi walk on Monday 12th September and popular Apple Day on Sunday 16th October.

The Friends of Burngreave Chapels and Cemetery are available every Sunday from 11am-3pm to help with the search for family graves.

**For more information contact [chris.burngreave@blueyonder.com](mailto:chris.burngreave@blueyonder.com)**





Photo by Noel



Photo by Janaid

## SHEBEEN in July.

The exhibition's aim is to help people discover the most picturesque and beautiful places in Sheffield and the surrounding countryside so as to encourage them to visit for leisure and recreation. It also introduces the range of environmental activities and events that SHEBEEN provides, to get people actively involved and empowered to enjoy, understand and protect their environmental heritage. Many of the photos were taken by young people from Burngreave who not only took pictures but also learnt about the importance and impact of the natural environment on their lives. The project was run by Anwar Suliman in his role as environmental

project officer and photographer.

The exhibition, which started on July 1st, ran for three weeks and provided opportunity for funders, beneficiaries, tenants and members of the public to visit the exhibition at the SYAC Centre. Below are some of the comments from people who attended.

*"I fully support the project and the exhibition is excellent, keep up the good work."*

*"It made me aware of the importance the countryside and nature has on our lives."*

*"Shows the need to continue to provide the opportunity for young people to have access to the outdoors/environment."*

# Environmental Photo Exhibition

Story: Maxwell Ayamba

Residents of Burngreave had an opportunity to view photos taken by local young people at the BME environmental photo exhibition at



# Study Support celebrate

Story: Lisa Swift | Photos: Rohan Francis

Burngreave's study support groups came together on 29th June to celebrate the achievements of young people.

Hundreds of young people and their parents attended from Somali Education Breakthrough, Reach High 2, IT Community School Subject Support and Burngreave After School Study Support Project. The event was in collaboration with the Children's University who awarded each young person a certificate recognising all the extra hours of study they have put in between September and March. Special guests Sonia Sharp and Jackie Drayton, from the Council, and Penny Rea, from the Children's University, praised everyone for their efforts and their

parents for supporting their children. The Olympic bobsleigh champion Nicola Minichiello, also gave an inspiring speech about the extra hours and dedication needed to win an Olympic medal.

Young people entertained the crowd throughout the evening. Reach High 2 performed a drama about Martin Luther King and his struggle against segregation and racism. Aisha and Sundas gave speeches about the importance of study support. Ayan Abdi impressed everyone with her poetry. And young men from the Yemeni dancers gave the evening a real feeling of celebration.



# summer activities

## Trips and Events

### Rivelin Valley Picnic (8-16yrs) £2

Wednesday 3rd August, 12-4pm

Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 213 3123

### Trips and Events with Sheffield Futures

Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

#### Weston Park Museum & Picnic (13-19yrs)

Tuesday 16th August, 12-4pm

#### Boat Cruise with Sheffield Wildlife Trust (13-19yrs)

Wednesday 17th August, 12-4pm

#### BBQ Fun Day (13-19yrs)

Thursday 18th August, 12-4pm

Earl Marshal Youth Club, Heathcote Street

#### Rother Valley Park bike ride & picnic with EYP & All Saints (13-19yrs)

Friday 5th August, 12-4pm



### Trips and Events with Yemeni Community Association

Contact Diane Haimeed at YCA on 303 0141

#### Knowsley Safari Park (8-13yrs)

Wednesday 27th July, all day

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

Friday 29th July, all day

#### Activity (TBC) (8-13yrs)

Saturday 30th July, all day

#### Bike riding (13-19yrs)

Sunday 31st July, all day



## Arts and Crafts

### Games/Arts & Crafts at Pitsmoor Adventure Playground (8-13yrs)

Wednesday 27th July & Tuesday 2nd August, 1-4pm

Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 213 3123

### Arts & Craft Fun Day (13-19yrs)

Wednesday 10th August, 12-4pm

Earl Marshal Youth Club, Heathcote Street

Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

### Multi-sports & Arts & Crafts (8-16yrs)

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 26th July - 26th August, 1-3pm

Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street

Contact Aislinn Adams at Verdon recreation Centre on 249 1626

## Music, Dance and Drama

### Dance, Drama & Music Production at Verdon Rec (12-16yrs) £3

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th August, 1-5.30pm

Refreshments provided. Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street

Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 213 3123

### Lets Dance - Street Dance at Verdon Recreation Centre (8-16yrs)

Mondays 25th July - 22nd August, 5-6pm

Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street

Contact Aislinn Adams at Verdon Recreation Centre on 249 1626

### Family Funday @ Sheffield Caribbean Sports Club, Ecclesfield Common

Sunday 14th August, 12-8pm

Activities for all the family - bouncy castle, football, african drumming, boxercise, salsa & street dancing, AND the England vs Jamaica re-match!

Contact Infa at Sheffield Caribbean Sports Club on 07880 823 522

All activities are free unless otherwise stated.

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

## Outdoor activities

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

Wednesdays 10th, 17th & 24th August, 6.30-8pm

Wear old clothes - it can get messy!

Contact Hendrik Klaver at Christ Church Pitsmoor on 07771 590 034

### Bike Ride with All Saints and Sheffield Wildlife Trust (8-16yrs)

Thursday 28th July, 12-4pm

Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 213 3123

### Outdoor activities with the North Team Rangers - contact 240 3578

#### Teddy Bears Picnic at Parkwood Springs (all the family)

Tuesday 26th July, 12-1.30pm

Bring a picnic lunch, your favourite teddy or other cuddly toy

Meet at the playing fields off Cooks Wood Road

#### Kite making & flying at Firth Park (all the family)

Wednesday 27th July, 1-3pm

Meet at the Ranger Van behind the bowling green

#### Grass Sledging at Osgathorpe Park

Monday 1st August, 1-3pm

Meet at the Ranger Van in the park

#### Fun & Games at Abbeyfield Park (all the family)

Wednesday 10th August, 1-3pm

Meet at Abbeyfield Park

#### Fun & Games at Firth Park (all the family)

Wednesday 17th August, 1-3pm

Meet at the Ranger Van in the park

#### Woodcraft, games & activities at Roe Wood

(8-14yrs accompanied by an adult)

Tuesday 23rd August, 11am-3pm

Booking essential. Refreshments available but bring a packed lunch

### North meets North East Environmental Project (13-19yrs)

Wednesday 24th August, 12-4pm

All Saints Youth Club, Lyons Close

Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

### Activities with Sheffield Wildlife Trust (also see page 2)

Contact Hannah Wittram at Sheffield Wildlife Trust on 263 4335

#### Science Head at Crabtree Ponds (all the family)

Thursday 4th August, 1-3pm

An afternoon exploring Crabtree Ponds - a dirty pond, or a secret haven for wildlife?

Meet at the Ponds' Crabtree Close entrance, off Barnsley Road.

#### Bats About Town (13yrs+)

Thursday 11th August, 8.15-10pm

A guided bat walk at Crabtree Ponds and Little Roe Woods

Meet at the Ponds' Crabtree Close entrance, off Barnsley Road. Bring a torch and suitable, warm clothing.

Booking necessary - book your place by 10th August

#### Batty about the Don (13yrs+)

Friday 2nd September, 7.30-9.30pm

Join Sheffield Wildlife Trust and Blue Loop River Stewards for a night-time stroll along the River Don. Bring a torch and suitable, warm clothing.

Meet at Victoria Quays, outside A&G Passenger Boats





## Youth Clubs

**The Hangout - Youth drop-in at The Welcome Centre (8-14yrs)**  
Tuesdays 9th, 16th & 23rd August, 6.30-8pm  
Contact Hendrik Klaver at Christ Church Pitsmoor on 07771 590 034

**Earl Marshal Open Access Youth Club (13-19yrs)**  
Mondays & Fridays 25th July - 19th August, 5-8.30pm  
Earl Marshal Youth Club, Heathcote Street  
Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

**Girls Group (13-19yrs)**  
Mondays throughout the summer, 5-8pm  
Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street  
Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

**Osgathorpe Pavilion Open Access Youth Club (13-19yrs)**  
Mondays & Thursdays 25th July - 18th August, 6-8.30pm  
Osgathorpe Pavilion, Osgathorpe Park  
Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

**All Saints Open Access Youth Club (13-19yrs)**  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 26th July - 19th August, 6-9pm  
All Saints Youth Club, Lyons Close  
Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

**Youth in Action Summer Programme at SADACCA (10-18yrs) £2 per day**  
Monday 1st - Friday 5th & Monday 8th - Friday 12th August, 10am-3pm  
Street Dance, Cooking, Boxercise, First Aid, Swimming & Indoor activities  
Bring sports clothing, trainers, swim wear, towel and packed lunch  
Contact Jason Palmer at SADACCA on 07500 406 783 or 228 8950

**Verdon Rec Youth Club, Verdon Street (8yrs onwards)**  
Mondays, 4.30-6.30pm & Thursdays, 4-6pm 25th July - 25th August,  
(with Activity Sheffield & Sheffield Futures)  
Contact Aislinn Adams at Verdon Recreation Centre on 249 1626

**P.I.T.S Youth Club (all ages)**  
Wednesdays 27th July - 24th August, 6.30-8.30pm  
Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street  
Contact Aislinn Adams at Verdon Recreation Centre on 249 1626

## Sports

**Climbing tower & penalty shootout at Wensley Playing Fields (8-16yrs)**  
Tuesdays 26th July - 23rd August, 4-6pm  
Suitable sports clothing. Parental consent required for climbing tower  
Contact Nick Gill or Imran Ali at Activity Sheffield on 273 4266

**The Hangout - sports activities at Nottingham Cliff park (8-14yrs)**  
Mondays 8th, 15th & 22nd August, 6.30-8pm  
Contact Hendrik Klaver at Christ Church Pitsmoor on 07771 590 034

**Swimming at Ponds Forge (8-16yrs) £3**  
Thursday 4th August, 12-4pm  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 213 3123

**Sport in Firth Park (8-16yrs)**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays 26th July - 30th August, 4-6pm  
Contact Nick Gill or Imran Ali at Activity Sheffield on 273 4266

**Sports with Activity Sheffield at All Saints Youth Club, Lyons Close**  
Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

**Sports (13-19yrs)**  
Wednesday 27th July, 3-6pm

**Sports Day (13-19yrs)**  
Friday 19th August, 12-4pm

**Taekwondo (£2.50 for under 18yrs, £3.50 for 18yrs+)**  
Tuesdays 26th July - 23rd August, 6-7.30pm  
Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street  
Contact Aislinn Adams at Verdon Recreation Centre on 249 1626

## Football

**Football and Cricket Camp at Fir Vale Sport Centre (8-16yrs) £1**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 25th July - 24th August, 2.30-6.30pm  
Wear suitable sports clothing  
Contact Nick Gill or Imran Ali at Activity Sheffield on 273 4266

**Inflatable Football Pitch at Nottingham Cliff Fields (8-16yrs)**  
Wednesdays 27th July - 31st August, 3-5pm  
Wear suitable sports clothing  
Contact Nick Gill or Imran Ali at Activity Sheffield on 273 4266

**Blastoff Football Tournament at Chaucer School (11-16yrs)**  
Friday 2nd September, 6-9pm  
6-a-side football competition  
Contact Nick Gill or Imran Ali at Activity Sheffield on 273 4266

**'Street Kick' Football at Lyons Field (8-16yrs)**  
Tuesday 26th July, 3-5pm, Thursday 28th July, 12-2pm & Friday 5th August, 3-5pm  
(With All Saints & Activity Sheffield)  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 213 3123

**Football with Activity Sheffield at Firvale Sports Centre (13-19yrs)**  
Thursdays 28th July - 18th August, 6-9pm  
Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

## Special activities

**Bike Club at The Cornerstone (8-16yrs)**  
Tuesdays 26th July, 2nd & 9th August, 4.30-6.30pm  
Contact Ellesmere Youth Project on 07886 777 068 or 213 3123

**Healthy Eating Programme, Arts & Crafts & bike club (13-19yrs)**  
Tuesday 26th July, 12-4pm  
All Saints Youth Club, Lyons Close  
Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

**Healthy Eating, Cooking, Arts & Crafts (13-19yrs)**  
Friday 12th August, 1-4pm  
All Saints Youth Club, Lyons Close  
Contact Geoff Farrimond at Sheffield Futures on 201 8605

**Circus Stars - reading challenge with free stickers. At all libraries (4-12yrs)**  
Throughout the summer holidays - normal library opening hours

**Lucy Lost-It at Burngreave Library (all the family)**  
(under 8yrs must be accompanied by a parent or carer)  
Wednesday 24th August, 2-3pm  
Contact Janet at Burngreave Library on 203 9002

**Swamp Circus at Firth Park Library (4-12yrs)**  
(under 8yrs must be accompanied by a parent or carer)  
Wednesday 24th August, 10.30-11.30am  
Contact Kay or Jane at Firth Park Library on 203 7433

**Special babytime at Burngreave Library (under 3yrs)**  
Monday 8th August, 10-11.30am  
Contact Janet at Burngreave Library on 203 9002

## Pitsmoor Adventure Playground

Zip Wire, huge slide, indoor and outdoor activities!  
Arts & crafts, various sports & games, table tennis & pool  
(5-14yrs, under 8 accompanied by a responsible adult)  
Tuesdays - Saturdays 26th July - 3rd September, 12-6pm (not 3rd August)  
Contact Denise Bluff at P.A.P, Melrose Road on 203 9394

## Playschemes

**Summer Breeze Playscheme at Firvale Pre-School (4-8yrs) from £3 per/hr**  
Monday - Friday, 1st - 26th August, 9am-12pm  
Wide range of activities. Please book in advance  
Firvale Pre-School, Firvale Centre, Earl Marshal Road  
Contact Leanne or Lena at Firvale Pre-school on 303 0147





# Pye Bank Summer Fair



Story: Diane Johnson

**As a parent, of a child who attends Pye Bank school. I was proud to go to the summer fair. It is a lovely school. It was so nice to see the community pull together to support the school.**

An abundance of mixed culture, meant a whole delicious range of food to choose from. It shows how despite there may be



cultural differences, during an event everyone can pull together as one. This is the sort of event we need to see more of. My son Simon Johnson said " i liked it mum, i wish it could be done more often". There was one thing i tried, which i usually wouldn't dream of tasting. It was Diane's smoothies. They were absolutely gorgeous, made with fresh fruit. Once again a massive thumbs up to all the staff and parents who made this work, and a big thank you for an enjoyable afternoon.



# Owler Brook does the Big Toddle!

Story: Munebah Waheed  
Photo: Sarah Greene

**200 nursery and reception children at Owler Brook Nursery and Infant School showed their support for the children's charity Barnardo's by participating in a sponsored walk to Firth Park on the 13th of July.**

The children, accompanied by parent volunteers, teachers and PCSOs, walked from Owler Brook to Firth Park in aid of the charity Barnardo's. Many children, teachers and even parents were dressed up as lions, bumblebees, parrots and penguins and were armed with bright face painting, all in order to raise money for the charity. Barnardo's offers help to vulnerable children all across the UK and provides hope and stability to many children.

The children were greeted by Joffi Bear when they reached the children's centre at Firth Park who gave them all medals to commemorate their achievement. Sue Bridges, headteacher, commented on the walk saying:

*"Owler Brook is strongly committed to encouraging children and families to walk to school, keeping healthy and enjoying local facilities, so the Big Toddle event was a great success".*

The Big Toddle also coincides with the theme of road safety which is greatly promoted at Owler Brook. All in all, the Big Toddle was a massive achievement for Owler Brook as over 150 families took part to raise money for Barnardo's, whilst having lots of fun on the way. Well done to everyone who participated on the walk!

# Reach High 2

Story: Ruqayyah Fatimah Saddiq (Volunteer)

**Reach High 2 ended their academic year with a delightful celebration event. All the children who were part of the project filled the event with a cheerful and joyful atmosphere.**



The events involved a variety of activities for the children to take part in and allowed them sit back and have fun! These activities consisted of a treasure hunt, bouncy castle, sumo suits and a wide range of other activities.

A BBQ was set up where staff provided an assortment of foods, desserts and drinks. A big thank you to the children and staff at Reach High2, for contributing and allowing us to have such a diversity of food and drinks at our BBQ.

The event was such a success, mainly due to both staff and children working collectively, and as a team succeed in allowing everyone at Reach High 2 to have an ecstatic time!



Reach High 2 isn't stopping there: this summer, the project is running a **summer play scheme** where children aged 8-13yrs can come along and enjoy a range of activities from sports, cycling, baking and arts and crafts. This will be running from Monday 25th to Thursday 28th July between the times of 2pm-8pm, it is £1 per day. Parents need to sign a consent form giving permission for their children to attend play scheme.



# Ellesmere Children's Centre Summer Dance Camp



## New!

Ellesmere Children's Centre will be holding a

**Summer Dance Camp** at:  
**4 Maxwell Street,  
Sheffield, S4 7JN.**

Call **0114 281 2143**  
for details.

### Professional dance classes

Please book early to avoid  
disappointment.

**Limited spaces.**

Introductory offer of  
**£3.50** per class.



## Dance on offer

Professional classes of street,  
hip hop, ballet, contemporary  
and cheer-leading for children  
aged 3 –12 years.

**We will be offering  
concessions for all day  
passes which will be £12.00.**



**Ellesmere Children's Centre**  
offers full day care services  
Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm  
at a competitive rate and is  
committed to excellent quality  
of service for early years  
development.

Services offered include:

- Sensory play
- Yoga for children'
- Massage
- Dual language development

For more information  
telephone **0114 282 2143**



**4 Maxwell Street, Sheffield, S4 7JN. Telephone 0114 281 2143.**

## ALPHA COURSE

Do you want to:

- Find out the basics of the Christian faith?
- Ask questions about what it means to be a Christian?

Then join us in a relaxed and  
informal Alpha course.

Led by Rev'd Mark Goodhand.

*There will be food, conversation and laughter.*

You may just find what it is you have been  
looking for!

The Alpha Course meets at  
St Peter's Ellesmere, Lyons Close, S4 7EP.

It begins at 7pm with a meal, followed by a talk  
and then discussion ending at 9.15pm.

The course will start on Thursday 8th September  
with the question 'Who is Jesus?' and continues  
with further questions for the following 8 weeks.

Please contact Mark Goodhand for further details.  
Telephone: 0114 2420076 / 0114 243 7052  
Email: pilgrimcircuit@btconnect.com



Sheffield Health and Social Care **NHS**  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Joint Learning Disability Service



## Community Information Session

**24th August 2011, 2:00pm—7:00pm**  
Roewood Bungalow, Firshill Rise (off Firshill Crescent)

### Everyone Welcome

Come and see our  
exciting plans for the  
Intensive Support Service  
building on the Roewood site!

Refreshments Provided





# Earl Marshall Juniors – season preparations

Story: Mick Ashman | Photo: Delroy Galloway

**The football season may not start until September but Earl Marshall Juniors teams are already working hard to prepare themselves.**

The Under 10s recently entered two teams into the Eckington Football Tournament – and ended up facing each other in the final! Yazid Omar's fine goalkeeping efforts in the semi final penalty shoot out against Heeley FC guaranteed that an Earl Marshall side would go on to lift the trophy. The closely contested final was eventually settled when Daniel Knight curled his corner into the net.

From September the Under 11s players will be making the big step up to 11-a-side football in Division B. The team have already delivered three excellent



performances in their initial pre season friendly matches – most recently an impressive 2-1 win over Division A side Middlewood Rovers.

The Under 14s finished 5th in Division A – and have worked hard over the last two months in training with the aim of improving this position in the Under 15s league

Regular friendly games during July and August for both Under 15s and 16s are important for the coaches to look at how

individual players adapt to their new positions.

Earl Marshall FC continues to work hard to promote junior football in our local community and the club is keen to recruit young players. There are still some spaces available in next season's Under 9s and Under 8s teams.

**To be eligible boys and girls should be in Years 2, 3 or 4 from September. For further details of weekly training arrangements contact Mick Ashman (Club Secretary) on 07843 731 430.**

## Volunteers of the year

Story: Imran Ali

**Two Sheffield youths, Atif Aslam and Zubair Khaliq, have been jointly nominated by Activity Sheffield as the Young Citizens of the Year for their volunteer work with the Burngreave Tigers, a local sports club in affiliation with Sheffield City Council.**

Atif and Zubair have been volunteering at the Burngreave Tigers, based at Firvale School, on Saturday mornings for over two years, and were nominated by Activity Sheffield's Imran Ali because of their hard work and dedication. The award is part of this year's Star's Superkids Awards that nominates young people in recognition of their talents, educational progress, excellence in music and sport, bravery and citizenship.



## Cricket event at Fir Vale

Story: Rashida Hassanali  
Photos: Shadab Ahmed

**On the 3rd July 2011 Fir Vale Community & School Partnership, together with Friends of Owler Brook School, held a community cricket tournament, with food to share, thanks to funding from the Council's Food Festival**

**Awards. The event brought adults & young people from different schools and backgrounds together**



The event was a huge success and the community particularly enjoyed the relaxed and informal atmosphere. Parent volunteers from both schools prepared homemade dishes for others to try, including Yemeni pancakes, lasagne, pani puri (Gol Gappe) and samosas. Fruit smoothies and mango lassi were also on offer. After food was served, henna & nail art, makeup and threading were on offer, again provided by local community members at a very reasonable cost. The Council also funded Wheely Fun tryout bicycles and Dr Bike for minor bicycle repairs, which both proved very popular.

40 young people of different ages took part in the tournament organised by Activity Sheffield worker, Imran Ali, with support from well known local cricket players Liaqat Ali and Ifthikar Afzal. The winners were the Rajasthan Royals captained by Atif Aslam who was also awarded a medal for Batsman of the Tournament.



## Sunshine and showers

Story & photos: Douglas Johnson

**It was sunshine and showers at Parkwood Academy's summer fair on Saturday 16th July.**

The heavy bursts of rain put off many people from attending so the turnout was much lower than previous years. This was compounded by the school having very little space to hold the



event due to the huge building project that is the new school premises under construction.

The Romano Jilo dancers – many of whom study at the school – were out to entertain, with some lively music, all compered by the ever-present Mr Howard. There were also tours of the new construction, giving a taster of the first-class facilities that will be available next year.

## Campaign for family wins award

Story: Linda Keane

**A runners-up award from the Speaker's School Council 2011 Annual Award Scheme was presented to St Catherine's Catholic Primary School. The annual scheme, launched in 2009 by The Speaker of the House of Commons, recognises the most inspiring and engaging achievements of school councils across the UK.**

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School this year won the runner up prize for the Okpara Campaign, which was launched in support of a pupil and their family from the school facing deportation. On returning to a new school term, the school council were alerted to this news, and decided to research Human Rights issues, the law, and met with the family. This culminated in an assembly based on their interview and their findings, asking each pupil in the school to contribute to a banner to show messages of support. They also involved local news and wrote to the Children's Commissioner about their campaign. The family have now been allowed to stay whilst the children finish their education.

David Blunkett, MP for Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough, came to St Catherine's Primary school on Friday 8 July 2011 to present a runners-up award



from the Speaker's School Council at St Catherine's Catholic Primary School.

David Blunkett said: "It's wonderful for the youngsters to have done so well to be runners up nationally for the work they have done. This is young citizenship at its very best with the school council working as we always hoped it would, to give youngsters a feel not only of how the world works but the influences they can bring to bear."

The award scheme is open to every primary school, secondary school and college in the country and has become a highly prized award. The judges were looking for the way student councils have enhanced their school's relationship with the community or the environment, or in the areas of democracy, engagement, learning and teaching.

## Owler Brook are road safe

Story: Claire Shaw



**Owler Brook school have been working hard with the Sheffield City Council Road Safety Team to teach children and families about the importance of road safety and car safety 'belt up'.**

Kerbcraft came into school and did a very special assembly around road safety, in addition to taking children out onto the road and teaching the basics. Parents were also invited to an assembly.

The school got a special visit from Joffi bear who showed parents and children the importance of being safety aware, wearing visible clothes and wearing a seatbelt in cars.

All our families are now ready to be road and car safe for the Summer Holidays.



# Dance, Drama & Music Summer Event

9th–11th August, 1–5.30pm  
Verdon Street Recreation Centre

Ellesmere Youth Project (EYP) will be running a 3 day event during the summer holidays for local young people to engage in dance/drama/arts activities with the broad theme of 'conflict'.

The purpose of the event is to bring young people from across the community together to showcase their talents. The event will also be an opportunity to feed back to local



young people on a consultation currently being carried out by EYP's Conflict Resolution Worker.



The event is aimed at 12-16 year olds and will take place 9th – 11th August at Verdon Street Recreation Centre, from 1pm until 5.30pm.

There will be dance, drama, music production and urban art workshops available. The cost for young people to take part will be £3 per day, this includes refreshments and access to up to four hours of quality tuition. Young people are encouraged to attend all three days of workshops in order to work towards a performance for family and friends.

The event is a joint initiative between Ellesmere Youth Project, Sheffield Futures and Activity Sheffield. Local photographer, Anwar Suliman, will also be present with one of his young assistants to photograph the event.

Anyone interest in taking part needs to contact Danielle on 0114 2133 120 or at [danielle@eyproject.org.uk](mailto:danielle@eyproject.org.uk)

## Romano Jilo certificates

Romano Jilo dancers have performed at many of this year's festivals. Every year their act gets better, and now the young people have been recognised for all the extra hours they put in.

Sheffield Children's University awarded each dancer with an individual certificate to recognise the time and effort put into rehearsing and performing. The Certificates were presented at the Burngreave Ward meeting by local councillors, and show the number of hours the dancers have spent learning in their free time.

Penny Rea from the Children's University said, "Hopefully this is just the start of the lifelong journey in learning that will lead to a successful future."



## Two weeks to make it

Story: Martin Currie

Local resident, Martin Currie, his ten year old son Frankie, artist Steve Pool, and filmmakers Peter Applerock and Peter Chuba won the 2011 music video competition "2 Weeks 2 Make it".

The video they made for the Bradford based band "Wilful Missing" shows a flooded Sheffield, the water steadily rising to cover lead singer Sam Kipling, as actor David Castleford swims through the drowning city.

Martin told us, "At the start of the competition the names of pairs of bands and film makers got drawn from a hat and we had two weeks to make a music video together.

I came up with an idea involving Dave Castleford and we launched into production. With the lead singer and the two Peters, Steve did some great shooting, and it all started to come together. We delivered our video with a good ten minutes to spare, and we won, to my complete astonishment.

The prize was some cash, equipment hire and facilities to make another video. I

asked all members of the team to come up with an idea and we would chose one to make, but things snowballed and now we're making all of them.

## Zero Budget Movie Festival

We plan to host an outdoor film festival called "Cheap Thrills", in Burngreave on September 10th, where all our 'zero-budget' films will be shown, and lots more beside. My seven year old son Robin and his friend Erin have made the first film, so no one has any excuse.

You make a short film and we'll show it! It must be under six minutes long, be entertaining and be suitable for a family audience. Entry is free and the event is free. Win a Really Cheap Prize. See you in September!

Send enquiries, links or films to [Martin@littleredlight.co.uk](mailto:Martin@littleredlight.co.uk)

# Young people's gospel choir

Story: Vivien Urwodhi | Photo Anwar Suliman

**Young people from Shiloh Church in Burngreave made their first public performance at Abbeyfield Park festival in July.**

Up to 20 young people take part in the choir each week at the church, with choir director Nichol Shirley. They all work together as a group to sing songs by Gospel musicians such as Kirk Franklin. She said, "music is a big part of their lives, and it helps them build their confidence."

The young people, whose ages range from 7 to 18 years, do loads of activities at Shiloh including drama, dancing, poetry, music and their choir. They are hoping to invite other young people from different backgrounds and different communities



to take part, and their public performance was a way to show people what the group is about.

Pastor Beverley Marrett explained that the young people come together each week - Tuesdays is youth club, Thursday is bible discussion and Saturday is performance day. The Youth Group leader Celia Jackson-Chambers, who is one of the volunteers working with young people, said, "the club is fun in a

Christian environment; young people learn how to respect each other and treat others as they would like to be treated themselves."

Young people at the church said, "it's fun, it's a good place to relax and talk. And we can teach each other things like dance and drama."

**For more information call Pastor Beverley Marrett on 07890 027 854.**



## Healthy Caribbean barbeque

Story & photo: Vivien Urwodhi

**Caribbean Health and Well-being Group volunteers organised a day of food and activities on 3rd July at SADACCA, as part of Sheffield food festival.**

There was plenty of things to do for the whole community, with a dominos tournament, karaoke and card games. Children showed older members games on the Nintendo wii, and everyone enjoyed listening to reggae music and zumba dancing for fitness.

Some members of the Caribbean health and well-being group were congratulated for taking part in the Race for Life, which is a charity run to support people with breast cancer. Each year members run in memory of two founding members of the group who died from breast cancer.

The atmosphere of the event was fabulous, and the bright sunshine was just right for the healthy barbecue which included grilled yam, breadfruit and chicken, with salad and rice.

**The Group's next event: Member's Allotment growers competition 29th August, 1-8pm at SADACCA. For more info call 263 4404**

## Party at Devon Gardens

Story: Gaynor Carr | Photo: John Mellor

**Another year, another great Party in the Park at Devon Gardens on Saturday 9 July, with plenty of local people and to top it all, the weather blessed us with bright sunshine!**



Activity Sheffield organised great games and activities for the local children, and neighbours and residents came out in force, bringing all sorts of delicious home-made dishes to share.

The Friends of Devon Gardens held their Annual General Meeting, with reports from chairman John Chapman, treasurer Mir Khan and secretary Phil Jakob. Last year the park was awarded a prestigious Green Pennant and we are waiting to hear the results of this year's re-assessment visit. The Friends have held a number of clear-up sessions and bulb planting events during the year, to ensure the park stays looking beautiful all year round.

**It's a great social group, so if you'd like to be involved please see our web pages at [www.burngreavemessenger.org/community/friends-of-devon-gardens](http://www.burngreavemessenger.org/community/friends-of-devon-gardens), or call John Chapman on 07860 101907, or Phil Jakob on 07796 977856.**



## Heart in the Community Awards



Burngreave Community Radio team presented with their Heart In The Community award

Eighteen individuals and groups were nominated in the Burngreave Ward for a Heart in the Community Award and all of these unsung heroes and heroines were invited to receive their certificates at the Burngreave Area Ward meeting on Thursday 16 June at Fir Vale School.

The Certificate winners included:

**Peter Lamb** – who has received the highest award in scouting

**Burngreave Community Radio** – for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

**Christine Steers** – a member of the Friends of Burngreave Chapel and Cemetery

**Zabeda Hussain** – a good role model for other women and has put lots of time and energy back into the community.

**Michelle Cook** – for the voluntary work she does all over Burngreave.

**Bryn Gaines** – for his work with Environmental Services to help clear public open spaces and improve the street scene.

**Shahnaz Hussain** – for the huge positive impact she has made on many



Paul Howard receives his certificate

people's lives

**Val Ellis** – for encouraging and motivating people with mental health problems

**Zaiada Bibi** – is an excellent role model to all members of the community.

**Lisa Harrison and Shahnaz Mahmood** – for their work with the Roma Slovak community

**Paul Howard** – for his long service as Deputy Head at Parkwood School.

**Romano Jilo Dancers** – for their performance at the Heart in the Community Awards ceremony in March at the Town Hall.

## Next Public Business Meeting

You are invited to the next Public Business Meeting for the North East Community Assembly which will take place on Wednesday 26 October at Shirecliffe Community Centre, 349 Shirecliffe Road, S5 8XJ.

The meeting runs from 6-8pm and you are invited to share a sandwich with your local Councillors from 5.30pm. This is a meeting where your local Councillors make their decisions in public. They will be discussing and agreeing funding allocations for the discretionary and highways budgets.

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## Councillor Surgery Dates

*There will be no surgeries in August*

**10th September:** Jackie Drayton, 11am–12pm Burngreave Library, 12.15pm–1pm Firshill TARA

**15th September:** Ibrar Hussain, 2pm–3pm Pakistan Advice Centre

**20th September:** Ibrar Hussain, 11am–12pm Shirecliffe Community Centre, 12.15pm–1pm Norwood and Bishopholme TARA

**24th September:** Talib Hussain, 11am–12pm Burngreave Library

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## Next Burngreave Area Ward meeting

Thursday 15 September, 6 - 8pm

Come along and have your say and hear what the North East Community Assembly is doing at the Burngreave Area Ward meeting at Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 131 Burngreave Road, S3 9DG.

The agenda will be published on the website nearer to the meeting.



## Ripples in the pond – new life for old boating lake

Story: Friends of Firth Park

**Work is well underway on the old boating lake, next to the Clock Tower on Firth Park Road and is about to become a reality! The consultation took place alongside an intensive fundraising effort by Friends of Firth Parks & Countryside working in partnership to raise over £200k.**

The project is called 'Ripples in the pond' and will include a wetland area where the

natural spring will trickle into, an amphitheatre for events both formal and informal, a boulder canyon for climbing on and general play, comfortable seating, a totem pole designed by local children, and new footpaths.

Over the years local people have become increasingly dissatisfied with the 'eye sore' in the area. Since the boating lake was drained in the 1960s it has had very little use, even use of the two basketball nets has been affected by the amount of water collecting from the natural spring that feeds into the area causing the ground to be very slippery. In the last few years members of Friends of Firth Park have worked with Amie Rowland from Parks and Countryside (Sheffield City Council) to make it an area that can be enjoyed by everyone.



This has consisted of various discussions with local community groups. While a number of people would have liked the old boating lake back as it was, the council did not think it possible. In response to these discussions, draft plans were drawn up by the architect, Ian Stanyon, and work started in May. It is due to be completed by late July 2011.



The launch will be taking place at the Ripples in the pond site on Sunday 18th September from 2 to 4pm. We hope the Ripples will provide a special place to bring all the community together in a beautiful area, and hope many of you will be able to join the celebrations.

**Friends of Firth Park meet up on the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 6.30pm in the First Start building at the top of the park. All are welcome.**

## Page Hall houses for sale

Sheffield Council has begun to sell off vacant homes in Page Hall after extra freedom was granted at a cabinet meeting in January 2011 to help dispose of the properties.



The Council owns 37 properties in the area, valued at over £1.7 million in total. At least 3 have been sold to date, making about £200,000 in total. These houses, and others currently on the market, are being sold with attached covenants which restricts their sale to owner-occupiers.

The Cabinet report in January, suggests that if the covenant deters potential buyers, the Council can offer the properties to a wider market including private and social landlords.

Originally, money generated from the sales could only be re-invested in the local area. With the new rules, it can be spent across the city.

The money from sales can still be allocated within Fir Vale if a priority is identified. At the moment it is unclear who or what activities might take advantage of it. The Messenger will be raising this issue with the Council. Any response will be on our website.

## A new Tenants and Residents' Group

**Residents of Bressingham and the streets around Brunswick, Verdon and Nottingham Cliff have come together to start a new Tenants and Residents Association (TARA).**

Both areas have been without a TARA for some time. This means that not only do residents not have a strong voice, they also miss out on money to spend in the area.

Members of the Welcome Residents group, who have been meeting regularly at the Welcome centre on Nottingham Street will join the new TARA.

**All tenants and residents of the area are welcome to attend the first Annual General Meeting on Monday 19th September, 6pm at Verdon Recreation Centre.**

You can also talk to Sheffield Homes and residents setting up the TARA on Monday 5th September, 2-4pm on Ellesmere Green, and Thursday 8th September 2-4 outside Verdon Recreation Centre.

**For more information contact David Wilkinson at Sheffield Homes on 293 0000**

See the Messenger website for a full list of streets include in the new TARA's area.







## New Kebabish Grill Bar

Story & Photos: Brent Moya

**Kebabish Grill bar located in the Firvale area, Firth Park Road is a new approach to takeaway food, offering its customers healthy grilled food at an affordable price.**



The restaurant Manager, Mr Nazir looks to continue the success of his family's previous two ventures, Kebabish Original on the Wicker and Prime Pizza also on Firth Park Road with the focus placed firmly on healthy grilled food at an affordable price. "As we've had so much success in the area to date, we thought it a good opportunity to expand. Our aim is to change the image of fast food in order to provide a healthy and affordable service for our loyal customers," he said.

The signs are good with his previous two businesses both receiving 4-star Health and Hygiene awards, while Kebabish Original of the Wicker received the much coveted International Curry Club Certificate Of Excellence Award.

The 18 seater restaurant boasts a similar menu to that of its Wicker counter part with a variety of House specials on offer such as Lamb Tikka Masala or Shali Haleem in addition to more traditional Lamb, chicken and fish favourites all cooked to perfection before your very eyes. Milkshakes, juices, non-alcoholic drinks and desserts are also the order of the day here.

Local resident Asad Ali, who purchased a Peri Peri burger, had this to say; "The food here is exquisite, we are spoilt for choice as the area is awash with takeaways but the quality of the food and customer service here is second to none."

I ordered a grilled Chicken Kebab Meal and have to say it's amongst the best that I've tasted while the service was also second to none!

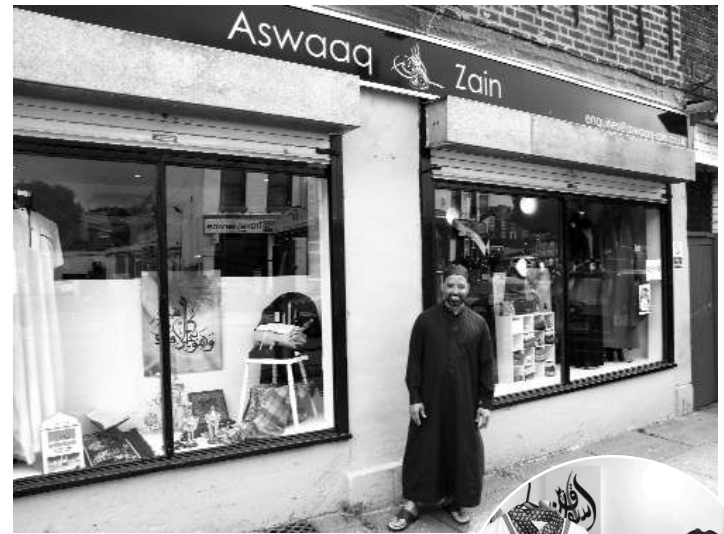
**Kebabish Grill bar, 46 Firth Park Road, Sheffield S5 6WN is open 11.30am to 12 midnight Monday to Friday and 4pm to 12 midnight Saturday and Sunday.**

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## Aswaaq-Zain leading the way

Story: Saleema Imam | Photos: Rohan Francis

**Aswaaq-Zain opened on Ellesmere Road six months ago. Its restrained elegant window display marks it out from others on the Spital Hill shopping centre.**



Proprietor Zain Abdulla already well known in our area aims, "to provide up-to-date 'big city' fashion for the Sheffield muslim community; clothes the professional person can wear for work or leisure, without compromising on either modesty or tradition."

His intention is that the boutique should be a leader in transforming the image of Spital Hill, making it a place to attract discerning shoppers from throughout the city.

Aswaaq-Zain is currently the only shop - city-wide - offering contemporary styled Islamic women's swim-wear that is approved by the city leisure centres.

The shop stocks clothing from several international fashion design labels in sizes up to XXL, for both male and female, from newborn to adult. You can buy matching clothing for the whole family or have your own slogans or designs printed onto jackets and T-shirts.

Top quality boxed items jostle with those at more affordable prices. Scarfs, hats, children's books (including the Arabic version of Mr Men) and Halal sweets, perfume, incense burners, miswaks in the guise of fountain pens and other household items are all on view. Something for everyone!

Even better, there is a sale on at the shop until the beginning of Ramadan in August, when there will be more new stock added to the range.

Opening hours: **Monday – Friday 10.00am – 6.00pm, Saturday and Sunday 12noon – 5.00pm.** Closed for about 15 minutes during prayer times each day.

Thoughts for the future include stocking individual sections for men's thaub traditional to their countries of origin and possibly jewellery. The sky's the limit! Look out for the launch of our online shop with discounts for the first 100 shoppers

**Aswaaq –Zain ,42-44 Ellesmere Road, S4 7JD contact [zain@aswaaq-zain.co.uk](mailto:zain@aswaaq-zain.co.uk).**

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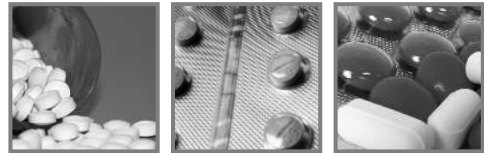
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