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Burngreave Messenger



Voice of the Burngreave Community

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Shocking police video released

A horrific video showing teenager, Anthony Green being run over by an unmarked police car has been released for the first time since the incident in 1999.

The shocking footage, recorded from a police helicopter, shows Anthony cycling down Catherine Road pursued by two plain-clothes police officers.

Anthony was unaware that they were police officers, who where carrying out surveillance on a property in Catherine Road, and when they told him to stop he had sped away on his bicycle. The video shows that one detective pursued him on foot then the second detective, DS Lawrence, joined the chase in his unmarked police car. In an attempt to shake-off his pursuers, Anthony turned left on to Bressingham Street. As he turned, he was knocked from his bike but he continued to run on foot. The car then swerved around the corner and ran over him. Anthony suffered a shattered thigh and other severe injuries. He was taken to hospital where, despite his injuries, the police insisted on strip-searching him. Nothing was found.

Lawrence was allowed to plead guilty to a minor motoring offence in March 2000, which meant not only that Anthony could not give evidence against him, and that the video was not shown to the Magistrates. Lawrence was never disciplined, despite representations from Anthony's solicitor to the Police Complaints Authority (PCA); he was later promoted to sergeant and is still on active duty.

Anthony's solicitor, Peter Mahy, said: "We have been acting for Mr Green in this case since 1999 and have known that video footage of the incident was in existence, and yet it has taken over six years for this vital evidence to be released to the public".



The solicitors feel Anthony's human rights have been contravened on the grounds that the PCA Investigation was unsatisfactory: it was not sufficiently independent, only limited attempts had been made to contact witnesses, there was no arena for the community to express their concern and there was no attempt to inquire into whether the police actions were racially motivated.

Mr Mahy now hopes for a fresh enquiry into why an innocent person was run over and vital evidence withheld. He said, "Now that this horrific video footage is in the public domain we believe that this whole case should be reviewed and re-opened. We call upon the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) to take a fresh look at the case and the Home Secretary to order an independent inquiry. Given the video evidence, how can Mr Green or the public ever feel that justice has been done?"

Anthony viewed the video in 1999, and said afterwards: "It looks like the officers were trying to kill me". The Messenger has also seen it, and it is difficult to

disagree. Yet one witness had been told by West Yorkshire Police officers conducting the investigation on behalf of the PCA, that the video evidence was 'inconclusive'.

We have supported Anthony's quest for justice since our first issue, in July 1999, when we reported the campaign on our front page. This matter is of deep concern to the community and we urge the IPCC to look at the case again and support the demand for an independent inquiry.



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*This course is sponsored by the Training and Development Agency for Schools to encourage people from these under-represented groups to consider teaching as a career.



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For informal enquiries please contact:

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12 noon on Tuesday 25th October 2005.



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Dirty dumping

Hazardous waste has been found by the Environment Agency at Parkwood landfill. Three types of industrial hazardous waste have been identified. They all come from site operator Viridor's own waste sorting plant at Salmon Pastures, Attercliffe.

"I am very disappointed to hear that Viridor has been accepting hazardous waste at the Parkwood Landfill site, contravening the terms and conditions of its licence. This is a serious situation," said Harry Harpham, Sheffield City Council's Cabinet Member for Streetscene.

The Environment Agency says: "Our concerns are that the correct procedures are not being followed and investigation into the matter is ongoing. We want to reassure the community that we are doing all we can to protect them and the environment."

Viridor has no licence to tip hazardous waste at Parkwood. Since 16th July 2005 hazardous waste has been banned from non-hazardous waste sites like Parkwood by the EU Landfill Directive.

The Environment Agency is also prosecuting Viridor for letting waste escape from the site on two occasions in March 2004 (*Messenger* July 2004). The case will be in Sheffield Magistrates Court on 28th September.

Planning permission was granted on 30th August for the installation of a leachate treatment plant (to clean up the liquid that runs out of the bottom of the tip) and engines to generate electricity by burning the gases produced by the site. The electricity will be sold to the National Grid.

"Having these facilities at the site will bring it in line with the majority of other landfill sites in the country. These types of facilities are recognised as being best practice in terms of managing leachate and the gas generated by decaying waste," according to the Environment Agency.

Viridor are still waiting for the council planning department to consider their planning application to dump more active waste on Parkwood.

by Andrew Green

Natural disaster

Grimesthorpe residents have continued to be frustrated and angered by the actions of Redwall developers on Grimesthorpe Road. The stretch of attractive woodland that once lined the road has been cleared.

The developer plans to build five-storey flats on the site at the top of Smithies Field, and has been felling large trees to the disappointment of residents nearby. The residents are now putting a petition together in the hope of preventing further damage to the natural environment and the building of the flats which residents say are inappropriate for the area. Pat Eckhardt of Grimesthorpe Road told us:

"I asked the Council to put tree preservation orders on the site, but I was told I had to request this in writing. I later discovered an emergency stop can be placed on the trees to prevent felling and this has now been done. I've spoken to the developer about it and felling seems to have stopped. But he is determined to build the flats, he mentioned it would be six or seven blocks. Not only will it ruin the view but it makes no sense, people want family homes not tiny flats. It was not long ago that they demolished blocks of flats further down Grimesthorpe Road."

The Council have yet to give planning permission for the development, but residents have found it difficult to get their Councillors to support their campaign. Two Burngreave Councillors are on the planning board and as yet have chosen not to get involved.

If you would like to sign the petition and support the Grimesthorpe residents contact Pat Eckhardt on 243 6287.

Burngreave Messenger

FIFTH AGM

**Saturday
15th October 1pm**

Community Room
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The Burngreave Messenger aims to increase communication and be a voice for the whole community. We need people from all parts of the community to come and join us.

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Projects under pressure

New Deal have rejected another long running project this month. The ‘Open Access Playcare Phase 2’ project, which was to provide support for play provision such as the Adventure Playground, was rejected because New Deal did not consider it provided value for money. Other projects are only being approved until March 2006.

As we go to print the Partnership Board is meeting to decide which projects will share the remaining money and continue for the next five years. Only £5.5 million of the £52 million remains ‘uncommitted’.

New Deal told us, “£46.5 million is committed (approved projects), of which £14.5 million has already been spent in years 1–4. Leaving £5.5 million uncommitted. Therefore it is essential that the remaining resources are allocated to areas of work that have most impact in delivering New Deal outcomes.”

Committed funds includes money for projects that already have full approval, for example the £13 million set aside to refurbish Sorby House, the Vestry Hall and the public realm on Spital Hill.

The consequence is that many projects currently funded by New Deal are unlikely to receive further grants. Those that have only recently received approval could end in March 2006.

New leaf of life



Some of the participants at the One World Tree Planting day in Abbeyfield Park on 27th November 2004.

The Community Forestry Team, based at Meersbrook Park, has decided to rescue their Burngreave Community Forestry project, which includes the One World Tree Project in Abbeyfield Park.

When New Deal rejected the application to continue of the Burngreave Green

Environment Programme in August, the funding of the scheme was cut off, but Richard Gill, Community Tree officer, was not to be deterred. He felt that the project was too successful to lose, and together with his managers they have scraped together the money to finance a full-time forester who will work predominantly in the Pitsmoor and Burngreave areas. Dan Lewis, Tree and Woodland manager said that they would now be able to give a better service to a wider area as they wouldn’t be restrained by the New Deal area any more.

The service which started in 2002 involves local residents, schools and community groups with planting, care and maintenance of both old and new trees.

Tim Shortland, previously from the Tinsley and Darnell Tree Project, will be starting in the new post at the end of September. If you like to contact Tim or Richard for any advice or information, please call 273 4190.

Highlighting how successful a project this is, the One World Tree Project, along with Green Fingers, Burngreave Day Care and Firhill Community Gardens have all won Merit Awards in the ‘Yorkshire in Bloom’ awards ceremony held in Sheffield’s Cutlers Hall on 13th September.

by Gaby Spinks

Taxi attack

The *Messenger* has had reports of attacks on taxis in the Abbeyfield Road area on the night of Sunday 28th August and the following morning. More than six taxis on Abbeyfield Road alone had their windows smashed, in what is believed by the taxi owners to be a co-ordinated attack.

Despite the attacks, there were no records of the incident according to the police’s Intelligence Unit at Attercliffe Police Station. Martin Bancroft, Police Liaison Officer said: “I urge residents and businesses alike to report crimes to the police by calling 220 2020. This helps to ensure that local policing priorities fully reflect and tackle the problems of our communities.” Meanwhile the police advise not to leave anything on display in your vehicle and to take personal belongings with you. Alarms and immobilisers are also very good deterrents.

However there is some good news for residents in Burngreave. A project funded by BNDfC aims to assist local businesses (including taxis), voluntary and faith groups by providing grants of up to £35,000 towards security improvements. For example, taxi drivers could apply for a grant towards the installation of CCTV in their vehicles.

If you are based in Burngreave and would like more information on this scheme, contact Martin Bancroft, Police Liaison Officer on 275 8688 or email info@people-united.org.

Masterplan

The Masterplan project groups first meetings are likely to happen in October. These groups will work with the Council to help decide how changes will be made to Spital Hill, Woodside and Fir Vale. If you would like to attend these meetings you need to contact the relevant number below.

Burngreave New Housing Project Group: Chair Cllr Steve Jones
Contact Caroline Stiff 261 7216

Spital Hill Project Group: Chair Cllr Jackie Drayton
Contact Rob Slow 216 7216

Owler Lane/Skinnerthorpe Project Group: Chair Cllr Chris Weldon
Contact Wendy Foster 256 2182

Page Hall Project Group: Chair Cllr Ibrar Hussain
Contact Anna Hawkins 256 2182

Moving Home: Yemeni Women in Sheffield

The story of how Yemeni men came to Sheffield in the 1950s and ’60s to work in the steel industry is one that has been documented as part of the city’s history of industrial development. Less well known is the story of their wives – the women who were left back at home in Yemen for many years before finally moving to join their husbands in Britain and how they have adapted since their arrival. To find out about their experiences, I recently went to talk to women attending classes at the Yemeni Community Centre on Burngreave Road.



Munzala (left) and Zara (right) holding their original passports from when they first arrive in Britain.

A particular feature of the history of the Yemeni community in Sheffield is how much time elapsed between the arrival of the men and their families: what is called ‘the myth of return’ – the idea that they would go back home – was very strong and so for many years the men lived and worked here, returning home to visit their families every few years. A handful of women arrived at the end of the 1960s but most came in the 1980s, beginning new lives in Sheffield. But it was a difficult process adapting to their new surroundings.

“We knew very little about Sheffield or Burngreave before we came,” Munzala Abdullah told me. “Our husbands’ lives revolved around their work so, even though they had been here for a long time, they couldn’t actually tell us much about the place. So it was a bit of a shock to us. I found the cold and the dark winter days really hard. All the housework was really tiring because we didn’t have washing machines or hoovers. And there was no indoor bathroom. We never had much money because we always saved a large portion of my husband’s salary to send home to our families in Yemen.” “It was very lonely too,” added Zara Kassim. “There were very few of us and we were mostly at home alone. In the beginning we couldn’t even do the shopping by ourselves as we couldn’t speak English: our husbands had to take us. But we did find that people were friendly and helpful. I remember someone offering to push a pram up the hill for me!”

Several decades later Munzala, Zara and many others feel happy and settled in Burngreave. “It’s clean and green here, we have a good standard of living and our children are well educated. Plus we feel a lot more independent than when we first came!” said Munzala. “I was the happiest person in the world when I got permission to remain here with my husband and my children!” said Zarah. “Life was such a struggle in

Yemen so I really appreciate the good things here. But I still show respect for my own culture and religion through prayer and fasting.”



Zara shows us pictures of her family.

Another recent benefit for the women has been the chance to learn for the first time in their lives. “I didn’t go to school back in Yemen so I was illiterate,” Munzala told me. “Being able to read and write in English means that I can help my children with school work and just generally be much more independent in my daily life: I can catch a bus, go shopping and visit friends all on my own. I wish I could have started English classes a long time ago but, for now, I just want to go on learning!” Anesar, their teacher added, “Although I had to convince them that you can start learning at any age, I think all the women really enjoy classes now. It has given them real confidence and a belief in themselves. It has transformed their lives and I am really proud of them!”

Thanks to the women from the ESOL classes at the Yemeni Community Centre and to Anesar Shaibi for sharing stories of their arrival in Burngreave with me.

by Nikky Wilson

Burngreave Voices: Our Stories Celebrated

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An exhibition of photographs of Burngreave people and places

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For more information please contact Nikky Wilson on 276 1900 or call into Burngreave Library.

Or have a look at Carl’s website:
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Burngreave Voices: Our Stories Celebrated is a Sheffield Galleries & Museums Trust project in partnership with Sheffield Libraries, WEA and Sheffield College, and is supported by Sheffield City Council and BNDfC.



contact: 276 9134

Burngreave Area Panel

Was this the best idea?

How many times have we heard the comments, “No-one ever asked us about where that money should be spent” and the associated “What were the Council thinking when they did... (why didn’t they talk to us beforehand)?” Or there’s the complete opposite of, “We never see any of the money that’s supposed to be coming into this area”. The Abbeyfield MUGA (pronounced moo-ga apparently) symbolises many of these difficulties.

There are some old tennis courts in the corner of the park. In common with the rest of the north of the city, these courts have been subject to planned dis-maintenance. But with their demise, there’s been popular semi-formal regular cricket sessions. At the beginning of last year, a group of staff began to think about how the courts could become a zone for a ‘Multi-Use Games Area’. The Sheffield Wildlife Trust took on the job of trying to make this happen. Ideas were considered; designs were ordered; meetings took place; and estimates of the costs were made. But it seems that three groups of people weren’t made priorities for being involved – the Friends of Abbeyfield Park, the cricketers and other young people who use the courts, and the immediate local residents. Sure, there’s been letters, conversations between a designer and five cricketers... And then planning permission is needed because from somewhere, floodlighting is required!

By this July, to turn old tennis courts into a games area for the 21st century was going to cost £150,000 (minimum), only some funding was definite (and what there was had to be spent before next March) and there was real concern as to



whether the games area would ‘fit’ with the heritage status of the park. But would cricketers use the area under floodlights in February? Would there be enough footballers or netballers to use the floodlighting in December? Who’d paid for the electricity? Who’d maintain the lighting (bearing in mind that Parks hadn’t been asked to pick up the tab yet)? And would the lighting create similar problems for residents (Firshill Close, Road and Abbeyfield) as in other parts of the city near floodlight games areas?

The Area Panel discussed this with Parks officers this week. They unanimously agreed to take a different tack – are there other (existing) spaces in local parks that could host a good quality games area? If floodlighting is thought to be needed and supported, could there be other venues for it? And do we need to spend £150,000 when it might be that more young people

benefit from a lot less amount of spending? Other local organisations are now being asked.

So this is why ‘nothing’ has happened; but the Panel believes that this saves a white elephant from growing, and might in the end be much more valuable for this community. If you’ve any thoughts on this, let the Council know – contact Amie Rowland at Meersbrook Park, S8 9FL.

No Area Panel

The Area Panel meeting that was supposed to happen on 29th September was cancelled as two councillors had urgent business outside Sheffield. This means the next one will be Thursday 24th November at 6pm at Firs Hill School, in the dining hall.

Community chest

The Area Panel is running its 10th round of applications for grants of up to £200 for local groups. The closing date is Friday 7th October – hurry up if you’ve got an application waiting to be sent in.

Future Facelift schemes and assistance to private housing

If anyone has thoughts on how the Council should decide on which streets get future investment, drop a line to Mustafa Ahmed, Private Sector Housing team, Howden House, S1 2SH or 273 5926. It will be considered again at the November Area Panel public meeting!

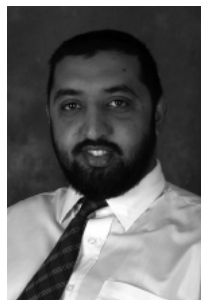
With immediate effect the three ward Councillors will be holding surgeries on Saturday mornings in Burngreave Library from 11.00am to 12.00 noon.

Pleas note that there will be no surgeries on 15th and 29th October as the Library is not available.

A full list of dates and Councillors will be published in next month’s issue.

Next Area Panel Meeting

- Thursday 4th November, 6.00pm in the Dining Room, Firs Hill School, Orphanage Lane.
On the agenda: young people and facelift schemes.



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

A rude awakening

The residents of Nottingham and Rising Streets, who were awake at 6am on 2nd September, witnessed an armed raid on an address on Nottingham Street. The police were there in force.

From my house in Rising Street I could see seven armed officers, two sniffer dogs, four police vehicles and numerous other officers. The vehicles were positioned to block both streets.

So what had happened that warranted such a show of force? The raid was associated with a recent shooting on Earsham Street, and turns out to be a case of mistaken identity. The target of the raid was a 16-year-old black young man who happens to have the same streetname as the perpetrator of the shooting. He was not in the house at the time of the raid.

I was shocked to see two armed officers in my yard pointing their guns at my long-term neighbours’ house. I then noticed a further five armed officers in the next yard and wondered what the hell was happening. I was concerned for my neighbours – questions flashed through my mind: “How will Grandma react?” I went to unlock my back door and was confronted by one of the men in my yard. I was told to shut my door ‘for my safety’. Whilst other members of my family were looking out of other windows, I started taking photos and shooting a few small video clips.

Whilst trying to record the events, I was told in no uncertain terms to “Put that camera away!”, when I questioned the officer why, I received no rational response, but just another barked order to stop taking photos.

While this was all happening, the police banged on the door shouting “Armed police!” Grandma answered the door and told the officer that only she and her daughter were in the house. I then saw a sniffer dog sent in followed by the armed officers. After some time they exited and were replaced by a search team. It was also at this point that I saw Inspector Jon Ekwubiri, responsible for policing in Burngreave and Fir Vale, directing operations on Rising Street. I learned in a later conversation with him that in addition to the armed officers I could see, there were a further five on Nottingham Street. A total of twelve with firearms.

The youth had in fact seen the police presence from further down



Nottingham Street, and when he realised that his Grandma’s house was surrounded, he identified himself. To help avoid trauma to his family and others, he offered his key for access. I did not see this key used for access. This version of events is disputed by the Inspector who maintains the youth arrived after they had already entered the property.

At this point, the youth was taken to Attercliffe Police Station, where after contacting his solicitor, he was interviewed at around 3pm, eventually being bailed at 5.30pm.



Grandma was sufficiently affected by the incident, that she did not stay at the house all weekend and sought medical help.

I rang Inspector Ekwubiri and asked what had been the purpose of the raid. He confirmed that it was one of two that took place that morning; the other occurring on Abbeyfield Road. The purpose was to arrest people in connection with the Earsham Street incident. The threat to officers and public was sufficient that it was deemed necessary to have an armed unit carry out the raid. The operation

was a joint effort of local police, CID and the armed unit.

He assured me that the three groups talked to each other prior to the raid and had done a risk-assessment exercise before the raid, including taking into account who was likely to be in the house. He said they were unaware that Grandma lived there.

The local police were aware, as they had attended an incident less than two months earlier, where she had called the police. Indeed a black woman officer who had attended the earlier incident appeared during the search. It was apparent from her demeanour that she was disquieted by what had taken place.

I asked about the reluctance of his officers to be photographed in the conduct of their ‘duty’. He would not condemn them for that, but said he could understand why I was so instructed. He asserted that such media could be ‘unhelpful’ in an investigation as they could be used in a ‘biased’ way. I suggested that this may just be the police being publicly accountable for their actions. He disagreed.

I find myself very concerned about this incident. Even after talking to the Inspector, I am totally unconvinced that the raid was necessary and that the police had any real clue about what they were doing. The raid was disproportionately aggressive, ill-conceived, based on bad information and with little prior thought to the detrimental effects it would have on those involved.

The police must surely acknowledge that if they want community

policing, there are much better ways of doing it than making people afraid by unwarranted armed excursions into their homes.

by Paul Taylor

This article is a rewrite of two articles that have previously appeared on Sheffield Indymedia (sheffield.indymedia.org.uk) as ‘Over the top policing in Pitsmoor’ (11th September – containing more photos and video clips) and ‘The Inspector Calls’ (21st September).

Future plans for Childcare

With rising numbers of children living in Burngreave, it is vital that affordable support is available for parents.

Nurseries

The 1998 National Childcare Strategy introduced an entitlement for all four-year-olds to a free nursery place. This was extended to 3-year-olds in April 2004. Nursery Education places (5 half days a week) can be in school nurseries or other ‘eligible providers’ – in Burngreave these are Black Women’s Resource Centre, Burngreave Young Children’s Centre (BYCC), Little Tinkers and Ellesmere Children’s Centre.

Take up of nursery entitlement in some areas of Burngreave is as low as 70% for 3-year-olds and 76% for 4-year-olds. Does this mean that the other 30% don’t know about free nursery places or just don’t want them? According to some childcare workers it’s because there aren’t enough spaces in the right areas. If parents don’t drive it can be difficult to get children to the centres.

The opening of the new Burngreave Children’s Centre on Spital Street will provide 30 full-time places, previously provided by BYCC. And with the Black Women’s Resource Centre applying to New Deal for capital funding for fifteen more full-time places, and the future plans for Firshill School, some access obstacles might be removed.

Out of school

Levels of out of school and after school provision in Burngreave are low, with only 4 places per 100 children.

Firshill Community Primary School is seeking to become the first ‘extended’ school in the city – providing qualified care for children aged 6 months to 12 years from 8am until 6pm. Dina Martin, Firshill’s Headteacher said she hopes the construction of a new Community Building to house the out of school club might be underway by 2007, subject to funding.

Levels of childminders are also low in the Burngreave area, with only 2 places per 100 children in the Burngreave area. Childminding is a vocational career and a childminder is never going to get rich on their earnings, charging £2.50–3.00 per hour per child.

by Gaby Spinks



The 24th September opening of Surestart’s Burngreave Children’s Centre on Spital Street.

Uncertain Futures

Parents are asking ‘How can I work shifts?’, ‘What happens if I work at weekends?’ and ‘Where do I leave my kids after school?’ Parents tend to use each other to find reliable trustworthy childcare solutions. Conversations held at the school gates and playgroups help far more than is recognised by professionals, and maybe their voices should be listened to.

Parents are concerned about patchy after school provision – children can be collected from some schools but not all. Workers at the clubs are also concerned, about their own futures as well as for parents and children.

Out of all the childcare provision in the area, it’s the BYCC whose future is in the balance. By losing 30 of its children’s places to the new Spital Street Centre, it is concerned about how it can stay open in the future, even though it currently has a full intake and more on the waiting list.

The future of out of schools clubs at Firshill and Byron Wood Schools are also threatened. New Deal, who fund the clubs, is putting pressure on the projects to become self sustaining. Projects would have to charge parents more if they are to survive without grant funding, this would seriously affect the number of parents who could afford to use clubs.

The true cost of a whole day of childcare could be as much as £25 a day per child, one local club currently charges £15 per day, and if you have more than one child who needs childcare this becomes unaffordable.

Ofsted registered Childcare Providers

0–5 years

Ellesmere Children’s Centre
Ellesmere Road
Open 8am–6pm, Mon–Fri
50 full-time places for 6 months–5 years
Contact Sharon Curtis on 281 2143

Black Women’s Resource Centre
Burngreave Road
Open 8am–6pm, Mon–Fri
28 full-time places for 6 months–5 years
Contact Sharon Brown on 275 1817

Burngreave Young Children’s Centre
Catherine Road
Open 8am–6pm, Mon–Fri
56 full-time places for 3 months–5 years
Contact Emma Wilson on 276 3303

SYAC Nursery
SYAC, 120 The Wicker
Open 7.30am–6pm, Mon–Fri
23 full-time places for 2–5 years.
Contact Eileen Hallas on 223 2101

Koala Nursery
Yemeni Education & Relief Organisation
185 Verdon Street
Open 10am–12.30pm, Mon–Fri
15 places for 6 months–3 years
Contact Methaq on 276 1281

Little Tinkers
Yemeni Community Association
Burngreave Road
Open 10am–12.30, Mon–Fri

Burngreave Children’s Centre
Spital Street

4–12 years

Burngreave Out of School Club
Firshill School
Open after school from 3–6pm, (8am–6pm in holidays) for children aged 4–12 years.
Contact BOSC on 256 0989

Ellesmere Out of Schools Club
Byron Wood School
Open 3–6pm after school
15 places
Contact Alice Johnson on 261 7518

General advice & information

Sheffield Children’s Information Service
275 6699
www.sheffieldchildrenfirst.org.uk

A New Deal for Burngreave

Burngreave shines brightly with winter warmers

A host of exciting activities are set to bring an extra sparkle and shine to Burngreave this winter. Despite the dark nights and chilly temperatures, BNDfC has planned some great events over the next couple of months, which are sure to bring a warm glow to the whole family.

Burngreave Bonfire Night Celebration 5 November

Get down to the Petre Street playing fields to see the biggest firework display ever to be staged in Burngreave. The Community Engagement Team, in partnership with the Burngreave Sports Network, has planned a host of exciting activities from 1–9pm. There will be fun for all the family with fair rides, sports competitions, prizes and giveaways plus a special guest to light the Burngreave bonfire.

Children’s Festive Party December — date to be confirmed

Children in Burngreave can celebrate in sparkling style this winter. BNDfC, together with partners, has organised a fun festive party at the Town Hall for more than 300 young people in the area. The multicultural event, which is ticket-only, will bring together children of all ages and their families for one big community get together. There will be variety of activities and entertainment to choose from including presents, competitions prizes and a disco.

Multicultural Fashion & Dance Extravaganza 4 December

Make sure you secure your ticket for an afternoon of extravagance at the BNDfC Multicultural Fashion and Dance event. The women-only event will feature a unique display of Afro-Caribbean, Arabian, Somali and Pakistani fashion and dance from 12 noon–6pm. This will be accompanied by food and music from around the world in what is sure to be an afternoon not to be missed!

Want more information?

For more information on any of BNDfC’s winter events please contact the Community Engagement Team on 292 0393/0791 701 4312 or email leroybetts@bndfc.co.uk.



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Partnership Board Meeting – Wednesday, 31 August 2005

What was discussed

Supporting Playcare Phase II project
To fund two local, voluntary sector out of school clubs (Burngreave and Ellesmere).

Open Access Playcare Phase II
To fund a Play Development Worker, trainee play worker and associated costs in order to support open access play (where children can come and go as they please).

Study Support
Bring together Somali Education Breakthrough, ITCSS, Burngreave After-School Study Support and Reach High 2 into one single consortium and also provide support to the SADACCA study support group.

What we decided

To approve the Supporting Playcare project (in the sum of £19,959) until March 31st 2006.

Not to approve the Open Access Play Phase II project proposal.

To approve with a condition that funding beyond March 2006 is subject to a review of priorities by the Partnership Board and the outcome of an independent evaluation of the current Study Support proposal.

For more information on BNDfC please contact 279 6932

Information Shop opening times

You can visit the Information Shop from 10am–6pm Monday to Friday. For more information call the Shop on 292 0464.

Have your say...

Have you got something to shout about in Burngreave?

If so then BNDfC wants to hear from you for the next edition of our magazine *I live in Burngreave*.

If you are organising an event in the area or you have got a story that you would like to tell the rest of Burngreave about then get in touch.

To have your say call us on 279 6932, email enquiries@bndfc.co.uk or write to us at Burngreave New Deal for Communities, 1st Floor, Speedicut Works, Harleston Street, Sheffield S4 7QB.



Theme Meetings

Everyone is welcome at the following theme meetings:

Over-arching: 11 October, The Furnival, Verdon Street, 6–8pm

Crime: 18 October, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm

Environment: 27 October, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm

Housing: 10 November, BCAT meeting room, 6–8pm

Information Shop welcomes new workers

Visitors to the BNDfC Information Shop can now benefit from the local expertise of two new recruits.

Azeem Khan and Awil Mireh, both 20 years old, have started work at the Spital Hill shop as Information Assistants. The Burngreave-born and bred duo have joined the New Deal team as part of a Modern Apprenticeship training scheme.

Zafar Iqbal, Information Shop supervisor, said: “We’re delighted to have both Azeem and Awil on board – they are very friendly, enthusiastic and hard-working.

“With more and more local residents now visiting us on Spital Hill, requesting information and advice, it was important that we expanded our workforce – and Azeem and Awil are just right for the role.”

They will be in charge of keeping all the shop information up to date, chatting to customers and advising them on the wide variety of services on offer in Burngreave.

In addition to their day-to-day tasks, Azeem and Awil will also complete a series of part-time training courses in customer services, communication skills and administration.

Azeem said: “I am really enjoying my new job working with BNDfC. Burngreave is such a diverse and multicultural area which means there’s always a wide range of interesting people dropping in to the information shop.

“I take great pleasure in being able to help people, and point them in the right direction, advising them on all kinds of New Deal services from housing to education.

“I have only been in the job a short time but already I’ve found that every day and every week is different with BNDfC. There’s so many positive things taking place in this area and I want to make sure local people know all about them.”

After initial training at the Information Shop, Azeem and Awil will then start a rotation cycle of work – putting their skills into practice at other New Deal projects.

Awil said: “I’m thrilled to be working for BNDfC – it is a fantastic opportunity. The job is very enjoyable and I get great satisfaction from being able to help or advise local people in the community.

“As well as working in the Information Shop, I’m also really looking forward to getting out and about on the Burngreave Community Information Vehicle. It is another great way of telling everyone about the services on offer and engaging with local people on a one-to-one basis.”



Rock Street rumbles

Residents in Rock Street whose homes are being renovated are ‘more than unhappy’ about the quality of work, and the attitude and behaviour of the workmen carrying it out.

I saw poor fitting doors and windows, roughly finished walls, patchwork paint and drips when I visited. Further, I heard of inadequately laid roofing tiles, protruding screws and nails, workmen throwing building materials off scaffolding, and soot being left throughout houses. “It’s a bodge job,” one resident noted “And this house has to last forever you know!”

In many cases, requested work is not done whilst unwanted work is, and much of the work is of a low standard. One house had no back gate allowing people to use the garden as a short cut between roads. With a new door that doesn’t close properly and an open garden, this couple felt insecure in their home. A wall was built on another property that prevented the resident parking his car.

The residents suggested that, in many cases, the work on properties has made them worse than before. Some of them have felt forced to redo what the builders started or didn’t do properly. “They are messing with people’s homes and we are left with the bill afterwards,” they told me.

One couple told me of how their perfectly working chimney flue, was replaced with a new one. The workers left soot all over the house damaging CDs, books and video players, “And then they put dust sheets over the soot!” They were told a new fire would be fitted for them, but were later told they had to buy a new fire and pay for it to be fitted themselves.

Intimidation

Not only are the residents dealing with poor workmanship, but criticisms and complaints are met with verbal intimidation and threats from the workmen. “When I’ve tried to speak to



This facelift scheme is funded by New Deal and managed by Sheffield City Council; the contractor is Frank Haslam Milan.

the workmen they’ve told me to ‘Shut up and get in the house!’” said one resident, “We are ignored, treated as an inconvenience because we dare to have an opinion about our own homes”.

Indeed, as I spoke to residents and looked at the work already done, one of the workmen overheard our discussion and became verbally abusive and threatening. “Are you criticising my work?” he asked aggressively. Asked for his name he shouted “Come round back and I’ll tell ya me name!” I can see how residents can find talking to them distressing. As another resident said, “I daren’t say anything!”



Written and verbal complaints have been made to various Council representatives and the contractors, Frank Haslam Milan, but to no avail. “Face to face the Council representatives nod sympathetically, but nothing happens,” a resident noted. Replies to their letters do not answer their questions. Most have just given up.



Karl Tupling, Head of Housing Strategy at Sheffield City Council said:

“When work is completed on a property the Council checks to make sure it is satisfactory. Sub-standard work, where found, is not accepted. Much of the work on this scheme is either yet to be completed or has just been completed so is still subject to the Council checking it.

“The Council takes all complaints very seriously and works hard to resolve them. We have not been made aware of any residents being intimidated so will now look into this as a matter of urgency.”

While a representative of the contractors, Frank Haslam Milan, told us:

“You have our assurances that it will be thoroughly investigated.”

In the early stages, one resident who had previously had a bad experience with a renovation scheme, suggested a representative should be appointed to ensure complaints are heard. He was seen by some as threatening the onset of the work and was intimidated into submission.

“When you have home improvements you are usually happy,” a resident explained, “you would think we would be with this money being spent on our houses-but not when we’re being treated this way.”

by Kate Atkinson

Any queries or complaints about the facelift scheme should be directed to the Council’s Private Sector Housing, Renewal Team on 273 5942.

Woodside Cares

Woodside is a supported, residential housing project for 16-18 year olds who have left care homes. Situated on Christchurch Road, it aims to provide sheltered housing with a dedicated team of staff on hand twenty-four hours a day to support the residents.

On arrival at their open day, I was greeted by the Team Leader, Clive Harris, who talked me through some of the aims of Woodside, which is run by Progressive Care, and he offered to show me around:

“We don’t just offer accommodation and staff supervision, we provide support in training and education, plus teach the young adults life skills and coping strategies to help them in their future. The young person’s needs are continually assessed to make sure they are getting the best from us.”



Clive, a lifetime Burngreave resident, talked of how the project is perfectly located. “It offers residents an experience of multicultural inner-city living. The young people come from care homes throughout the UK to Woodside, so this environment gives them great exposure to a cross-section of communities”.

Clive is trying to organise training and apprenticeship schemes with businesses in Burngreave, offering the residents work experience in a local setting.

Before leaving, I was given a quick tour around one of flats. It was fully furnished, with a kitchen, bathroom, living room and bedroom. Woodside also has a security system in place to help the residents feel safe. I left Woodside feeling pleased care leavers are offered such great support at such a potentially vulnerable time in their lives.

by Carl Rose

Computer health check

The Computer Café’s Gareth Coleman gives us an overview of how they clean up home computers, and keep them running smoothly.



By far the most common problem we encounter in the café is a computer overrun with unwanted programs. A lot of this is related to internet activity, leaving unwanted pop-up boxes, a hijacked ‘home-page’, or your computer running slowly or crashing. These problems are caused by viruses and ‘spyware’ – software that secretly installs itself in your computer.

We start by using a program called AVG, which detects and deletes any harmful viruses. After this we use two spyware removal programs – Spybot, then Ad-Aware.

Prevention is better than cure, so now the PC is clean, we install Firefox, which is much less vulnerable to infection by spyware than Internet Explorer. Finally, a ‘firewall’ protects against hackers and other attacks from the internet. We use one called ZoneAlarm.

The final step uses something already built into the computer, called Windows Update, which downloads security and other updates for your computer. It is very important to do this regularly as bugs are discovered in Windows all the time.

URLs

AVG Free – <http://free.grisoft.com/>
Spybot – <http://security.kolla.de/>
Ad-Aware – <http://www.lavasoftusa.com/software/adaware/>
Firefox – <http://getfirefox.com/>
ZoneAlarm – <http://www.zonelabs.com/zonealarm/>
Windows Update – <http://update.microsoft.com/>

More help and advice is available at <http://burngreave.net/> (click on the Café logo). or pop in and see us on Saturdays, 12 noon–3pm in the basement of New Roots on Spital Hill.

OneBlood

More blood and bone marrow donors are needed from different communities to help save lives.

The National Blood Service (NBS) has launched OneBlood – a one year project to recruit more blood and bone marrow donors from ethnic minority communities.

It’s particularly important that members of Sheffield’s ethnic minority communities become donors in order to combat sickle cell disorders (SCD) and thalassaemia, which are both inherited diseases. These are most common in people of African and Caribbean descent. It is estimated there are over 6,000 adults and children with SCD in Britain at present.

If you want to give blood or donate bone marrow in Sheffield or just find out more information contact:

Sheffield Blood Donor Centre:
Cathedral Court, Church Street
S1 2GN – 203 4700 or visit www.sheffield.nhs.uk/blood.

Blood and bone marrow donation, national helpline: 08457 711 711 or visit www.blood.co.uk.

Sheffield Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Foundation: ACE Business Centre, 110–120 Wicker S3 8JD – 275 3209 or visit www.sscatf-8m.com.

Pension Credit – Claim It!



This year’s Poverty Conference highlighted the fact that many people do not claim the benefits to which they are entitled.

Statistics show that half of pensioner households who could claim Pension Credit have not done so. This has led to local and city-wide organisations to come together and run a campaign aimed at encouraging pensioners to apply for Pension Credit. Pension Credit is a tax-free weekly payment for people aged 60 or over living in Great Britain.

It is not always clear who is entitled, but if you are unsure, it is worth getting a free benefit check from an independent welfare rights worker. The campaign will be running drop-in sessions where you can find out more.

Who may be entitled?

Single people may be entitled to some Pension Credit if:

- They are aged 60 or over but under 65 and their total weekly income, including assumed income from savings, is less than £109.45
- They are 65 or over and their total weekly income, including assumed income from savings, is up to around £151.

Couples may be entitled to some Pension Credit if:

- One of them is aged 60 or over but both are under 65 and their total weekly income, including assumed income from savings, is less than £167.05
- At least one of them is 65 or over and their total weekly income, including assumed income from savings, is up to around £221.

The exact amount people can get depends on a number of factors including their personal circumstances, their income and their personal savings and investments. However, Pension Credit currently guarantees a minimum income of at least:

- £109.45 per week for a single person or £167.05 per week for couples.

These figures may be even higher if someone is severely disabled and lives alone or lives with another severely-disabled person. People aged 65 or over may be rewarded for having saved for their retirement and could claim extra money. At present this could be an extra £16.44 for single people and an extra £21.51 for couples.

For successful claimants, Pension Credit is a weekly benefit and can be paid directly into a bank or building society account or directly in to a Post Office Card account. In exceptional circumstances where such payment options are not suitable, it may be possible to issue a cheque through the post.

Case Study

Name: Khurshid Anwar
Age: 61
Locality: Owler Lane, Fir Vale



Local resident, Khurshid Anwar, successfully applied for Pension Credit recently. Mr Anwar previously worked in factories and various take-aways until his retirement. He said:

“It is difficult to survive financially at this age and any extra money helps. Life is definitely better now that I am claiming Pension Credit. It helps to give me that extra little bit of spending power.”

“And don’t be put off by the application form. If you need help with completing the forms, get in touch with your local advice provider.”

“I went to the Pakistan Advice Centre in Fir Vale and they helped me to fill in the form. The entire process was very easy.”

Asked if he would encourage others to claim if they’re entitled, Mr Anwar said: “Absolutely... if you’re entitled to Pension Credit, then I strongly recommend you apply. After all it is money that you are entitled to.”

Drop in sessions have also been arranged where you can find out more about Pension Credit from qualified advice workers. They will be available at the following locations:

Verdon Street Café (The Furnival)
Mon 17th October, 10am–2pm

Carwood Meeting Room
Thu 27th October, 10am–2pm

Sheffield Companions Club
Women only
Tue 15th November, 1–3pm

Firs Hill Tenants’ and Residents’ Association
Tue 22nd November, 10am–2pm

Wensley Community Centre
Tue 29th November, 10am–2pm

If you would like to apply for Pension Credit, the following organisations can give you advice:

Age Concern
Sheffield
Mon–Fri, 9.15am–4.15pm
250 2859

Pitsmoor Citizens’
Advice Bureau
Mon, Wed–Thu 10am–2pm
275 5376

Pakistan Multicultural
Advice Centre
Mon–Tue, 10am–2pm; Wed, Fri 10am–3pm
242 1610

Yemeni Welfare
Advice Centre
Mon–Thu 10am–2pm
261 5164

Further information is also available from:

Website: www.pensions.gov.uk/pensioncredit

Freephone: Pension Credit Application Line on 0800 99 1234 or for those with speech or hearing difficulties on 0800 169 0133.

by Naheem Hanif

Supporting new businesses

Pitsmoor Convenience Store

489 Pitsmoor Road
278 7134
Open: 9am–10pm, every day



‘Harry’ Singh, 45 is the proud new owner of the redeveloped Pitsmoor Convenience Store on Pitsmoor Road.

The shop, which opened in July 2005, stocks an extensive range of wines, sandwiches and frozen foods as well as tobacco and general confectionery. Although the building has played host to a variety of shops for over 30 years, Harry has spent considerable time and money redeveloping the new store. Business has now increased two-fold since he took over. The shop now also has disabled access.

Originally from Walsall, near Birmingham, Mr Singh was previously employed as a cast-iron foundry worker. However, he was made redundant in October 2004. This encouraged him to consider self-employment.

“I searched all over the UK for a business and the premises right here in Burngreave encouraged me and I was confident I could turn the business around” he said.

Mr Singh is also very grateful to the local community. He said “The people are lovely and it’s such a nice atmosphere around here and I look forward to offering my services to the local community.”

Nile Markets

176–8 Barnsley Road
243 2144
Open: 9am–11pm, every day

Named after the famous river in Egypt, Nile Markets is a new store located on the site of a former off-licence on Barnsley Road.

The store offers an array of Middle Eastern savouries and confectionery as well as general groceries. The store is run by Egyptian Mr Masoud El-Saadawy, 43, and Iraqi-Kurd Hamza Abdulla, 28. Mr El-Saadawy said “As well as a food store, we are also a major stockist of international phone cards”.



The store, which opened in June 2005, is proud to serve its multicultural delicacies to the people of Burngreave.

Sara Barbers

174 Barnsley Road
0784 563 9079
Open: 10am–9pm, every day

Sara Barbers is a new hairdresser located on the site of a previously derelict building on Barnsley Road.

The business is run by Kurdish friends Zana Ahmed, 29, a former restaurant worker from Liverpool and his stylist Jawhar Amin 25, who has spent the last thirteen years working as a hairdresser.



Zana said: “A lack of barber shops in this area inspired me to open up this business and this will definitely benefit the locals”. Hairstylist Jawar said: “We have many different customers from every part of the community visit us here and we are very happy to be working in Burngreave and offering our service here”.

by Naheem Hanif

SYAC finds independence

Respected community worker Cora Gordan has been appointed to spearhead a drive to transform business opportunities for Sheffield’s minority ethnic communities.

Cora is the new manager of SYAC Ltd, a company dedicated to promoting enterprise and training, with a particular focus on the city’s African-Caribbean community.

South Yorkshire African Caribbean Business and Enterprise Training Centre (SYAC), based at the former ACE Centre on The Wicker, was founded in 1991 but has been run by the Council for the last decade. In March it was transferred back into community control and Cora’s appointment completes the hand-over.

Cora was part of Sheffield’s social services team for six years before moving to Manchester as head of the council’s family unit. She then spent some years in Grenada, supporting health initiatives in local schools, before returning to Sheffield.

She sees her new post as both a



challenge and an opportunity.

“I’d worked with the African-Caribbean community over the years and I always felt business development was one of the key needs of the community,” said Cora, who has lived in Burngreave most of her life. “If we can encourage people to develop their own business,

they can help to regenerate the local economy and benefit from it too.

“There’s still a lot of unemployment and poverty within the black community – for every white person in Sheffield out of work, there are four black people. This is one way I can help to make a difference.”

Her role will include establishing SYAC as a viable enterprise in its own right, as well as helping launch new businesses and support them in partnership with other agencies.

by Lesley Draper

SYAC currently has vacant workshops and office space available to rent for new and established businesses. For more information, contact Cora Gordon at SYAC Ltd on 223 2100 or email: enquires@syacld.org.uk.

Ruby Wedding Celebration



John and Margaret Mellor, of Abbeyfield Road, recently celebrated their Ruby (40th) Wedding Anniversary.

Shortly after their wedding in August 1965 they travelled by sea to Southern Africa where they taught at Thekwane

and Kwenda, mission boarding schools run by the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia), returning here in 1979. Having started school in Africa their children, Debbie and Andrew, then continued their education at Firshill School.

John taught science at Colley School until retirement and Margaret worked as a supply teacher whilst the children grew. Now, when not visiting their children and four grandchildren in Birmingham and Cardiff, Margaret is a lay preacher and helps to run a Christian Resource and Information Centre and John can be seen racing around Burngreave, between various BCAF and New Deal working groups and playing the organ at St Peter’s.

Congratulations and many further happy years.

Events

Yvonne Brewster OBE

SADACCA
Sun 16th Oct, 7.00pm

Acclaimed director and founder of Black theatre company Talawa Theatre talks about her life and work. Tickets £4.

Tel 273 4400 to book ticket.

Afrikans in Science and Technology

Workshop 4, 120 Wicker
Tue 18th–Wed 19th Oct,
11am–7.30pm

Exhibition. Refreshments from UK-Mama. Black businesses promoted, call SYAC to book a space.

Contact Cora Gordon on 223 2100.

Grass Rootz

Bar Matrix
Sun 23rd Oct, 1–5pm

Free entry – ages 13+. Live display from Aerosol Artist “Temper”, Break/Street Dancing, DJ Skillz and MC Workshops.

Email: john@nonstopables.org

Roll Deep Live!

Kingdom Night Club
Sun 30th Oct, 8–11pm

Tickets £8/£7 NUS/otd. The East London crew who brought you Dizzee Rascal and Wiley with the album ‘In at the Deep End’ going silver this week and set to storm it up!

Email: john@nonstopables.org

Halloween Party & Fancy Dress

Pitsmoor Adventure Playground
Mon 31st Oct, 5–7.30pm

Games – Food – Prizes. Ages 5–14 (under 5s accompanied by an adult). Families welcome.

Contact Steve Edwards on 203 9394

Sherlock Holmes Night

New Roots
Mon 31st Oct, 7–9pm

A spooky Halloween event to celebrate Sherlock Holmes creator Arthur Conan Doyle’s house at 86 Spital Hill.

Call 203 9002 to book your free place.

The Big Draw 2005... Play & Display

Sat 15th Oct 11-3pm
Nottingham Cliff Park

Come along and draw in weird and wonderful ways, make a drawing contraption and do some envelope art !.. free event...some refreshments available.. phone Helena Terry 07906 630870 or Art in the Park 0114 2686813 for more details..

Hosted by Christ Church Pitsmoor & Art in the Park

The Campaign for Drawing
www.drawingpower.org.uk

Burngreave Recreation Ground Needs Your Help!

If you would like to see changes at Burngreave Recreation Ground and have some free time please come to a public meeting on **11th October at 7pm** at the Burngreave Community Action Team Offices at **12 Burngreave Road**. We can offer support to volunteers who may be interested in forming a group to support the rec.

For more information

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In spite of the rain

Hundreds of people ignored the weather and came to enjoy Abbeyfield Multicultural Festival Part 2. A fantastic musical line up of local and national talent performed to a somewhat damp but certainly enthusiastic audience.

First up was rap outfit The Collaboration Crew from the NonStop Foundation: Bulletz, Kezzo and 1,2 1,2 kicked off proceedings nicely with their numbers: *Shout Out*, *Never love you*, *It's alright* and *Pump up the vibe*.

The Jiggy Squad followed with an impressive dance display. The group regularly meet at SADACCA and are on the lookout for new members.

DJs DC and CB kept the crowd going with some smooth rap and reggae choices during the changeovers.

Zwalakafrica – BongoLove were next. The group includes musicians from Zimbabwe, Congo, Zambia and Uganda. They soon got the audience moving with their infectious mixture of drumming, dance and song.

The crowd were delighted that Celloman had come all the way up from London to play on a rainy Saturday afternoon. Ivan Hussey, as the taxman knows him, is an incredible player and his band performed a fascinating mixture of jazz, middle-eastern and classical music. The quintet consists of

Ross Hughes on Fender bass, Kosimo Keita on drums, Samy Basha on electric violin, and 'Shanks' on percussion.

The Baghdaddies finished up, taking everyone on a musical journey from Newcastle through Eastern Europe to the Middle East. This group play an eclectic fusion of Balkan gypsy songs



“It’s good but on the wrong day!”

and irresistible dance rhythms. Throw a little punk, jazz, reggae and ska into the mix and you get one of the most danceable bands on the circuit – Abbeyfield Festivalgoers certainly did them justice...

by James Heath

Shirecliffe Smiles

Despite the poor weather the Shirecliffe Festival went ahead as planned on Saturday, 10th September. Even the donkeys made a brief appearance, but had to leave early (apparently donkeys don’t like the rain).



The organisers would really like to thank all the stall holders who turned up on the day, our volunteers who braved the rain

from 7.30am and the young people who helped with the youth marquee and festival raffle. We had fantastic entertainment provided by Southey Strutters and All Stars Dance Group.

Thanks to Keepmoat who covered the costs of the entertainment marquee and to shops and businesses who donated goods and prizes. Parkwood School were excellent, providing facilities and helping with the organising of the Festival. As things continue to change in Shirecliffe, its Forum hope to organise other events that bring the community together and show some of the regeneration work currently taking place in the area. In the meantime if you would like to know more about the work of Shirecliffe Forum – contact them 242 3366 or at the Shirecliffe TARA House, 92 Crumpsall Road.

by Lyn Brandon



“In spite of the weather it was good.”



Festival photography by Mark Lankshear, Anwar Suliman & Reuben Vincent

Picture this

Joe Harris has grown up in Burngreave, living on Melrose Road for the last ten years. He has been into photography since the age of sixteen, steadily building up an impressive collection of photographs.

His interest in photography grew after doing a GNVQ in Art and Design at Loxley College. On the strength of his portfolio he has recently accepted a place on a three-year Commercial Photography degree at Derby University.

Joe recently went to the 3DOM Festival, held on Devonshire Green, to take some photos to add to his portfolio. He was welcomed by many of the artists and performers at the event, and took some great photos as a result. “I love to capture the whole urban street culture thing, such as DJing, breakdancing and graffiti in my photography”, said Joe. “I’m also into documentary photography and would love to work on a project that documents the changes of people and places”.



Word Champion Spraycan Artists ‘Maclaim’ exhibited their talent with Live Spraycan Art creating three stunning canvases in Undercover Corner.

Speaking of Burngreave, Joe added, “I like the atmosphere of Burngreave, it is a nice community that has a good vibe about it, I love the big houses”.

When asked about his hopes for the future he stated, “I would love a well-paid job of course, and hopefully it will be through street or fashion photography that I will be able to do this”.



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Sunday 28th August the 3DOM Festival returned to Devonshire Green, funded by the Phoenix Development Fund and Burngreave New Deal For Communities the event brought a full day of music, art, dance and sport for the fourth year to Sheffield City Centre.



Live acts including Estelle Richard Blackwood, Tippa Irie, DJ 3style, and much more.



Break and street dancers battled each other for the chance to perform on the main stage and win this year’s 3DOM dance trophy.

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