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Burngreave Messenger



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Masterplan unveiled

The final draft of the Burngreave and Fir Vale Masterplan has been published. It's on display in the New Deal Shop until 12th November and can be downloaded from the Council's website. After two previous rounds of consultation the last comments are being taken before the final plan goes to the Council for approval in the new year. If agreed, it will set the framework for the transformation of Burngreave, guiding both public spending and private sector investment.

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Fir Vale East & Wensley Estates
Clearance of some narrow terraces and building of approximately 250 houses (80% privately owned) with parking and improved green spaces and other means to 'design-out crime'.

Page Hall & Upwell Street
Environmental improvements to Page Hall, with better parking and pedestrian facilities, relocation of businesses in the Upwell area and new housing.

Catherine Street
Demolition of 19 houses and 24 flats, with 52 new houses built, the closure of Brotherton Street to traffic and improvements to Somerset Road playground.

Owler Lane, Skinnerthorpe Road & Earl Marshall
Major redesign of the Owler Lane junction and demolition and rebuilding of shops and flats with a new slip road. Rebuilding of Skinnerthorpe Road and Earl Marshall housing with a new cluster of community facilities.

Woodside
Around 325 new residential units (75% houses, 25% flats, 80% private), new business units on Woodside Lane and improvements to Stanley Fields Park.

Spital Hill
Major rebuilding, in phases, to create a retail core, a community core and an employment zone. Plans include a complex of businesses and flats around Lion works and Spital Street as the new ring road joins Burngreave Road above the Wicker Arches, an indoor market on the old garage site, a new foodstore with parking, new housing to replace Ellesmere Old People's Home and the refurbishing of the Vestry Hall and Sorby House.

Despite one of the most extensive consultations in Burngreave's history, some businesses have been worried about their future and feel they haven't been kept in touch. Residents have expressed concerns about losing their homes and not being able to afford the new prices. In the final draft of the plan the Council stress their intention is not to extinguish existing businesses, but to provide better accommodation and environments for them. They say they will do all they can to help existing residents, both during the phased redevelopment and with buying or renting new homes.

On pages 4 and 5 we bring you views from local businesses and residents when we showed them the plans. For more information about the plan contact Maria Duffy on 273 4992.

There is a link to the full plans on <http://www.burngreavemessenger.org.uk/>.

Burngreave Carnival Of Lights

Saturday 20th November 2004

5pm - 8pm on Ellesmere Green

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Contact us to book a place at your nearest FREE November lantern/carnival costume making workshop for children and adults prior to the carnival. Come and see...

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Burngreave Green Environment Programme Events List for November



Burngreave Green Environment Programme

Crazy Night Time Critters.

Thursday 11th November 4pm–6pm. Osgathorpe Park.
Meet at the Earl Marshal Road entrance.

A fun and mysterious evening looking for the animals of the park by night with crafts and lots of story telling! So don't be scared, bring a friend if you need to and explore the magic of the park by night.

One World.

Saturday 27th November 10.30am–3pm.
Meet outside Abbeyfield House.

The Burngreave Green Environment Programme Community Forestry Project will be celebrating the rich cultural diversity of Burngreave with the planting of trees native to the countries and cultures represented in the area.

Contact Richard Gill or Simon Hill on 0114 273 4190

One World.

Saturday 4th December 10.30am–3.00pm.
Meet at Osgathorpe Park Pavilion.

The Burngreave Green Environment Programme Community Forestry Project will be celebrating the rich cultural diversity of Burngreave with the planting of trees native to the countries and cultures represented in the area.

Contact Richard Gill or Simon Hill on 0114 273 4190

Winter Warming Walk in Roe Woods.

Sunday 12th December 10.30am–1.00pm.
Meet at main vehicle entrance gate on Norwood Road.

A relaxing winter ramble of about 2.5 miles through the woods and along to Crabtree Pond looking at winter tree identification. A fun and easy walk finishing with a cup of warming soup in the woods.



Burngreave Ramblers Walking Dates



Saturday 20th November
Saturday 11th December

Walks leave from Abbeyfield Park gates, Abbeyfield Road at 11.00am and return about 3.30pm

Walks are about 5–7 miles and moderately easy – usually in the Peak District

Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing

Check whether to take packed lunch/drink or whether pub/café lunch

If you wish to bring children, please confirm suitability of walk

Please check arrangements beforehand

For any further information please contact:

David 242 3870 (db.peck@virgin.net)

Jill 243 8867 or

Gaby 275 8875



We look forward to seeing you. Happy walking!

GreenFingers

Pitsmoor Surgery Primary
Mental Health Care Project



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For an informal discussion, please contact:
Patrick Edwards on 250 2717

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Dear Messenger

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Pitsmoor. All newsletters and correspondence are the voice of Burngreave. Pitsmoor seems to have been forgotten. This may seem of no importance but it is to me and other Pitsmoor residents I have spoken to, as Pitsmoor seems to have been lost.

As an elderly resident of over fifty years, I feel it is my responsibility to make sure that Pitsmoor stays on the map. We need to be recognized as Pitsmoor as we have always been.

Mrs W Bentley

Dear Messenger

It was great to see that the communities in Burngreave are getting involved when New Deal comes to our community to 'consult', especially on the day at the Recreation Centre on Verdon Street. Unfortunately, I run a business so I couldn't attend the beginning of the meeting, but I did hear a person speak about the need to look after our elders. This an important fact to adhere to, because they built our community. More work needs to be for our elders – we too will grow old, so... do to others what we would like done to us. What I and many in our community don't want to see is progress forgetting the visions, work, and sacrifices that have built our communities through our elders' own hands. Our elders are part of our history, our dreams and they've given so much for the future generation, and it's time to look after our elders with great reverence. Without them we wouldn't be here now to step into the 21st century.

But, I didn't agree when that same person started saying New Deal has done a lot of work. Not that I want to rain on anyone's parade in bringing the £52 million. What one needs to understand, and what New Deal needs to appreciate is this fact – it's the people of Burngreave that put in the hard work. Their sweat, their commitment, their dreams and the sacrifices they make, really drive and make Burngreave what it is now and what it will become in

the future. This is exactly what makes Sheffield a great city and Burngreave a place where thousands of dreams are born and celebrated.

If any thanks need to be given for any hard work, it is to the people of Burngreave from all communities that take initiative, go for the jobs, contribute voluntarily, attend daytime and evening meetings – sometimes investing from their own pockets when funding runs out so projects carry on, and so youths are not in the street or an elderly person is helped to visit the doctors, or they build business forums and creative arts network tools, or provide constant information that's distributed to thousands in Burngreave. These are the real heroes and the people one should aim our thanks to. These are the very people we should be celebrating.

Finally, what needs to be done, which I don't think anyone has mentioned, is the fact that the great New Deal Master Plan for our communities is very vague. New material needs to be designed to simplify, go into depth, which describes, illustrates and talks in the language of the people. I hope New Deal can maybe work together with the *Messenger* to re-design such materials ie leaflets, brochures, maybe in the diverse languages of our diverse communities. I don't know but it would be helpful and much appreciated. Thank you.

Adam Taha

Dear Messenger

I have now worked for Green City Action for over six years and after the Burngreave Carnival of Lights on November 20th I am moving on to a new job. It has been an exciting and challenging time that I have really enjoyed, especially setting up the Abbeyfield Park Multicultural Festival in 1999. Before I go I wanted to express my thanks to Green City Action staff and Trustees past and present and the wonderful diverse people of Burngreave, many of whom have shared my enthusiasm and shown support.

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Playing with fire

I went to speak to a resident whose house looks out over Osgathorpe Park. Wishing to remain anonymous, the resident raised concerns about a gang of teenage boys and the continuing incidents of stolen vehicles being driven in the park.

"It goes on up to 2am and the first time I rang the police on 999. They didn't arrive until an hour later, about the same time as the fire engine. Of course the torching of the vehicle inside the younger ones' newly-painted play area could have been avoided by a quicker response."

Stolen vehicles access the park through a broken wall claims the resident. "It was reported and fixed, but two days later another vehicle was driven through it by the same gang. Now this has happened on three occasions."

Interacting with local park services this resident was also shocked to discover they knew nothing about the vehicle-torching incident. "Why the police or even fire department didn't inform the Park Services, who are on the ground, would fix the wall and can interact with local youth services, shows a lack of co-ordination that only allows things to continue I believe," added this irate resident whose words seemed to make a lot of sense.



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by Rob Smith

Fir Vale crackdown

From 1st November a six-month Dispersal Order will be in place in Fir Vale. This includes Wensley Estate, Osgathorpe Park, and Page Hall. There will be a high-profile police presence every day to deal with problems around 'Class A' drug dealing, violent crime, the carrying of weapons and anti-social behaviour.

The order will allow police to move on any group of two or more people and there will be a curfew between 9pm and 6am for young people under the age of 16. John Ekwubiri, Community Safety Inspector for Burngreave, told the *Messenger*, "This is short-term pain for long-term gain. The order has been put in place because of anti-social behaviour and drug dealing and is in response to calls from councillors, forums and residents. It is not related to the incident of the burnt-out car in Osgathorpe, which I am looking into to find out why the police response was so slow."

Abbeyfield alternative

As we reported in our July and August issues, tensions between residents and young people in Abbeyfield Park have also been causing concern. The young people say they are frustrated that despite all the money in the area there's still nothing for them to do in the Park, and that they get seen in a bad light. However, residents have still felt intimidated and upset by their behaviour and feel let down by the police.

In October, New Deal brought together agencies working with young people and residents and workers from Abbeyfield Park House. Many felt young people had been let down and the meeting agreed to try to make the Stables at the back of Abbeyfield House into a youth club, with workers from projects like the Green Environment Project and Sheffield Futures working together. Calls were made for young people to be more involved in deciding how money is spent while others were keen to avoid the use of anti-social behaviour contracts.

Alongside the action to improve the bowling green and tennis pitches (see page 17) a different approach to young people is being tried in Abbeyfield Park, but even small scale efforts take months, a temporary shelter promised in July has still not appeared and none of the plans are certain yet.

The Editorial



Although the scale of the problem in these two parks seems to be quite different, the stories about Osgathorpe and Abbeyfield highlight different ways of responding to young people's behaviour. The *Messenger* is worried dispersal orders and curfews are last resorts that risk further confrontation and criminalisation of Burngreave's young people. Unless the long-term work is done to give them something better to do, a crack down won't solve the problem.

There is a £1million, 6 year, New Deal project in the pipeline to fund Sheffield Futures to provide extra detached youth work, but is it too little too late? It's not just about making contact with young people but also about providing quality facilities, in the right locations. Some facilities already exist, such as The Pavillion in Osgathorpe Park, the Verdon Street Rec and All Saints Centre, but young people are still choosing to find entertainment elsewhere.

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The Burngreave Messenger is a community newspaper, funded by New Deal, with editorial independence. We aim to increase and encourage communication in Burngreave. Each edition is put together by an editorial team who write articles not otherwise credited. This month's team: Farzana Ahmed, Kate Atkinson, Annie Blindell, Clare Burnell, Mark Lankshear, Jamie Marriott, Carl Rose, Rob Smith, Gaby Spinks, Lisa Swift and Paul Taylor.

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All welcome.

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Community News

The Cactus Club Update

On 28th September the Cactus Club management were granted planning permission for their building on Earsham Street, and are now working with building regulators, to bring the premises up to health and safety standards.

“This will give us the capacity to hold approximately 450 people, with full disabled facilities to cater for everybody,” explained present manager and licence applicant Anwar Suliman. The club will recruit up to 30 staff members. “And this will be advertised fairly soon in shops around the area to attract and employ local people first.” Anwar added.

On 29th October a provisional public entertainments licence was also granted. The club’s management hope that when all work is complete a full licence will be granted.

BWRC Celebrating Achievements



Black Women’s Resource Centre have had another successful year and are inviting people to an open to day to celebrate the achievements of the children using the centre.

“We want people to come and celebrate with us. The children’s achievements have been made possible by welcoming and respecting the rich cultures and languages of the diverse communities in Burngreave.”

Following the presentation there will be a social event where information will be shared about the BWRC Children’s Project and its future development.

Achievements Presentation Day, Saturday 20th November, 12am–3pm, 72a Burngreave Road.

Allotments

Grimesthorpe Allotments has again been disturbed by vandals and thieves this month. The the New Deal funded community room, a metal portakabin with kitchen facilities and toilets, was broken into and most of the kitchen facilities were taken, including the cutlery and the tea and coffee.

Chair of the Community Gardens Group, Rob Bullock said, **“It’s a real pain to get the windows and shutters fixed, they took our fridge and our meeting table as well as a little heater that was fixed to the wall. This damage has got to stop, what with several sheds being burnt down in recent months it will just lead to gardeners leaving the allotments. The police have promised to spend more time around the site.”**

One allotmenter complained that he had tried to get through to the police on 220 2020 to report the torching of his shed, but had to give up because there was no answer. Security measures have now been added to the gates, but allotmenters are losing patience and are looking into other ways to stop this continuing problem.

Masterplan for Burng

The Council have been consulting residents at different locations and meetings including the Fir Vale Forum, Burngreave Community Action Forum and the Area Panel meeting. Information will continue to be available at the New Deal information Shop on Spital Hill until 12th November. The Messenger has been to find out what people are saying around Burngreave...

Area Panel

The Burngreave Area Panel meeting on the 28th October was a well attended and, at times, angry meeting. People were worried about their homes and businesses: When would houses be knocked down? What price would they get for their home or business? Would they need to take on a new mortgage to afford the new properties? What about suitable Islamic mortgages?

In response to this Council Officers suggested that, after the master plan is agreed, many of these issues would be sorted out when an implementation plan is produced. Both Councillors present, Jackie Drayton and Ibrar Hussain made it clear that existing local businesses were important and needed to be taken into account in any plans.

The Council are planning a meeting after Ramadam for business owners to find out more. Contact Maria Duffy or Shanza Hussain 273 4992.

Owler Lane Fir Vale

“The Masterplan is a good thing. The area needs a bit of looking after.”

Three women waiting for a bus in Fir Vale were concerned about the changes:

“Doing the community consultation during Ramadan wasn’t a very good idea. Lots of people just stay at home.”

“It’s knocking down for the sake of knocking down. Old houses are generally better built than these new ones.”

“The new houses look horrible and don’t last as long as these. They’ll be knocked down 10 years later and then where will we be?”

The proprietor of One Stop Computers said, “The Masterplan is mainly looking at the area near the Hospital, not at the real community near the Mosque and the Church. They want the area to look good but they aren’t really thinking of the people who live here.”

“It will be a shock to some of the older residents,” said a woman in the electrical shop.

While a former member of Fir Vale Forum said, “Everyone seems to be neglecting the side roads. We’re spending our own money doing our properties up with no help from anyone.”

“It needs doing but it’s such a long process, and people are worried they’ll only be able to afford to do selected areas. I don’t know how I will be able to afford a new house with the money I’ll get for mine.” – Tammy Pear, Bagley Road



Dear *Messenger*

In your October 2004 issue, you published an article and an editorial on the deplorable attack on the Carwood Mini Market. In these, sentences such as “like others I realise this boils down to someone else’s greed and selfishness” and “did they receive wages from a paymaster?” were used. I would suggest that these are either unwarranted speculation or imply an understood motive which is deliberately concealed from your readership.

Furthermore, I was amazed to read that the attack “wasn’t a racial or black on black crime” as “one youth assailant was white and the masked attacker black”. The implication is that, had they both been white, we would be dealing with a racist attack or, had they both been black, this could have been a black on black crime. This is a superficial and dangerous interpretation as judging individuals’ motivations from their looks could constitute a form of discrimination.

In circumstances where race is not an issue, there is no reason not to leave it out altogether. This suggestion could have been useful in the Burngreave Sports Project insert in Issue 43 (August 2004), where it was stated that the project was aimed at “children and young people, women and girls, black and ethnic minority groups, people with disabilities and over 50s”. By elimination, this leaves out white men, 49 or younger, who are not young people and not disabled! Why should a community sports project leave them out? Did they not notice them? I cannot think of a plausible reason for creating exclusions in community sport. This dangerous omission leaves the door wide open for more dishonourable organizations to fill the gap.

Nicholaus Hall

Dear *Messenger*

I am writing from the Burngreave Green Environment Programme (BGEP) to update the *Messenger* and its readers on progress being made to improve Abbeyfield Park Bowling Green.

BGEP has been working with the Bowlers and our partners, Sheffield City Council, Green City Action and BCAF to improve the green to allow the bowlers to play in 2005. We appreciate the bowlers have been frustrated with the state of their green, which has resulted in them having to play on ‘non-home’ ground. I am pleased to report that work has already started on site to prepare the green prior to re-seeding with pre-germinated seed. A two metre metal fence, in keeping with the heritage status of Abbeyfield, will be installed at the beginning of November this year. Working with the Council we will also be

Respect to Bereavement Services

Dear *Messenger*

Last month, on visiting Burngreave Cemetery, we were shocked to discover that the headstone on our family grave had been removed. After an exchange of correspondence a meeting was arranged in the cemetery with workmen. I am just writing to tell you of the kindness we received – and we have the utmost faith that this job is being carried out with the greatest respect. We would just like to say thank you to them.

Ex-angry resident

Following last month’s page 6 article ‘A lack of respect’, Friends of Burngreave Cemetery and Chapel contacted us with news of progress on this issue. Bereavement Services have done a full survey of monuments in Burngreave Cemetery because the Friends group is so active, doing guided walks, tree planting and family research. 12,000 memorials have been tested and 1,200 have been found to be dangerous and will be laid down, with the proper equipment, face up so they can be read. Bereavement Services also promised to monitor the work of the contractors more carefully. They have also assured the Friends that as many monuments as possible will be put back up early next year.

For more information about the work contact Bereavement Services 239 6068 or visit the Friends of Burngreave Cemetery and Chapel any Sunday 11am–3pm at the Chapel. – [ed]



Work begins on the bowling green.

installing plastic gullies rather than wood for longevity and pipes for a future irrigation system. Obviously the grass on the green will take time to establish and the bowlers may not be able to play at Abbeyfield until the summer but alternative arrangements have been made. All this work has been paid for by New Deal, through BGEP’s existing funding agreement.

We are also planning to redevelop the old tennis courts into a Multi-Use Games Area, which will include a five-a-side football pitch and cricket

facilities. This will result in high-class facilities for the people of Burngreave.

Jane Haigh – Environmental Programme Manager

To join the bowlers contact Mr Tew on 246 7261. – [ed]



contact: 276 9134

Burngreave Area Panel

Bring out your rubbish



Once again the Burngreave Area Panel and Street Force are funding a series of Bring Out Your Rubbish Days covering the whole of our area over the next six months.

We want to help keep Burngreave clean by making sure everyone can dispose of their rubbish properly. These days are your chance to get rid of large unwanted items. Look out for the leaflet through your letterbox letting you know how it all works.

We have also arranged for Sheffield Community Recycling Action Program (SCRAP) to offer a recycling service as part of your Bring Out Your Rubbish Day. SCRAP will come round to pick up any reusable items such as old furniture or white goods ahead of the bin lorry on the day. Look in the leaflet for information about your day.

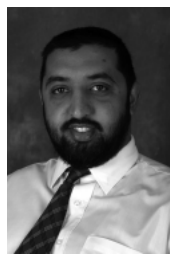
Street Force will also be doing extra street cleaning as part of each day and the Area Panel will be supporting local people to help clean up their area. This is your chance to make a real difference to the quality of your neighbourhood. We will provide bin bags, gloves, litter pickers, help and advice to anyone who wants to arrange some clean up work. To find out how you can get involved contact the Burngreave Area Action Team on 276 9134.

How can you help?

- Do make the most of your Bring Out Your Rubbish Day, look out for the leaflet through your letter box telling you what to do.
- Do let SCRAP know in advance if you have any reusable or recyclable goods by calling them on 275 5599.
- Do get together with others to clean-up a local eyesore, just call us on 276 9134 and we will help you.
- Do spend 5 minutes cleaning the front of your home – imagine the difference if everyone did this.
- Do report fly tipping, graffiti and abandoned cars by calling 273 4567.
- Don't put out any of the following items: refrigerators, freezers, asbestos (eg old guttering), gas bottles, car tyres, car batteries, stones and bricks. We cannot take these items, if they are placed out they will be returned.

Councillor's Surgery Dates

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



- 9th November 5.30 to 6.00pm at Wensley, Tenants' and Residents' Association, 5 Wensley Croft
- 11th November 10.30 to 11.30am at The Furnival, Verdon Street
- 13th November 11.00 to 12.00am at Burngreave Library, Spital Hill and 12.15 to 1.00pm at Firhill Tenants' and Residents' Association, 11a Firhill Glade

- 18th November from 12.30 to 1.30pm at Earl Marshal Youth Centre, Heathcote Street
- 25th November 6.00 to 7.00pm at Shirecliffe Community Centre opposite Busk Meadow Park
- 26th November 2.30 to 3.30pm at Carwood Cornerstone, Grimesthorpe Road / Carwood Road

Next Area Panel Meeting Dates

- Thursday 25th November, 6.30 to 8.30pm, Owlter Brook School, Wensley Street – Community Safety Issues in the Wensley area
- Thursday 9th December, 6.30 to 8.30pm – Fir Vale School, Owlter Lane – topic to be confirmed
- Thursday 27th January, 6.30pm at Sheffield Town Hall – Burngreave New Year's Honours Awards

Don't forget you can contact the Area Panel and Burngreave Area Action Team at: 12–14 Burngreave Road, S3 9DD.
Tel/Fax: 276 9134 Email: kieron.williams@sheffield.gov.uk

Supporting local groups

The Area Panel aims to support local groups who are working to improve the lives of people in this area. One way we do this is by providing small grants to local groups. We have just made our decision on the latest round of applications and are happy to say all the following groups were successful:

- St James Women's Group
- Al Furqan School
- EL NISAH
- Firhill Parent and Teacher Association
- ASTRA
- Friends of Abbeyfield Park

The closing date for the next round of applications is Friday 4th February 2005.

For an application pack please contact the Area Action Team on 276 9134.

Still looking for local heroes

We are still looking for you nominations for the 2005 Burngreave Area panel New Year's Honours Awards (see last month's *Messenger* for more details). If there is a person or local group you would like to nominate then please contact the Area Action Team on 276 9134.

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Spital Hill

Steve and Richard Bennett have run Bennett's Tyres on Kilton Hill for 14 years, and don't want to move from the area. But the plans hadn't made note of their business and left the Bennetts with doubts about their future.

"As for the overall plans for Spital Hill, I think they're a good idea, but they have to get them right first time," added Richard.

Nelly Ramsey believes the plan for Spital Hill looks fine but she has more concerns about Woodside. "I'm the only owner occupier left on Woodside, and I'm very happy to stay where I am. I haven't had anything about Woodside through my door."

Lloyds Pharmacy believe any improvement to the area is a bonus. "It looks really nice and I hope it's coming all the way up Spital Hill. This will be really positive for the community," said pharmacist Alba Ghelani.

At the bus stop on Burngreave Road, local lads Simon and Tyrone, aged 14, believe doing up Spital Hill is a good idea but mentioned the need for more activities and investment in them. "They need to do up Catherine Park at the back here and Nottingham Cliff," added Tyrone.

Burngreave Off Licence suggested a supermarket catering for all foodstuffs was a good idea.

At the Information Shop, a family from Wade Street, Page Hall, had concerns about their home. "I've invested lots of money mate, and these plans propose to knock down our street." The family were told they'd receive the market value plus ten percent for their 35-year investment in Wade Street if demolished. "This is an investment we made to pass onto our children and means we'd have to do it all again and at our age!" explained the family.

Mr Adam Heath said he had concerns about the plans to

report compiled by Kate Atkinson, Mark Lankshear, Rob Smith & Gaby Spinks

pedestrianise the shopping section of Ellesmere Road. This he believes will cause a drop in trade for many businesses there. "Maybe it should be a car park to service the shops and that indoor food market, which I think is a great idea."



Potential landmark building on Spital Street



Potential flats above shops

Information Shop

The BNDfC Information Shop has made the masterplans available so residents can call in and add their comments. Kate Atkinson went to speak to them about the response they've had.

"We've had a mixed response. The residents' points of view, especially from Fir Vale and Skinnerthorpe areas where they're facing demolition, have all been very negative. A lot have paid their mortgages and don't know why they should move out and then back in and start again on a higher mortgage. A lot are quite emotional." explained Zafar Iqbal.

"We haven't had many complaints from business owners. But the purpose of the Spital Hill redevelopment is not to extinguish business but to provide better accommodation."

"These are only proposals, people think they are the actual plans, but these are set to be approved by the council in January 2005."

Another worker said he represented the views of everyone when he said: "People think they are being pushed out, and that they won't be able to afford the new house prices. People have been in here screaming and shouting, we have to calm them down. An elderly couple who came in have paid all their mortgage off and are in the middle of building a £9,000 conservatory. So, they're not very happy."

"People are happy with things like the new fruit market and they don't mind new flats but they're scared they aren't going to be given to them."

To add your comments about the Masterplan contact Maria Duffy on 273 4992. For housing-related enquiries contact Sam Sykes on 244 6553. You can fill in a questionnaire available at the New Deal Information Shop, or write to Maria Duffy, Sheffield City Council, 4th Floor, Howden House, Sheffield S1 2SH.

The deadline for comments is 18th November.



Owlter Lane Proposals

Burngreave finds its voice



Last month Verdon Street Rec hosted a wealth pictures, stories and displays about the area's history to celebrate the launch of **Burngreave Voices: Our Stories Celebrated**, a project aiming to gather together some of the untold stories of residents' lives and histories. As this familiar venue filled with people of all ages and the Lord Mayor joined the reminiscing, Rose Ardron, from the project's sponsor New Deal, stressed that regeneration was all about people.

As people mingled and leafed through the photographs of Burngreave and its people through the ages they shared memories and stories of their childhoods. Nikky Wilson, the project worker for Burngreave Voices, explained she wanted to make history personal, helping build pride in our diversity and redress the balance left by the lack of written accounts of life in Burngreave.

Over the next three years, Nikky hopes to get in touch with anyone who has stories, 'artifacts' (objects with meaning to their lives) or photographs they want to share. She wants to involve residents in getting these stories told in a wide range of ways across the city and in publications, including the *Messenger*.



Jack Morley told us how, as an Air Raid Precautions messenger boy at Lopham St Chapel, he remembered everyone listening to the Prime Minister announce the start of World War II on the wireless, and rushing to Pye Bank School First Aid Post an hour later as the sirens sounded for the first time.



Books telling the stories of the lives and journeys of some of Sheffield's older residents, from the white, Jamaican, Pakistani and Bangladeshi communities, were on display and can be found in Burngreave Library. Nikky hopes Burngreave Voices will bring together existing work like this and add to it, helping to fill the gaps in the story of our multicultural history.

The next Burngreave Voices event will be a Family History Fun Day at Burngreave Library on Saturday 4th December, 1–4pm. It's free and open to younger children and their parents. As well as a treasure hunt and exploring families histories using the library's computers you get a chance to design your own family crest.

If you have a history you think needs telling, or you'd like to find out more about Burngreave Voices you can get in touch with Nikky on 276 1900.

by Mark Lankshear



Sheffield Lord Mayor Mike Pye said Burngreave should celebrate its history and diversity. The *Messenger* has told many inspiring stories from our area's history that you can read at www.burngreavemessenger.org.uk/history. We hope this project will help even more people get their stories into the *Messenger*.

A New Deal for Burngreave

making its mark Abbeyfield Festival Focus

What makes the Abbeyfield Festival such a success? We asked Panni Poh Yoke Loh, Events Co-ordinator at Green City Action who organise the event, for the low down...

Q1. Tell us your top five facts about the Abbeyfield Festival.

- The Abbeyfield Park Multicultural Festival was first held in July 1999. 5,000 people attended following the success of a 'Chinese Lion Dance' event held by Green City Action in April of that year.
- Not many people know that several of us actually stayed up all night in the park before the first Multicultural Festival to cover the insurance protecting the marquees. Now we have enough funding to pay for professional security guards!
- As soon as one festival is over we start organising the next, it's an ongoing process.
- In 2004, we had 12,000 visitors with performers from as far away as Zimbabwe. We had visitors from Burngreave, other parts of Sheffield and from across Britain.
- In 2004, we had 100 activity stall units with about 80 local community organisations involved.

Q2. What is the best thing about the festival?

The very best thing about the festival is seeing people of many different cultures alongside each other talking and laughing sitting on the grass and under those fantastic mature trees in Abbeyfield Park. In fact, one of the best things about Burngreave is that we all live alongside each other and have so much potential for integration. I also really enjoy seeing those people, who you don't normally see at community meetings, out and about enjoying themselves, this is the real value of the festival and makes it worthwhile.

Q3. How important do you feel an event like this is to Burngreave?

Burngreave needs a place to relax, celebrate, acknowledge each other and have fun together. Having highlights in



A snapshot of the 2004 Abbeyfield Festival.

your life is a natural human need that raises morale in a way that positively affects everyone's wellbeing. Burngreave has a lot to celebrate and to be proud of and it's important for us all to take time to do this.

Q4. How did it feel to win the Social Cohesion award at the 2004 NDC awards?

It was great to have won the award – despite challenges and setbacks, to have been part of instigating this fantastic festival is something that will always have a special place in my heart. It's very rewarding to know that in an era where we know that differences cause separation, disharmony and wars, in Burngreave where we have an abundance of diversity, we have been granted a national award for cohesion.

Q5. How about the festival in 2005 – what can we expect?

The Abbeyfield Park Multicultural Festival 2005 will be great as we have some core funding and we've managed to generate some income for 2005. We have the sound foundations of this wonderful event, the increased co-operation and professionalism and understanding of local people so we can only make it better. Let's look forward to increasing participation in the carnival parade and really decorating the park to make a lovely backdrop for the amazing local talent we have on the stages, stalls and workshops.

Theme Meetings

Everyone is welcome at the following theme meetings:

Health: 6 December, St Peter's, 5.30–7.30pm

Employment & Enterprise: 1 December, Ellesmere Children's Centre, 1.30–3.30pm

Over-arching: 9 November & 14 December, The Furnival, Verdon Street, 6–8pm

Education: 10 November & 8 December, St Peter's Church Hall, Lyons Street, 6–8pm

Housing: 11 November & 9 December, BCAT meeting room, 6–8pm

Crime: 16 November & 21 December, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm

Environment: 25 November & 16 December, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm

Help available

BNDfC is able to offer financial assistance for childcare and transport for members of our community attending BNDfC events. Please contact a theme manager for details of how to apply on 292 2906.

For more information on BNDfC please contact 279 6932

Burngreave New Deal...

It's been a rewarding time all round recently for BNDfC. We have been boosted by the interim results of a national New Deal for Communities (NDC) household survey which has indicated that Burngreave residents believe BNDfC is making a positive impact on the area they live in. Full results of this survey will be available later in November.

Here, we take a look at some of the other things that are helping to put New Deal and the Burngreave community on the map...

Award success

BNDfC is celebrating its success after clinching two awards and receiving special recognition in two others at the NDC Achievement Awards 2004.

The awards ceremony, held in Birmingham and hosted by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, saw BNDfC win the Social Cohesion Award for the annual Abbeyfield Festival that contributes greatly to the cohesion of Burngreave's vibrant and richly diverse community. John Barber, Business Broker at Business in the Community, also walked away as the winner in the Personal Achievement Award for Business Partnership for his work supporting the business community in the area and BNDfC programmes.

Singled out for special recognition was BNDfC board member Aisha 'Special K' Wilson, who was runner-up in the Personal Achievement – resident category. She has made a huge contribution to the Burngreave community and BNDfC through her tireless voluntary work. Jackie Drayton, Councillor for the Burngreave ward and Chair of the Area



(L to R) John Barber, Aisha 'Special K' Wilson, Rob Smith, Lord Rooker the Minister for Regeneration, Cllr Jackie Drayton, Panni Poh Yoke Loh from Green City Action, organisers of the winning Abbeyfield Festival, and Alan Bowman from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

Panel, was also a runner-up in the Personal Achievement – elected representative category for her significant effort as a ward member.

Says Jackie: "I was proud to be proposed for the award and pleased to be given it, but I feel it's important to stress that the work I've done with BNDfC is a joint effort and it couldn't have been done without the help, support and hard work of the Area Panel Co-ordinator, Keiron Williams, Area Panel Support Worker, Marilyn King, members of BCAF and Fir Vale Forum, Officers from Sheffield City Council's regeneration team, BNDfC Community Board members and BNDfC Staff – many thanks to them all."

Important visitors spread the word



(L to R) Rose Ardron and Tony Hall of the BNDfC partnership board and John Clark, BNDfC Chief Executive join Alan Bowman from the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit.

BNDfC has also welcomed some special visitors over the past couple of months who are now fully equipped to spread the word about the excellent work that is taking place in Burngreave.

First to pay us a visit was Alan Bowman from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. He spoke to local people and saw the interventions BNDfC is making to address the social and economic issues in Burngreave.

Next in line were representatives from the

other NDCs across Yorkshire and Humberside. This provided an ideal networking opportunity so good practice and ideas could be shared.

Finally, we welcomed some visitors with a difference, nine British ambassadors from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and British Diplomatic Missions.

They were taken on a tour of the BNDfC area and visited the Catch the Drift youth project for children who are excluded or are in danger of exclusion from school.

It's the business...



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Burngreave businesses have been getting stuck into the nitty gritty of building success in the area through the continuing development of the Business Forum.

September's Forum saw Graham of Parker Communications, a Marketing and PR company, give top tips on marketing, while those attending took a minute each to pitch their business.

The Forum meetings are happening every three months to help bring businesses together, and they have published their first newsletter with business profiles and updates from each Forum meeting. The next large event will be the Business and Enterprise Show on 18 January 2005, where there will be different seminars throughout the day and the business awards (see below) will be announced and presented.

To join the Burngreave Business Forum or to get help with your business contact the Business Support Team on 292 0462.

Now open

Mr Hussein is a proprietor who manages Ellesmere café, travel shop, sweet shop, and now runs this newly opened launderette.

"It opened in August," explains launderette assistant Fatima Own.

"People can come here and do their own washing or have a service wash that will cost 50p per machine load plus, of course, the machine cost."

Large highly-polished and clean industrial tumble dryers and washing machines line the interior of the premises. "People can do their ironing here and, unlike some places, can come and do just that and dry clothes if they want," added Fatima. Ellesmere laundrette is also an agent for St Mathew's dry cleaning services. So for any further information on all material washing facilities and dry cleaning services call Fatima on 275 6277.



Situated 3-7 Ellesmere Road.

by Rob Smith

Announcing the Burngreave Business Awards 2004

The Burngreave Business Awards are open to any business in Burngreave irrespective of business sector or operation. Nominations can be made by the business being entered or by anyone who thinks the business deserves recognition. The closing date is 30th November.

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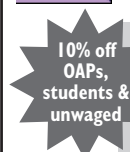
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Earl Marshal strikes back

After good form in preseason games, Earl Marshal’s start to the season has been disappointing. They put all that behind them in the cup trophy by beating previously unbeaten Dronfield, 13–7, in an entertaining home game at Petre Street.

It was a very impressive performance by Earl Marshal and hopefully they can continue in the same way.



Burngreave Saints

Burngreave Saints are proud to have our first female squad member – Sheridan Betts, who plays for the under 7s. She is a great asset to the squad, can run with the ball and takes a mean penalty. Sheridan has been into football for a couple of years and also likes playing on her computer. We welcome boys and girls to our squad.



Rob and Dennis (manager and coach respectively) would like to thank people for their support.

We have also played some friendly games against some stronger teams.

We are still on the lookout for players for the squad. Contact Rob on 281 6885 or 0798 671 8934.

Burngreave Saints are sponsored by Burnbank TARA and Area K TARA.

Sheffield and District Junior Sunday League

Results and fixtures

Date	Under 7s	Under 8s	Under 9s
19 September	1–7 Wickersley Youth <i>[away]</i>	3–0 Wisewood <i>[away]</i>	—
26	7–6 Eckington Boys <i>[away]</i>	—	—
3 October	1–3 Beighton Magpies <i>[home]</i>	5–3 Greenhill <i>[home]</i>	3–10 Dodworth Miners <i>[away]</i>
10	2–2 Beighton Magpies <i>[away]</i>	6–1 Charnock <i>[away]</i>	1–12 Abbey Lane <i>[away]</i>
17	1–10 Dodworth MW <i>[away]</i>	—	13–7 Dronfield <i>[home]</i> CUP
24	2–2 Ecclesfield Red Rose <i>[home]</i>	5–3 Hoyland Common Falcons	—
31	0–6 Laughton Boys <i>[home]</i> friendly	—	11–5 Nether Green <i>[home]</i>
7 November	Wickersley Youth <i>[home]</i>	Throstles <i>[home]</i>	Rawmarsh St Joseph <i>[away]</i>
14	Hoyland Common Falcons <i>[home]</i>	Bramley <i>[away]</i>	Dinnington Town <i>[away]</i>
21	Hillsborough Pumas <i>[away]</i>	—	CUP
28	Sheffield WO <i>[away]</i>	Wasps <i>[home]</i>	Handsworth Boys <i>[home]</i>
5 December	Bramley <i>[home]</i>	Norton Lees <i>[home]</i>	Hackenthorpe <i>[home]</i>

New football squads

BSN is developing a Burngreave boys 14–16 soccer squad. We are also starting a 14 years and above Burngreave Ladies Soccer Team.

Kit, training and equipment will be provided. Call 278 7008 to register your interest in either team.

Football coaching course

The Burngreave Sports Project area is running a football Level 1 coaching award for local budding coaches. The course will be run from Sheffield United Academy on the following dates: Sat 27 Nov (9am–1pm), Wed 1 Dec (6–9pm), Sat 4 Dec (9am–1am), Wed 8 Dec (6–9pm) and Sat 11 Dec (9am–1pm)

The cost for this course is £5 and we only have 20 places. Please contact Katy on 0790 993 6381.

@isaiaS

NOTE NEW TIMES!

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Must be accompanied by an adult

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Learning to Do It Yourself

The Home Owners Maintenance and Advice Scheme has been running DIY classes for owners taking part in the scheme. The New Deal funded project aims to help and encourage owners to identify and carry out external repairs to their home.

The DIY classes, held at The Stables in Abbeyfield Park, show owners how to carry out particular repairs. So far, the classes have covered topics, such as: how to use power tools, pointing, rendering, changing door locks and handles, plumbing, and preparation and painting of woodwork. We have both male and female tutors leading the classes. The classes are very much “hands on” and have been greatly enjoyed by all that have attended, proving you are never too young or old to learn a new skill.



attend. At the end of each class all owners that had attended were asked to fill in a class evaluation. The feedback was very positive with 95% finding the class excellent.

The classes are due to restart in the spring once the winter months are over. Due to the popularity of certain classes they will be repeated to allow everyone to have a chance to improve their DIY skills. Some new classes will be included, looking at internal work such as hanging doors and tiling. All the tools used in the classes are from the Toolbank based in Abbeyfield House and are available for loan by anyone living in the Burngreave area. The phone number for the Toolbank is 244 0353.

If there are any owner occupiers interested in attending future classes please phone Glennroy Lannaman or Annemarie Johnston on 273 4623.

by Glennroy Lannaman

Sheffield Occupational Health Advisory Service

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RUNNING AN EVENT IN BURNGREAVE?

WANT SOME HELP AND ADVICE?

For advice on practical issues or to book a place on our next Event Organisation Training seminar, contact:

Panni Poh Yoke Loh, GCA Events Co-ordinator,

Abbey eld Park House, Abbey eld Road, Shef eld S4 7AT

Tel: 0114 244 0353

Workhorse Short Film Projects

is seeking a part-time volunteer

ADMIN CO-ORDINATOR

Workhorse Short Film Projects is a not-for-profit community-oriented arts organisation, set up to deliver small-scale short film and media projects within local community settings.

We require an experienced admin co-ordinator to help re-organise and develop our systems of management, and to enable more effective running and development of the organisation.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate competence in accounting and book-keeping, company administration, office organisation and management, and the use of common IT applications.

For more information, phone Robin Forsyth

on 250 9979 or 0773 492 4627,

or write to: Abbeyfield Park House, Abbeyfield Road, Sheffield S4 7AT,

or e-mail: workhorse.sfp@burngreave.net



Working Group Meeting Dates

Adult Learning Group

Every 3rd Thursday in the month at 1.30pm – contact BCAF for details

Buildings Group

Every 1st Tuesday in the month – contact BCAF for details

Children & Young People

Every 1st Monday in the month – 7.00pm at the Furnival

Elderly Person's

Every 3rd Wednesday in month – 2.30pm at BCAF meeting room

Health Group

Every 3rd Monday in the month – 5.30pm at BCAF meeting room

Refugee & Asylum Seekers Group

Next meeting 30 November, 3.00pm at BCAF

Womenspace

Contact BCAF for details

BCAF Co-ordinating Committee

Meet every 1st Thursday in the month at BCAF

BCAT Trustees

Meet last Monday in the month at BCAF

For further information on all BCAF Working Groups contact the BCAF office on: 272 8008 or call in at 12 Burngreave Road

BCAF Health Group

**22nd November
5.30pm at
12 Burngreave Road**

**There will be speakers from the
Advocacy Project & Advice Centre
at the next Health Group meeting**

**Do you need help filling out
forms or with your letters?**

**How would you like to see
advice services improved?**

**Do you want to know what is
happening with advice
services in Burngreave?**

For further information about the health group contact Kate on 272 8008.

Anyone interested in health issues is welcome at these meetings.

tel: 272 8008

Patient and Public Involvement Forums

Your Voice in Our Health

Everyone has something to say about Health and local Health Services, but is anyone listening?

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forums are now established all over England. They play a vital role in making sure patients' and the public's views are heard and acted upon by all those making decisions about health.

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- *watch over the quality of local healthcare*
- *shape decisions that affect health in your community*
- *be part of a growing national network*

If you are interested in joining one of our Sheffield Forums, please contact the Commission for Patient & Public Involvement on 0113 227 2400 or our local Forum Support Organisation on 0114 292 2450.

The BNDfC Grant Scheme

Calling local residents! The BNDfC Grant Scheme is a pot of money which has been allocated for individuals and community groups in the Burngreave New Deal Boundary.

There are three grant levels available:

Grants up to £500 – Individuals may apply for grants up to £500. This could cover training & childcare costs or just be used to organise events which enable local people to have fun.

Grants between £500 & £5,000 – Local informal or unconstituted groups may apply to this level of grant funding. Groups can make use of funding to build their groups capacity & enable them to work more effectively towards the regeneration of the area.

Grants between £5,000 & £25,000 – Only formal constituted groups may apply to this grant level. This grant level may be used to cover capital & revenue costs or to commission a feasibility study.

To find out if you or your group is eligible to apply for funding, please call the Grants Team on **273 8578** & for an application pack. Alternatively call in to the **BCAT office** or the **BNDfC Information Shop** on Spital Hill.

nb: Closing date for application forms for the remainder of the year: **23 November** (for panel on **7 December**)

Sports news... Sports news... Sports news... Sport



Burngreave Sports Network

For over five years volunteers have run the Burngreave Sports Network, organising events like the Mile Run and the Festive Party. Their commitment to sports and other activities has resulted in the creation of several community teams.

The Network now has two part-time workers to support the planning and delivery of future activities. The posts are funded by New Deal and line managed by BCAT. Working in co-operation with existing sports providers and the community, we aim to ensure the needs of residents are met.



Appeal for committee members

We are looking for enthusiastic local people of all ages and backgrounds to form part of the steering group guiding the project. You will be required to attend monthly meetings and put forward suggestions. To get involved in BSN, contact us on: 278 7008. Please come forward to share your views and make a real difference.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are looking for 12 committed young people to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award, a challenging programme of activities which will help you learn new skills, help others and experience adventure. Many employers and universities take a good view of the award. Open to Burngreave residents aged 16–24 years. Contact BSN for more information on 278 7008

Bowls

Abbeyfield bowling club urgently require players. Don't worry about the cold, training will be indoors throughout winter. For more information please contact Mr Tew on 246 7261.

Taekwondo for Women & Girls

Ladies Taekwondo with female instructor. Fir Vale School Sports Centre, Fridays 6–7pm from 12th November. £1.50. Tel: 0773 033 3598.



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A sporting life

Daniel Jackson and Tanya Bailey have just started working for the Burngreave Sports Project to work with children and teenagers from Burngreave, organising and running activities and trips. I first met them as they ushered a group of lively lads onto a coach after giving them a guided tour of Sheffield United's football ground. Seeing how they interacted with the boys showed me how comfortable they were in their work. "The kids warm to you once they know you are local yourself," said Tanya.

Tanya used to work as a community warden in Burngreave, but felt this new job was more what she was looking for, while Daniel had previously just being doing odd jobs. "It feels good to have something full time," he added. "Burngreave had stayed the same for years and there weren't many work opportunities, but over the past few years I've noticed a change."

"If it wasn't for New Deal, I'd probably still be on the dole," added Tanya. "Our work has offered us more than just a job. Three times a week we go to Norton College and learn about sports and recreation. By the end of the year we could be qualified sports coaches." Daniel added enthusiastically, "I'll be studying for FIFA-approved Level 1 football coaching. Working whilst getting a qualification is a good incentive to work within the community."

When asked where they see themselves in the future, Tanya answered, "I'll probably still be working in the community. It's your people you're dealing with, and I like that." A laid back Daniel replied, "I'll take it as it comes."

by Carl Rose

First Aid and Child Protection

The Burngreave Sports Project, in partnership with the Burngreave Supporting Play Project, is running another round of first aid and child protection courses on the following dates:

Child Protection 4 Nov (6–9pm) – Verdon Recreation Centre
First Aid 6 Nov (10am–4pm) – Christ Church Hall

The courses are free but a £5 deposit is needed to book your place, refundable once you have completed the course. Child care is also available on request free of charge – this must be booked with Katy in advance.

Community News

Working towards Association



Barry's Café, alongside BCAT, Listen To Us and others, are making moves to establish an African and Caribbean Association resource centre. The idea is to use Barry's Café, an established community focal point and food resource, as a centre for other services. Come along to the following event to find out more:

African and Caribbean Association Event:
Saturday 4th December
11am–5pm, Barry's Café, 36 Earsham Street. X-Box game 'Mashed' competition, pool, dominoes, DJ workshops, food, nail and makeup workshops and more throughout the day.

To get involved come along to one of the Tuesday meetings 2pm at Barry's Café. Or contact Owen Wright on 279 7770 or Rob Smith on 0779 605 8564.

Round Walk



In October, Sheffield's Lord and Lady Mayor joined Burngreave Ramblers to launch the Burngreave Round Walk booklet, showing what a beautiful place to walk around Burngreave can be. Booklets are available from Green City Action on 244 0353 and contain maps, historical information and a guide to plants and animals found on the walk.

Burngreave Link

Many have noticed little buses around the area with 'BurngreaveLink' along the side. They have also noticed that not many people are on them. Why is this? The *Messenger* thinks it is due to the well know 'fear of new bus' syndrome – often occurring because people don't know where new buses go or how long it takes to get there – well, fear no more, inside this month's *Messenger* is the timetable for the Burngreave bus.

Timetables will also be available from the New Deal Information Shop, 131 Spital Hill. Open: Mon–Fri 11am–6pm (closed 1–2pm) Sat 10.30am–2.30pm.



Environmental learning at Firs Hill

We've started a 'fruitful' partnership at Firs Hill Community Primary School with the Community Forestry Team, GreenWatch Rangers and Green City Action, all helping us with environmental activities for Family Learning Week.

Nursery children and their families planted hyacinths in decorated pots for winter colour and lovely scented flowers.



Older children helped Simon, from the Community Forestry Team, plant two apple trees in the school playground, using the 'pit planting' method. Enthusiastic helpers poured soil into the tubs, dug the holes and helped to 'tread in' the root ball. Bulb planting completed the day's learning, with Simon giving the children tips on how to

look after the perennials donated by GreenWatch, using the tools bought with funding from Area Panel.

If you're interested in helping to set up an environmental group for families at school or can offer gardening expertise, contact me on 0777 358 3699.

by Rashida Hassanali



BURNGREAVE MESSENGER

Family learning at its best

For people who don't know St Catherine's, this vibrant community Catholic school hosts learning for children and adults with heritage in more than 30 different countries. During Family Learning Week (11–17 October) families proudly brought in special items such as photographs, certificates, family trees, food and clothes.

Hlabera told Year 1 children about life in Zambia, where he and his family are from. "What food do people eat in Yorkshire?" he asked. "Yorkshire Pudding

with gravy" came the reply. "Yes! Lots of us enjoy Yorkshire Pudding. Now do you know what the staple food is in Zambia?" We soon did and hope that Komoza's dad will come into school soon to cook 'munshima' for us to taste, made from maize flour and eaten with meat and vegetables by many people in Zambia.

Joy was mobbed with questions as she and her friend Joanne talked about patois, aaki and the weather, and passed round sweet smelling mangoes and green bananas. "As soon as you get off the plane in Jamaica, you take life slow. We make time for school, church and all the rest, but unhurried," she said. Compared to the pace of life here, this was an appealing prospect.

In Year 5, grandparents told Nikki Wilson of Burngreave Voices about their lives and what it was like living in Sheffield during and after World War II. We learned about a grandfather who at 16 escaped from a concentration camp and joined the Polish army; about growing up on a pig farm in Darnall, and having to walk through the neighbour's yard to go to the outside loo at night! Judith told us about the five generations of women in her family from granddaughter Frances to her great grandmother who died aged 103!

Families had the chance to try out African, Arabic and Irish dancing and everyone was encouraged to ask questions. Without causing offence or feeling threatened we all learned something about other cultures and other people – family learning at its best.

You can see a display of photos from family learning week at St Catherine's School. Contact Rashida on 0777 358 3699.

by Rashida Hassanali



Poetry winner

Inspired by the theme 'Celebrating Our Roots', St Catherine's student Jessica Greenhough came second in the 9–12 year group of Seventh Annual Poetry Competition to celebrate National Poetry Day.



You don't bother me
When I see you looking at my face I know what
you're thinking
Half cast or mixed race?
Well I'll tell now I'm no half of anything
You ask me silly questions about my race
There you are again looking at my face
Your nasty laughs echo through my brain
Through one ear and out again
See what you don't know
Is that I realise that your silly laughs and
tormenting eyes
Are just a cover that you shall keep
Because really you don't know anything
About my colour and me!!!

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