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The Burngreave Messenger in partnership with New Start magazine and the Fir Vale Forum are to offer free training to residents of Burngreave and Fir Vale on how to produce newsletters.

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Both the Burngreave Messenger and Fir Vale News will provide opportunities to do practical tasks during the training for the newspapers, such as article writing and photography.

We will be running sessions throughout the year. Each session will be two hours and will aim to be informal and friendly.

The first five sessions will be about Basic News writing.

They will be on the following dates from 10am–12 noon:

**13th & 20th April**  
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For more information, pop into Verdon Recreation Centre or call **Michala Spacey** – Burngreave Sports Development Project Co-ordinator on **(0114) 273 5719**.



# Burngreave Messenger



**Voice of the Burngreave Community**

**All the best on St Patrick's Day to all our readers**

## A tall storey?

**'A beacon shining across the city'. At least that's the hope for new building proposed for the foot of Spital Hill.**

While many believe it will never happen, Cherry Tree Development have put forward this 'aspirational drawing', showing a skyscraper towering over Pitsmoor.

The original plan referred to 18 floors of offices, two floors of retail and catering outlets, and residential accommodation on the top four floors, though a reference to the building being 28 storeys high has now been withdrawn from the application.

This proposal is being made alongside other schemes such as the opening up of railway arches to businesses, the revitalisation of the Wicker and the development of leisure outlets and retail along Nursery Street. All these proposals for retail and catering spaces which may be open into the evening could bring stiff competition to existing shops on Spital Hill.

The Council told the *Messenger* they would look favourably on proposals to bring jobs and money into the area, but are unlikely to grant permission for a skyscraper as it's the wrong place for such a building. It is thought the whole



concept may be a red herring to attract investors into the project.

The architects will be presenting their plans at the BCAF Buildings Group on 7th March, 6.30pm at the Kashmir Curry Centre and at the next Quarterly Forum meeting (see advert right).

For more information on this plan, see page 16 for details of the Council's online planning service. Application

details: 05/03185/OUT. Comments must be received by the Council's planning department by 8th March.

### Skyscraper Poll

The *Messenger* surveyed shoppers on Spital Hill last week, and found that people were split over whether or not the skyscraper was a good idea.

Good idea	82
Undecided	5
Bad idea	67

### Comments

*"Nice building but wrong location"*  
*"Driving out the poor"*  
*"May create jobs"*  
*"Modern eyesore"*  
*"Regeneration for a poor area"*

### Burngreave Community Action Forum Quarterly Forum Meeting

18 March 2006 • 10.30am  
at Verdon Recreation Centre

Looking at plans for the area:

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## Burngreave Business Awards 2006

The second annual Burngreave Business Awards ceremony took place on Thursday 2nd February at Verdon Recreation Centre, attracting hundreds of locals, students and business people in what was a truly remarkable day.

Pete Handy, Burngreave Business Forum Chair:

**"We had an amazing day celebrating business success, supporting business growth and encouraging new enterprises in Burngreave. It has been a truly inspiring day and one that will have an impact right across the city."**

**For more information, see page 15.**



### Award winners

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### Home Owners Maintenance and Advice Scheme



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Basic plumbing
- 25 March (10.00am–12.30pm) &  
30 March (6.00–8.00pm)**  
Tiling (2 part course) – preparation of surface area, cutting and spacing of tiles

The classes, for men and women, are being held at the Construction Centre, 21 Buckenham Street. If you require a translator or crèche facilities please advise when booking. The places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested in attending any of the above classes please contact the **Home Owners Maintenance Team** on **273 4623**.

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### March events

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For details and bookings, contact Sound Foundations (The poppy people) on (0114) 249 1969

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**Free** to Burngreave Residents (Non-Burngreave residents £27.50).  
Places are limited & advance booking is important.

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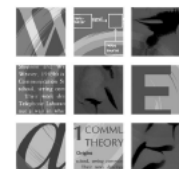
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Tue, March 21st • 10.30am–12.30pm

**For more information contact  
Panni Poh Yoke Loh**

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# Info for families

**The Children's Information Service (CIS) is a citywide information organisation promoting children's services for families and professionals in Sheffield, informing them about available daycare and other children's services in and around the city.**

CIS is currently delivering an information service in Burngreave, linking in with all childcare providers in the area to deliver information sessions at different neighbourhood points. The service is based at the new Children's Centre on Spital Street.

"For any questions concerning child care or anything to do with special needs, access nursery education or schools then get in contact. Even if this concerns a child of an older age I will try to give you an answer, or find someone who can."

explains CIS worker Penny Wightwick (pictured). "I also offer information to people wanting to work in childcare or to become registered childminders and look forward to hearing from them."

CIS drop-in sessions take place on Wednesdays at 9.30am-12.30pm Spital Street Children's Centre and 1.30-4.00 pm at the SELCO Centre at Owler Brook School.

For further in formation contact Penny on 252 5220.



## Pension Credit campaign success

**Last autumn, the Messenger reported that a number of local groups were working together to encourage more pensioners in Burngreave to claim Pension Credit. So what impact did this make?**

We reckon that just under 100 people called in either to Pitsmoor CAB, Pakistan Advice Centre and Age Concern Sheffield about getting Pension Credit. We reckon that another 70 people phoned the advice agencies. Sometimes this was to check that what they were already receiving was right; sometimes because they had been told they weren't eligible; sometimes to arrange an appointment for a benefit check.

Forty-six people attended one of the five outreach sessions. Twenty-one new Pension Credit claims have been made.

A typical example of this is Age Concern Sheffield assisted with a claim giving an award of £36.75 a week, plus back dated payment of £2,276 and Council Tax Benefit of £21.29 a week. Howard Golding from Pitsmoor CAB says: "It's very hard to say exactly how much additional income this campaign has raised for local elders, but it's probably well over £20,000 extra annual income from claims that this bureau alone has handled. We need to learn the hard lessons of how we did this and make sure that as local workers, we don't forget".

Gina Brumby from Age Concern Sheffield said: "We were really pleased to be able to work together with other organisations in the Burngreave and Firvale area to support this campaign. The outreach sessions were invaluable in taking the message into the local neighbourhoods." A final word from Gulnaz Hussain from Pakistan Advice: "Working together this community has organisations that can assist older

people in claiming what they're entitled to. Many of our elders have worked hard in this city and it's only right that they get every penny that they deserve."

by Andy Shallice

**There are still many people who could be getting extra money through Pension Credit, who have not yet made a claim. This could mean extra money for you each week.**



**What you may be entitled to will depend on your circumstances.**

**If you require any further information please telephone Age Concern on 250 2859.**

### Cleaner

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# Childcare gets reprieve

**At the end of this month New Deal funding will end for ten more projects. However, the Childcare Consortium received a reprieve at February's Partnership Board meeting.**

The board decided to extend funding for 12-24 months until the Council's Early Years service can take over funding for local facilities at Ellesmere Children's Centre and Black Women's Resource Centre. They also agreed to develop a scheme of vouchers to be issued directly to parents to buy childcare places from these groups.

Other projects have not been so lucky. Pleas from the Education Theme Group for New Deal to think again about decisions not to fund projects such as Cellar Space Project, Catch the Drift and the Community Language Schools have fallen on deaf ears. John Clark stated at the consultation event in February: "If New Deal takes this request on other projects could not be funded."

The funding from New Deal will come to an end for the following projects at the end of March: Burngreave Domestic Abuse Project, Burngreave Language Support Agency, Cellar Space, Community Language Schools, Pitsmoor Credit Union, Yemeni Community Association Capacity Building, Catch the Drift, Safer Homes and Women's Health Screening.

Burngreave Community Action Trust will also run out of money at the end of March. Despite getting a green light from New Deal, they have been told they will not be funded at current levels. Redundancy notices have been sent to ten members of staff.

## Forum House sold

**Forum House is to be bought by New Deal this month after they were approached by the Council with a plea to prevent it being sold on the open market for upwards of £750,000.**

The New Deal Partnership Board were asked to consider purchase of the building for £450,000 in the hope that it could remain in community ownership. They were also asked to consider selling the building back to Black Community Forum (BCF) in several years time. This caused some unhappiness in their February board meeting. Community Rep Ronnie Lewin said: "I don't know what BCF do, a lot of people from the black community do not feel represented by BCF, it feels like a closed shop which only benefits those in the clique." While Community Rep Aisha Special K said: "There will be uproar in the community if we agree to sell the building back to BCF."

The eventual decision was to buy the building out of the existing capital budget, which is set aside to pay for Sorby House and Spital Hill public realm. The Board did not want to give exclusive rights to BCF to buy the building back, but decided not to close the door on any community organisation wanting to take on management of the building beyond New Deal.

New Deal plan to continue renting Forum House to the Learning Campaign. It will also house other New Deal-funded projects: Burngreave Opportunities, Apprenticeships for All, Supporting Business, and Streetworx and they expect the building to generate a profit of £40,000 per year.

## The Editorial

Burngreave residents will welcome the start of work on the Vestry Hall this month, as they see workers in hard hats scurrying around the site.

At the same time, with over £10 million of the dwindling New Deal money committed to buildings and other capital projects, some eyebrows will be raised as the programme adds Forum House to its expanding property portfolio, with few details available about how these assets will be owned or run after the end of the programme.

Congratulations this month go to *Messenger* admin worker Farzana Ahmed and her husband Tanveer on the birth of their first child, a boy, on 5th February.

Also to Mark Lankshear, *Messenger* project manager and his partner Charlotte on the birth of Joe (pictured), 8½ pounds, on 16th February.



## Messenger Info

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# Redevelopment frenzy

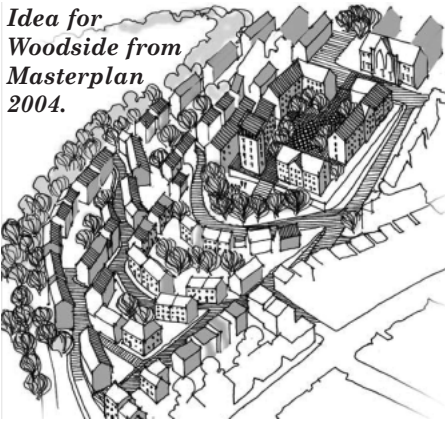
**While plans for a skyscraper for Spital Hill are far from reality, other redevelopments are just around the corner.**

Work has already started on the Vestry Hall; New Deal has committed funds to refurbish Sorby House and Woodside continues to be discussed. Burngreave Community Action Forum's next meeting on 18th March will focus on these coming changes.

## Woodside

**Ownership:** Sheffield City Council owns the land and while New Deal has invested £930,000 into Woodside, it's still unclear what this has bought them although it did speed up demolition. The Council have decided to sell the land to developers for housing, but the value is still unknown.

**Cost:** The private sector developer who buys the land will have to fund the redevelopment. No planning permission has been granted as yet.



**Idea for Woodside from Masterplan 2004.**

**Plans:** The Masterplan, produced by the Council, suggests 150 and 250 housing units will be built to appeal to existing Burngreave residents as well as attract future residents. There would be a mixture of housing built for sale on the open market: housing for rent from a housing association and low cost home ownership. A hilltop square will incorporate the refurbished Pye Bank School, to be converted to residential use. It is undecided how much green space will be retained or how many homes will be housing association and 'low cost'.

The Council will be employing an 'enabler' to assess ideas and proposals from: the Project Group; New Deal; the Masterplan, and other agencies and feed them into the Market Brief for the developer.

## Vestry Hall

**Ownership:** Still owned by the Duke of Norfolk, New Deal has bought a 30-year lease from the Council for £1.

**Cost:** New Deal plan to spend £3 million on the refurbishment.



**Plans:** To be made into a Community Learning Centre, but will include a large hall for events.

For more information see page 14.

Local photographers Richard Hanson and Anwar Suliman have been commissioned to document the renovation of the Vestry Hall, which will be recorded at [www.vestryhall.co.uk](http://www.vestryhall.co.uk). If you used the hall before it became derelict and want to share your memories, follow the links on the site.

## Sorby House

**Ownership:** Bought by New Deal from the Council for £686,600.

**Cost:** Refurbishment is estimated to cost £3-4 million pounds of New Deal money. Costs uncertain until a contractor is taken on.

**Plans:** To host 80% commercial offices and 20% community offices. From the profit on the rent, about £23,000 is needed to fund part of the running costs of the Vestry Hall. Proposals include meeting rooms for hire, information sections and public toilets, but plans are being revised following a

requirement for contracts to be advertised Europe-wide and revisions are not yet public. Ideas for Sorby House last went out to consultation in 2003.

## Public Realm

*(Public areas of Spital Hill for example footpaths and Ellesmere Green.)*

**Ownership:** Sheffield City Council.

**Cost:** New Deal had hoped to spend money on this but uncertainty regarding Sorby House means most of it is on hold. If no funding is found, work could be done by the Council who are working on making the Masterplan ideas happen.

**Plans:** The only definite work at the moment is around the Vestry Hall where Grimesthorpe Road will be closed and the pavement around the Vestry extended. Work has started to develop the art works for Spital Hill, Sorby House and Vestry Hall, through Sheffield gallery owner, Karen Sherwood, who wants to involve residents in the process. She can be contacted on 285 2665, see inserted postcard for more information.

## East Sheffield Regeneration Team

The City Council's East Sheffield Regeneration Team is involved in the regeneration of Burngreave, Fir Vale and Page Hall. We work closely with other agencies such as the Planning Department, Burngreave Area Panel, Burngreave New Deal for Communities, Burngreave Business Forum and the Fir Vale Community Forum.

There are currently two Masterplan Project Group meetings, monthly in Burngreave.

- The Burngreave New Housing Group advises on the new housing developments proposed for Woodside, Ellesmere and Catherine Street.
- The Spital Hill Project Group advises on the proposed commercial and business re-development around Spital Hill.

The Burngreave Team are:

Rob Slow, Project Officer (Spital Hill and Ellesmere re-development and Spital Hill Project Group) – 261 7216

Caroline Stiff, Project Officer (Woodside and Catherine Street re-development and Burngreave New Housing Group) – 261 7216

# SADACCA celebrates twenty years

**On the 26th March SADACCA celebrates its 20th anniversary. The starting point for the centre was in the 50s and 60s when the West Indian Community Association (WICA) was created.**

In those days people had nowhere to socialise outside their own homes, feeling unwelcome in pubs and even some churches. WICA members wanted to establish a community centre so a request was made to the City Council for a meeting place which resulted in the allocation of three prefab buildings on the Ponderosa in Crookesmoor (one of them famously known as 'the bug hut'). However two of these were burnt down on Bonfire Night in 1979 and, although housed temporarily in the Philadelphia Centre on West Don Street, the group began to put a plan together to find a building they could turn into a centre of their own.

"We wanted somewhere, not only to meet and socialise in on Saturday nights," two prominent members of WICA told me, "but also a space that would provide educational and employment opportunities for people from our community. We formed a small working party to realise our ambitions. At first we weren't taken very seriously by some of the officers in the City Council. However George Caborn and David Blunkett (then leader of the Council) lent their support and things began to move forward."

Guy Lambert described how they looked at several buildings before finally finding the old Samuel Osborn Steel Works on The Wicker. "It was in need of renovation, however since it's a listed building, the council were keen to see it reoccupied and offered us 50% of the funding. In 1984 we approached the Manpower Services Commission and took on a team of people to work on the building. I had to be really strict with the trainees – they had to get the job done!"

When it opened in March 1986, there were facilities for all ages: a crèche for working mothers, a luncheon club for Caribbean elders, the Bob Marley recording studio, advice workers, community and youth workers, space for small business start-up and social events, even for church meetings. "We employed 73 people in the building!" Guy said. "In fact, at that time, we were running the largest community-



owned project in Europe! We had visitors from Doncaster, London and even Europe and America, all wanting to learn how we had set this up."

Looking back on the last twenty years, what have been the main achievements? "We wanted to do something that would help people to start small businesses or move into higher education," said Guy, "and that's our biggest achievement. SADACCA has been a stepping stone for other projects such as the ACE Centre, SYAC and the Mary Seacole daycare centre. It has given lots of people the skills and confidence to do their own thing and has been a real hub for community projects! Whilst we still need to look ahead to the future, we can be proud that we have all contributed towards this, never mind creating a community centre from a derelict building!"

*Thanks to Guy Lambert, Hector and Carmen Franklin, Cora Gordon and Lyn Bent for their time and enthusiasm in telling this story. This is also a tribute to all the people who were involved in the creation of SADACCA, including Ishmail Walters, Joslyn Allen and his wife, Stuart and Silda Brown, Mr Maxwell, Mrs Buckley-Greaves, Mike and Sue Atkins, Basil Griffiths, Lionel Lambert, Delroy Malcolm, Ken Anderson and so many more whose names are not listed but are not forgotten!*

**by Nikky Wilson**

Burngreave Voices is a Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust project in partnership with Sheffield Libraries. Supported by the Council and New Deal.



## Jamaica Diaspora UK

The Jamaica Diaspora UK was launched in June 2004. Its role is to create awareness and encourage participation of Jamaican Communities throughout the UK.

Jamaica Diaspora Sheffield will be launched by the Jamaica Society at SADACCA on Thursday 30th March at 2pm.

There will be Workshops on Immigration, Youth and Health (Diabetes, Sickle Cell, Prostate Cancer).

*The Greek word diaspora is used to refer to any people or ethnic population who leave their traditional ethnic homelands, being dispersed throughout other parts of the world.*

For more information please contact Ms Carmelita Duncan (Chairperson for Jamaica Society Sheffield Region) at SADACCA on 275 3479.

**by Carmelita Duncan**

## Anniversary Celebrations

Members of SADACCA and the community are invited to a month of events.

### March

- 21st – Study Support Awards
- 21st – Day Centre Dinner
- 23rd – Jiggy Squad
- 25th – Domino Tournament
- 27th – Gospel Service

### April

- 1st – Grand dinner and entertainment. Tickets available until 20th March at £30 per head.
- 2nd – Family Day

To find out more contact SADACCA on 275 3479.





contact: 276 9134

## Burngreave Area Panel

### Click click click to planning info

Planning and development affects everyone in the area. House extensions; people wanting to use a shop as a take away; opening up a car wash; building multi-storey office blocks. Previously to find out more you had to go to Howden House in town and ask to see the planning application. Now on the internet, you can see all current and past planning applications with a few clicks.

Remember, if you don't have internet access, you can use one of the Burngreave Library's seven machines free for up to one hour at a time. They're open daytimes on Monday, Wednesday, Fridays (closed for an hour at dinnertime), and on Saturday morning.

Go to the Council's website at [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk). On the home page, click on 'in your area' in the left menu; then again on 'planning and city development'; then again on 'planning applications on line'. On this page, scroll down to near the bottom where it says 'proceed to planning applications online' and click.

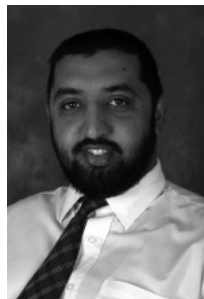
From the menu on the left you can search for applications by their number, look at the history or applications of a particular address, or see what decisions have been made or are coming up on the weekly list. The database also contains applications' supporting documents.

There is now a special map feature that you may find useful. You will need to have broadband access and Internet Explorer for this to work well. And make sure the 'pop up blocker' is turned off – this can be found in 'Tools'. Click on 'view map' in the left menu. This will show a map of Sheffield. Put your icon/crosshairs just to the right centre of the map with the right button on 'zoom in'. Next page, in the centre near a green '4', click again – and again. Now you'll see 'Pitsmoor Cem' click again on the white area, and again, and now you'll start to see street names, keep going until you see red circles appear, this signifies which properties have applied for planning permission. If you click on 'identify' button, you'll see 'properties and planning applications' in the drop-down menu at the top. Click on – 'planning applications' and put the icon over any red circle, just you will be able to read the planning history of that site.

So using the pan button on the right, go down towards Spital Hill. Here you'll see one red circle on its own half way down Spital Hill. Click on this and you should see planning application 05/03185/OUT. 'Click to view' on the arrow – click on 'associated documents' – click 'view associated documents' button. On the third entry down – '25/Jul/2005' click on whole doc. And then you'll see five pages of how the local skyline might look. And you can also make a comment on the proposal.

### 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.



Councillors' surgeries are on Saturday mornings in Burngreave Library from 11.00am to 12.00 noon unless otherwise stated:

4th March: Jackie Drayton  
11th March: Jackie Drayton  
12.15–1.00, Firhill TARA: Jackie Drayton  
18th March: Ibrar Hussain  
25th March: Jackie Drayton  
1st April: Steve Jones

### Next Area Panel Meeting

- Thursday 23rd March at 6pm at Firhill School, Orphanage Road. Agenda includes the new planning framework for Sheffield; and what's happening to our local parks – Sutherland Road playground, Burngreave Rec, Pear Tree Nature Reserve, Osgathorpe Park and Abbeyfield Park.

### New Year's Honours

As a recognition of people who have been 'extra special' in the area, the Panel awarded the following people and groups with a certificate and engraved clock at a reception in the Town Hall on 26th January:



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**Graham Abdullah** – self-defence and martial arts and personal development

**Madge Dale** – librarian

**Mohammed Shoab Desai** – Imam

**Shirley Else** – school-crossing patrol at Pitsmoor Road

**Alpa Ghelani** – pharmacist

**Milton Graham** – volunteer, Firshill Tenants' & Residents' Association

**Valerie Hanson** – school-crossing patrol at Fir Vale

**Muhammad Iqbal MBE** – volunteer, BCAF and New Deal (recognition of national honour)

**Kelvin Pine** – volunteer, BCAF and New Deal

**Yvonne Pine** – volunteer, school governors

**Susan Rodgers** – school-crossing patrol at Firshill

**Mohammed Shabere** – builder and youth group volunteer

**Abdul Shaif** – volunteer, Yemeni community

**Tracey Sparkes** – childcare worker

**Burngreave Problem Busters** – voluntary group

**Burngreave Sports Network** – young people's project

**Ellesmere Children's Centre** – childcare provider

## Bus fare campaign

**In November 2005, First Mainline, put their bus fares up for the fourth time in a year. An adult single fare went up from £1.30 to £1.50 and South Yorkshire day tickets went up by 50p to £3.50. This represents a 36% price hike in 18 months.**

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**We Want Our Buses Back (WVOBB)**

formed in the hope of reclaiming the buses and keeping bus fares affordable. WVOBB is a city-wide campaign with the backing of Council Leader Jan Wilson, who has said: "I want our buses back too!" As part of this campaign a group at the Ashram (the studio behind New Roots) have decided to build their own 'walking bus'. Patrick Amber, community artist, said:

**"We wanted something that was fun and positive, something to give our protests a sort of carnival atmosphere. The aim is for the bus to be used at as many protests and meetings as possible."**

The idea is for each person to make their own piece of the bus to hold on the protests and to make them all fit together to look like one of the First buses. Although all the basic features of the bus will be the same there is space for people to add their own individual features to it. Others getting involved in the bus protest include the Rebel Clown Army and the Rhythms of Resistance Sheffield samba band. The bus saw its first successful outing at a WVOBB demonstration in the city centre on 25th February.

The *Messenger* asked local bus users their views on recent fare rises:

**"The bus companies have risen fares too high and they do it without warning. I have my hands tied as the buses are my only form of transport so I will have to pay the fare." – No 47 passenger**

**"I think it's disgusting! I have a free pass from the course I'm on but for other people it's just too high." – Linda Miller, waiting for No 7 on Firshill Crescent**

**"My Daysaver ticket has gone up by 50p but I have no choice but to use the buses." – Nathaniel Dennis – No 76 bus user**

When the *Messenger* asked First South Yorkshire Ltd to justify the fare increases, Commercial director Brandon Jones said:

**"The third increase to fares in November was necessary to meet the huge increase in costs that unfortunately has not been fully met by previous changes. Overall costs have risen by nearly 40% in the last five years partly affected by the global economic situation and the price changes in crude oil.**

**"As a commercial operator we do need to make decisions from time to time to ensure we cover our costs of operation and return profit to allow growth and deliver a return on the investment our Shareholders make, over half of whom are our own staff. Since 2002, that investment has seen over 100 buses enter Sheffield alone representing over £10 million."**

For more information about the local campaign against the Bus Fare rises or to help with the campaign bus, contact Dave Havard on 296 9695. The group need eighteen volunteers to make the walking bus run, so get in touch if you can help.

The next meeting of the citywide WVOBB campaign is on 8th March at 7pm, Quaker Meeting House.

by Tom Sadler & Reuben Vincent

## News

### Burngreave radio license

Supporters of Burngreave Community Radio (BCR) are celebrating after a recent Ofcom decision to give the station a five-year licence to broadcast across this community and surrounding areas.



The station now needs a range of volunteer help to make the dream a reality, including help with radio presenting, programming, advertising, music, fund raising, committee-work and more.

If you would like to get involved in any of the above, help reshape the BCR group and make this broadcasting licence work and become successful, please come to:

**BCR Meeting  
6.00pm Monday 13th March.  
Verdon Recreation Centre**

For further information contact Robert Smith on 0779 605 8564 or 242 0564.

### Ski permission

On Tuesday 21st February, the Council Planning Board gave outline planning permission to the Ski Village for the next stage of their development.

They plan to build a 'snow mountain' which includes a mixture of leisure and retail facilities including a cable car from Infirmary Road, an indoor real snow hall for skiers and boarders, restaurants, a 100-bed hotel and Swiss-style chalets for holiday lets.

More detailed plans will now be submitted to the Council for scrutiny.

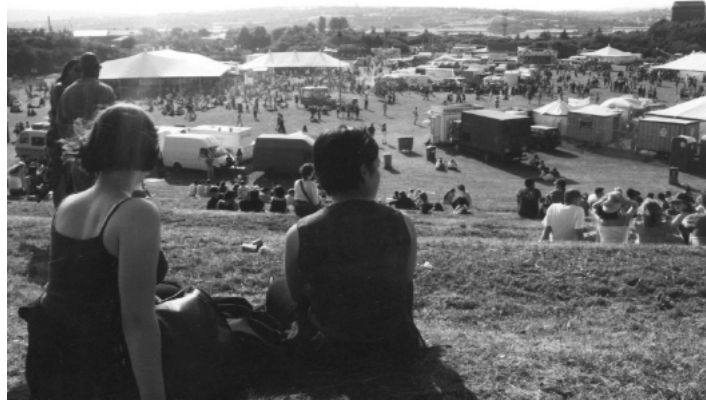
### Kashmir fundraiser

Kashmir Curry Centre owner B'sharath would like to congratulate his customers, who raised £2,840 during 'The Kashmir for Kashmir' week. Meals were sold for £10 of which £5 went to the appeal. Money raised will be split between Christian Aid and the Minhaj Welfare Foundation. Thanks to everyone who made a donation.



## Music in the Sun

The popular multicultural Festival Music in the Sun, will be returning to Sheffield, presented by the Burngreave-based NonStop Foundation.



Over the weekend of 29–30th July Music in the Sun will be staged at the Don Valley Grass Bowl. It's a family event and has grown from a small community festival on a city centre car park in Sheffield into a No 1 award winning multicultural Festival in the north of England.

The organisers promise a funfair, food and trade stalls, workshops and kids activities in the 3DOM Look, Listen and Learn area. There will be a music festival across three arenas featuring the Reggae Sound System, R&B and Dance Tents and DJs from the region, nationally and internationally.

The NonStop Foundation acquired Music in the Sun in late 2005, announcing the return of the event at the 3DOM Festival on Devonshire Green in August last year. The NonStop team, in consultation with previous organiser, Austin Grant, have set their sights high. It promises to be a lively, fun, colourful event for highlighting the benefits of multicultural interaction.

The event is supported by the Cultural Industries Quarter Equal Last Mile Project and is currently looking for sponsors, supporters and volunteers. If anyone is interested please contact The NonStop Foundation on 272 4753 or email [musicinthesun@nonstopables.org](mailto:musicinthesun@nonstopables.org) for further information.

by John Tuxman

## Festivals Forum



With the support of the Area Panel and New Deal, last year Green City Action (GCA) produced five major events in the community.

The Burngreave Residents' Events Forum was formed late last year to continue and develop the work of the award-winning Abbeyfield Park Multicultural Festival Committee in giving the community a key role in planning and production of Green City Action's events.

The events team now meets with the Forum once a month at Abbeyfield Park House. Its members are made up of residents and people working for the Burngreave community. GCA would welcome the involvement of residents who would like to contribute their experience and skills to help deliver even better events in Burngreave. If you would like to get involved then ring Bob Worm or Dawn Jones for details on 244 0353. The next meeting is Wednesday 8th March, 2pm at Abbeyfield Park House.

This year's events calendar is:

Abbeyfield Park Environmental Day – Sunday 21st May  
Theatre in the Park – Friday–Sunday 2nd–4th June  
Abbeyfield Park Multicultural Festival – Sunday 9th July  
Fir Vale Festival – Sunday 16th July  
Carnival of Lights – Friday 1st December

GCA is also working with children from local schools on a project for the Lord Mayor's Parade this year. Please get in touch if you can help.

by Bob Worm

## A New Deal for Burngreave

### Important business for students

**Budding entrepreneurs from Burngreave were given the chance to find out all they need to know about starting and running a business at a unique event.**

Nearly 60 business students from secondary schools serving the area attended The Burngreave Enterprise Event, sponsored by BNDfC and Business Link South Yorkshire, to talk to local entrepreneurs, discuss ideas with 25 different business support agencies and learn about the funding that is available to them for enterprising ideas.

To inspire them, the young people were given two different competitions to enter. A general knowledge quiz had them grilling the advisors which resulted in three students winning £20 book tokens. The schools were then asked to design a logo for the Burngreave Business Forum, with top design agency MM Design judging the competition. Firth Park won the competition which means their students will now spend time with MM Design on work experience.

Jon Cowley, BNDfC Education Theme Manager, said: "The event was a resounding success for young entrepreneurs. Our aim is to work with schools to encourage enterprise in the Burngreave community and nurture enterprise at all levels so we develop thriving businesses in Burngreave that play a full role in boosting area."

To conclude the day of enterprise, the second annual Burngreave Business Awards were held to celebrate Burngreave's business success.

There were six awards up for grabs with six winners, two businesses highly commended and eleven commended. Definitely a day to make Burngreave proud!

Deputy Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Cllr Jackie Drayton was full of praise for the award-winning businesses saying: "These businesses represent the true entrepreneurial spirit of Burngreave and are just one reason why the area is on the up."



### Partnership Board Meeting – Wednesday, 25 January 2006

#### What was discussed

##### Draft Year 6 Delivery Plan

The delivery plan incorporates the priorities identified by the partnership board at away days in July, September and December.

The Delivery Plan consultation process will be completed by 15th February 2006, and thereafter the Chair will be meeting with the Vice Chair, Chief Executive and Acting Programmes Director regarding the issues raised in the consultation process and how they will be addressed.

#### What we decided

To welcome the progress being made in consulting with the community to develop the Delivery Plan.

To receive a final version for approval at the February Board meeting.

To meet on 15th March to approve the Delivery Plan if there are major revisions as a result of comments from Government Office Yorkshire & Humber.

To delegate the task of approving the Delivery Plan to the BNDfC Chief Executive if there are no major revisions as a result of the comments from Government Office Yorkshire & Humber.

For more information on BNDfC please contact 279 6932

### Verdon Recreation Centre

**Tuesday**  
2.15–3.15pm • Tai-Chi (*over 18s*) • £1  
4.00–5.30pm • Kool Klub  
(8–14 year olds) • 20p

**Wednesday**  
10–11am • Women only aerobics (*with free crèche*) • 50p

**Thursday**  
4.00–5.30pm • Kool Klub (8–14 year olds) • 20p  
6.30–7.30pm • Stretch & Tone (*women only*) • 50p  
7.45–8.45pm • Yoga (*over 18s*) • £1

**Friday**  
12 noon–2pm • Fundamentals (*for parent and toddler, 18 months–3 years, Gym sessions*) • free  
3.30–4.30pm • Football (8–14 year olds) • 30p

For more information, contact Michalis Kallis on 249 1626 or 0790 993 6215.



### TREES FOR FREE!

Do you live in the Sheffield Burngreave area?

Have you got space in your garden for a tree – a specimen tree, perhaps a fruit tree, a tree to keep in a container, a tree to celebrate your cultural background, a hedge instead of a fence?

If so, we are taking orders now for next season (November to March). We also provide information, support and advice on suitable species, planting, pruning and aftercare.

Please contact:

Tim Shortland at Sheffield City Council; Parks, Woodlands & Countryside; Meersbrook Park, Brook Road, Sheffield S8 9FL

tel: 0114 273 4190

email: [tim.shortland@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:tim.shortland@sheffield.gov.uk)





## News in brief

### Members needed

BNDfC are re-establishing the Strategy Group covering the health theme.

This group has the important task of steering the future direction of the health theme and monitoring BNDfC funded projects.

Membership of the group is made up of:

- Two board members (one has to be a community representative)
- Two residents selected from the Theme Focus Group or wider community
- Two representatives from the voluntary, community or faith sector
- Two representatives from the statutory/mainstream organisations and/or business sector

We would like to hear from anyone interested in taking up one of these positions.

If you are interested in hearing more about the role of the health theme strategy group and what membership involves, please come to the health theme meeting on 6th March at St Peter's at 6pm or ring Sandra Greatorex on 292 0461.

### Theme meetings

Everyone is welcome at the following meetings.

**Education:** 8 March & 19 April, St Peter's Church Hall, Lyons Street, 6–8pm

**Over-arching:** 14 March & 11 April, The Furnival, Verdon Street, 6–8pm

**Crime:** 21 March, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm

**Environment:** 23 March, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm

**Health:** 3 April, St Peter's Church Hall, 5.30–7.30pm

**Employment & Enterprise:** 5 April, Ellesmere Children's Centre, 1.30–3.30pm

**Housing:** 13 April, BNDfC Information Shop, 6–8pm

## Building work starts on Burngreave landmark

**An historic building in Burngreave is being given a new lease of life with the announcement that work is to start on a major refurbishment programme.**

Vestry Hall, on Burngreave Road, is to receive £3 million from BNDfC to turn it into a state-of-the-art community learning and events venue.

A grade II listed building, Vestry Hall was originally built to house the rates collection and registry for the area.

Its restoration, a central part of the regeneration of the whole of Burngreave, has received the full backing of Sheffield City Council.

The building is owned by the Duke of Norfolk estate but has been let to the council on a long-term basis. They have recently handed this lease over to BNDfC so the work can be completed.

The project will include a full structural repair, underpinning, re-roofing, treatment of timbers, renewal of windows, cleaning of stone work and a new first floor and basement. All original and significant features that can be retained and restored will be and substantial new facilities added.

The centre will house:

- A high tech centre for e-learning
- Community events and activities
- Out of school study opportunities for young people.

Rose Ardron, local resident and Chair of the BNDfC Partnership Board, said: "The refurbished Vestry Hall will not only offer much needed good quality learning space in Burngreave but it is an opportunity to provide basic skills training for residents."

Councillor Jackie Drayton, Chair of the Burngreave Area Panel said: "The Vestry Hall is a landmark building in the heart of Burngreave. Its refurbishment reflects a great deal of hard work by people in the local community, Burngreave New Deal for Communities and the City Council."

Work is due to commence at the end of February, and will be completed by March 2007.

Anyone requiring further information should call BNDfC on 292 0393 or visit the site office in front of Vestry Hall and ask for the site manager.



*Historic building gets revamp.*

*(L–R, back) Neil Moss from contractors Simpsons York Ltd, Neil Stanley from Sheffield City Council and Steve Parnell from AllenTodd Architects (L–R, front) Saleema Imam from Vestry Hall Working Group and Burngreave resident, Cllr Jackie Drayton from Burngreave Area Panel and Burngreave resident and Muhammed Iqbal, Vice Chair of BNDfC and Burngreave resident.*

## Diving for gold



**Claire Blencowe, who is a pupil at Fir Vale School, will be travelling to Melbourne, Australia in March to compete in the Commonwealth Games.**

Claire, who is a former pupil of Firshill and Pye Bank Trinity Schools started diving at Ponds Forge at the age of 6 and began competitive diving at the age of 8 years old.

Claire is presently the National Champion in her own age group on the 1-and 3-metre springboards, the platform and also the 3-metre synchro. Last year she competed in the world championship final in Montréal with her partner from Plymouth, Tonia Couch, in the 10-metre platform synchro competition, finishing a creditable tenth. At the recent Senior National Championships in Manchester, Claire and her partner, Katie Hamilton, who is also from Sheffield, qualified in the 3-metre synchro competition for the Commonwealth Games. Both girls have also been selected to represent the country individually in the 1-metre springboard event.

Claire's ultimate ambition within her sport is to dive at the Olympic Games in London 2012. However, prior to this, we first have the 2008 Olympics in Beijing and the 2010 Commonwealth's which are to be held in India, both of which are within her reach to qualify for.

Other than this, Claire is an ordinary 15-year-old who has two brothers, likes listening to music, spending time with her friends, going to discos and shopping.

She is currently in her final year at Fir Vale, where senior management have always been very supportive of her diving, allowing time off school to travel to competitions. She is hoping to continue her education at Longley College next year. Her parents are very proud of Claire and will keep you informed of her results.

**by Deborah Blencowe**

## Open Gardens

**A new event for Burngreave's gardeners is planned for this summer. Green City Action and the Messenger would like to invite local people who care for their gardens to open them for a day and show off their work and achievements.**

The event is open to all residents of Burngreave no matter what type or size of garden they have. We would particularly like to encourage people with interesting or unusual gardens and those who are proud of the work they have done, to take part. We hope that Burngreave's communal yards and allotment groups will also join in and hold open days too.

The Burngreave Open Gardens event will be held on 2nd July and is to be accompanied by a guide book containing location maps, gardening information and facts about each garden and its gardener.

If you would like to be involved please contact Rob Bullock of GCA on 244 0353. We can offer support in opening your garden if you need it.

**by Rob Bullock & Rohan Francis**

## Sarah-Jane shortlisted



**Thanks to the support of local voters, Burngreave beauty Sarah-Jane Madden has been shortlisted as one of the final eighteen contestants competing for the Miss Sheffield 2006 title.**

Sarah-Jane said:

**"Thank you for your support so far and I would be very grateful for any additional votes from the community."**

The winner will be announced on 31st March. If you would like to pledge your support, text lines have now reopened – text MISS 160 to 80889.

### Burngreave Ramblers

**Next dates: Saturdays 11th & 25th March, 8th & 22nd April**

Meet at Abbeyfield Park gates, Abbeyfield Road at 10.45am returning for 3.30pm. Walks are about 5–7 miles and moderately easy – usually in the Peak District. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing and take packed lunch/drink. If you wish to bring children, please confirm suitability of walk. Please confirm arrangements beforehand.

For any further information please contact: 242 3870 (email: db.peck@virgin.net) or Jill: 243 8867.



# Lollipop ladies

Three of our local lollipop ladies were given awards by the Area Panel in January. Shirley Else who works at the crossings close to Pitsmoor Post Office and Susan Rogers stationed on Barnsley Road help children from St Catherine's and Firs Hill Schools. While Valerie Hanson helps children from Fir Vale School cross Owler Lane and Rushby Street.

## Shirley Else



Shirley's been a lollipop lady for 31 years, starting on the Petre Street/Sutherland Road junction before moving to Pitsmoor Road eleven years ago. We went to find out how she felt about her New Year Honour from the Area Panel.

*"It was lovely to receive an award. I don't really like a lot of fuss but it's really nice to think that people think that much of me."*

When we asked what the hardest bit of the job was, she said:

*"You know what that is because you've seen me shouting and getting annoyed when you go up to school! Ignorant drivers! I don't like that bit at all. It can be frightening too – that's why I don't wear long Johns when I'm working – if there was an accident and I was taken to hospital it wouldn't be a very nice sight!"*

Carrying a lollipop stick has great significance to the job as Shirley explained:

*"I didn't have one when I first came to the Pitsmoor Road crossing. Luckily it had traffic lights, but I felt a lot safer when they eventually gave me my lollipop stick. And when I first got the uniform I felt a bit daft, especially in the hat, but it does mean that people recognise you more easily."*

Recalling a funny moment Shirley told us of one occasion that she rushed an old woman across the road. "It was quite busy and I virtually carried her but when she got to the other side it turned out she didn't actually want to cross the road at all."

by Mick Ashman & Louis Ashman

## Valerie Hanson



Valerie has been a lollipop lady for over 21 years after being encouraged to apply by a friend.

I asked if she felt the fast moving traffic put her at risk, she said:

*"It does seem dangerous, although I've had a number of near misses I've never been hurt."*

*"Some drivers do not always notice me, I can report them, but the only problems is that they go so quick there's no chance of getting their registration plates. There's definitely more traffic and more children now than in the past."*

We went on to talk about the essential tool of the trade and I asked if she'd ever left her lollipop behind.

*"I have never forgotten my lollipop because I usually keep it in Happy Shopper just up the road from the crossing. I've had two lollipops in my career as the first one broke. They can get quite heavy on a windy day."*

When I asked if there was anyone in particular she'd like to help across the road she told:

*"No one because I like to help everyone cross the road!"*

*"I am very pleased with receiving the New Year's Honour. I took my husband along to the ceremony and met lots of other people. We really enjoyed it!"*

by Andrew Edmondson

## Susan Rogers



It is nineteen years since Susan started her job and she enjoys it every bit as much now as she did then. She told me: "I just love working with kids, and this is a great way of doing so."

Susan has experienced many changes to her job since she started, including an increase in the dangers involved.

*"The traffic has become a lot busier. Drivers now are not as courteous as they used to be. I would be lying if I said it wasn't dangerous, because some drivers just don't take any notice of me or the lights. There have been times when drivers have gone straight through a red light. You do have to be careful."*

Interestingly, she also has not always had one piece of equipment that could be considered essential in her position.

*"I didn't always have a lollipop. For half of my career I was just in a plain white uniform and walked out into the road empty handed. I have only had a lollipop in the last ten years or so. And even that has changed recently. It now just says 'STOP' whereas it used to read 'STOP – CHILDREN'. They're now collapsible as well, which makes it all much easier. I've probably had about five or six in my time; I've had quite a few stolen."*

Susan is thrilled to have received a Burngreave New Year's Honour.

*"I was really surprised. It's lovely. It's brilliant. It really did feel like you're being appreciated."*

by Reuben Vincent

If you are interested in taking up vacancies for school crossing patrols, contact Shirley Adams from the Council Education Department on 273 5818 or write to her: School Crossing Patrols, 3rd Floor, Howden House S1 2SH. For a full list of Area Panel award winners – see page 16.

# "Thank you Dr Saleem"

Long-serving and well-respected GP, Dr Mohammed Saleem is to retire on 31st March after serving the Burngreave and Fir Vale community for more than 32 years.



Dr Saleem graduated in Medicine in Karachi, Pakistan in 1967 and came to the UK in 1968. His early ambition was to become an Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist, but he later decided he preferred to become a GP.

After working in hospitals in Birkenhead near Liverpool, Bedford and Nottingham, where he was involved in various roles, he came to Sheffield in 1973 and has served the community ever since.

Things have changed a lot since he started work in a surgery on Rock Street:

*"In the early days we had very basic rooms and facilities, but over the years the surgery has developed and now has modern facilities, IT systems and increased privacy for patients."*

From Rock Street he moved to 131 Burngreave Road, near the Pitsmoor Methodist Church for twelve years and from there to the Melrose Surgery at 120A Burngreave Road.

The Practice, which has a centre in Shiregreen has over 7,500 registered patients, with 1,500 from the Burngreave community. Dr Saleem has many fond memories of the local community:

*"I have myself lived in this locality for over ten years. It is a wonderful and cosmopolitan area and the people are very nice and friendly."*

In his retirement, he plans to spend more time with his family and to look after his grandchildren. He also wants to do some travelling:

*"I have relatives all over the world including family members in Singapore, India, Egypt, Pakistan, Cyprus, Norway, France, United States and Puerto Rico who I would love to visit."*

Dr Saleem also has a passion for photography and plans to spend more time on this.

Although he has not ruled out the possibility of locum work in the future, Dr Saleem will be greatly missed by many long-term and loyal patients from the community.

*"I would like to thank everybody for giving me the opportunity to work in this community."*

*"The respect people have given me has kept me going for these many years."*

To give patients a chance to say their farewells to Dr Saleem, an informal gathering is to take place on Friday 31st March at the Melrose Surgery at 10.30am, and 2.00pm at the Shiregreen Medical Centre.

The *Messenger*, along with the whole of the Burngreave community would like to wish Dr Saleem a very happy retirement.

by Naheem Hanif



# Green City Action

## It's cheaper in green

Did you know that you could save cash by switching your supplier?

I just did and I reduced my bills by 20%, better still the energy I now use is 'green' or 'renewable' energy. Every time somebody switches to green energy it means we:

- Breathe less pollution
- Help stop global warming
- Save money

So you can help make Burngreave cleaner and greener and save cash.

## Interested?

Don't get conned by doorstep or telesales people who are just after your money, instead visit <http://www.uswitch.com/Energy/> and select green energy from the light blue menu box. Or you can write to uSwitch.com, PO Box 33208, London SW1E 5WL.

## Toy Library to reopen



GCA is set to reopen its toy library from 11am-1pm on 24th April – more details next month. We have a very wide range of toys available suitable for all ages for 'free' loan to members. We still need volunteers to help with this so if you have a couple of hours every week or so then please get in touch.

Contact Green City Action for information about the Toy Library or further planet saving tips and ideas. **Joining is free**, phone 244 0353 or email [enquiries@greencityaction.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@greencityaction.co.uk).

by Garry Smith

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**# Creative Burngreave**

Invite you to a showcasing and celebration event!

Burngreave Chapel  
Melrose Rd, Sheffield.  
23rd March: 4.00 - 7.00pm

This event will showcase the work that Creative Burngreave and its projects have carried out from 2003 to the present.

There will be performances from local artists, food and a chance to network with many of the Creative Burngreave artists.

Contact Us:  
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## Burngreave Advocacy Now!

A service at the heart of the community!

'Mohammad' has been recovering from cancer which has been especially difficult for him since all his family lives abroad, including his wife. He was separated from his wife just months after their wedding due to war in his home country and now hasn't seen her for seven years. 'Mohammed' has been granted asylum in UK.

Advocacy Now project has been helping 'Mohammad' with issues relating to benefits and health. He wished to visit his wife but had no money. Advocate Kalsoom took the time to write to local businesses and mosques and has now successfully raised £550 for the air fare to make a trip abroad to meet his wife.

Kalsoom told us, "We have been touched by the generosity of people. I approached the takeaways around our office at SADACCA, (Kebbabish, Dixy's, Imran's, Halal Southern Fried Chicken and Lahore Kebab House). Everyone made a donation. The manager at Dixys has been particularly generous, making a personal donation of £150. We also had generous contributions from the mosques we approached (Burngreave Road mosque, Wolesley Road mosque and Sufi centre on South View Road).

The project co-ordinator Fouzia Ali said that raising money for a client is not a day to day activity of the project, "...but in this particular case the client seemed to have no other recourse and we decided to do everything we could to help".

### About the Project

Burngreave Advocacy Now! is funded by BNDfC until March 2007. It is managed by Pitsmoor Citizens' Advice Bureau.

The project currently has four half-time paid advocates and one volunteer advocate. Anyone who lives in the Burngreave New Deal area can seek help from them.

Advocates can help over a wide range of issues. They can help with filling in forms, going with you to appointments to put your point of view forward, and helping you with your correspondence.

Advocacy Now! can help if you are struggling to find a doctor or a dentist or a solicitor. They can negotiate on your behalf if you are struggling to pay your bills. They can also refer you to other services which you may not know about.

If you need help you can contact the project by:

- Visiting the project office at SADACCA Floor 3, 48 The Wicker, S3 8JB.
- By telephoning to make an appointment on 275 0261.
- Or by attending one of the project's outreach venues:

Burngreave Library on Mondays from 9.00am-12.30pm and Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30pm. Firs Hill School on Thursday from 11.30am-3.30pm.

Currently opportunities are available to access free training to become an advocate through volunteering for the project. If you are interested in doing voluntary work for Burngreave Advocacy Now!, please contact the Project Co-ordinator Fouzia Ali on 275 0262, to get an application pack.

## The Pub Guide



### The Royal Oak

The Royal Oak is situated on the corner of Earsham Street and Kirk Street, just off Gower Street. There is a bus stop opposite which covers about eight services from the estates straight into town.

This is a cosy little pub having just one main room and an outside beer garden, which is very popular in summer with the children.



The beer is Stones which is always excellent, and the Worthington and Carling lager, once again is spot on. For a more discerning taste, there is Coors lager and of course Guinness.

Entertainment consists of 'Karaoke with Guy' on Friday night and Sunday afternoon and early evening. A big screen television which receives Sky Sports, so you can watch all premiership and championship football matches.

A games team play darts, crib and dominoes in the local Burngreave league, and there is a football team which play every Sunday morning.

If it's a flutter you're wanting have a go on the 'Bingo Bongo' which has over hundred members. All you have to do is pick three numbers from the national lottery and hope they come out as the bonus ball, they are marked off every week until you get all three. Prize money soon builds up and one lucky chap won £1,400, not bad eh!

Though a small pub, it is big in entertainment, so why not call in and be greeted with a very friendly atmosphere and a warm welcome from Karen and Kevin who can be reached by ringing 272 0575.

Opening times: Mon-Thu: 12 noon-12 midnight, Fri-Sat: 12 noon-1am, Sun: 12.00 noon-11.30pm

by Mick Brown

## Upcoming events...

### International Women's Day

Wednesday 8th March 10.00am-3.00pm  
Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street S3 9QS

Health & Drug Awareness, Pampering, Complementary Therapies, Stalls, Workshops, Fun and Prizes. There will be a free lunch and free crèche - first come, first served. Contact Peggy on 226 2970 or Norah and Fatima on 271 6971/8.

### Cactus Club Dancing Crew Battle

Thursdays 9th, 16th & 23rd March, 7pm  
Cactus Club, Earsham Street S3

B-Boy/Girl Break Dancing Crew Battle Tournament. Open mic welcoming Hip Hop, Rap & Garage MCs. £3 Admission. Entrants call 0785 126 7330. See inserted leaflet.

### Pitsmoor CAB AGM

Tuesday, 14th March, 12.30  
SADACCA, 48 Wicker S3 8JB

A light lunch will be provided and the speaker will be Jan Wilson, Leader of Sheffield City Council. If you want to know more about the work of the bureau this is a perfect opportunity - or you may like to be more involved in our work. Want to know more? Ring Chris on 273 8838.

### St Patrick's Day Workshop

18th March - see page 2

### SADACCA 20th Anniversary

21st March-2nd April - see page 17

### Creative Burngreave Showcase

23rd March - see page 12

### The Shield Programme

Commencing: 23rd March, 6.00-8.30pm  
Mega Centre, Bernard Road S2 5BQ

Shield is a free part-time evening programme that will help you develop new and innovative new business ideas that can help you launch your own innovative enterprise. You will receive expert guidance that will enable you to investigate all your available new business options. Contact John O'Connor on (01226) 715555 or email: john@excaliburuk.co.uk.

### Jamaican Diaspora UK

30th March - see page 17

### St Catherine's Table Top Sale

Saturday 1st April, 11am-1pm  
St Catherine's School, Firhill Crescent S4 7BX

Spring clean your home and raise money for your summer break! Free admission, everyone welcome and refreshments available. Contact St Catherine's School on 242 1177. Book tables for £5, by 17th March - fee goes to St Catherine's Parent Forum.

If you've got an event, let us know - or fill in the form on the New Deal website - bndfc.co.uk.



Messy play

One thing almost all children love is being messy.



This is where it pays to know how to make a variety of clean(ish) messes. Homemade playdoughs and putty's can be cheap and easy to make, bring hours of fun, and are activities that children and adults of all abilities can enjoy.

These types of sensory play activities enable children to explore familiar and unfamiliar materials in different ways, and can be therapeutic, stimulating, and fun.

Children are often told not to do something because it's making a mess, or they're getting dirty; but Doug Cole, Chairman of The International Play Association, has suggested that not allowing children to take part in messy play, can hold back a child's development.

As playworkers, and parents, we can address this growing trend by making more time for messy, sensory play. It may take a little longer to clean up, and children may get a bit messy, but it's one of the most inclusive types of play and pretty much all children love it.

Recipes

Wet/dry play dough
1 box (16oz) cornflour; 1 cup water; food colouring (optional)

Let children add water to the cornflour in small additions, and mix the ingredients by hand. Add food colouring if desired.

Silly Putty
1 cup cornflour; 1 cup salt; 1½ cups flour; ½ cup water (maybe take more)

Mix together cornflour, salt and flour. Add water and mix.

Links to more info and recipes on the Messenger website:
www.burngreavemessenger.org.uk/.

by Alice Johnson

We love study support

Over 150 Burngreave young people enjoyed activities and discussions at the Burngreave Study Support Consortium Evaluation Conference during half-term.

The event brought together young people from Reach High; Burngreave After-School Study Support; Somali Education Breakthrough and the IT Community School & Subject Support. The young people offered their ideas to make the study support project even better as well as enjoying a range of activities including circus-skills; jewellery and tile-making workshops; T-Shirt printing; basketball and football. Thanks to Futures' Streetworx project; Sheffield PCT; Activity Sheffield; Swamp Circus; Non-Stop Foundation and Krishna Alageswaran for workshops and New Deal for ongoing funding for the Consortium.

"You get to go on lots of trips; have more time to revise and get to know other children from different schools" - Aneesa - Reach High 2

"I like working together with children from different backgrounds and doing activities with other people and friends" - Nagwa - BASSSP



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by Ian Clifford

Theatre of the future

Myahla and Jalahn Palmer-Simmonds who live in the Burngreave area were asked to take part in an advertising campaign to raise £350,000 for the Children's Hospital.

This is to fund an operating theatre of the future. A number of activities have been undertaken to reach this goal. Myahla and Jalahn took part in a photo shoot at the hospital for the 2006 Calendar. They also appeared on a number of Mainline First buses. This new theatre is only one of four in the country. Its importance speaks for itself and our family as Burngreave residents are delighted to play a part.

The Calendars are for sale at £1.00 each. To buy one and raise money for this worthwhile cause, please call Denise on 276 8862.

by Denise Palmer



November 2006 Theatre of the Future

M	6	13	20	27
T	7	14	21	28
W	1	8	15	22
T	2	9	16	23
F	3	10	17	24
S	4	11	18	25
S	5	12	19	26

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Forces for positive change

On Monday 16th January at the Pitsmoor Welcome Centre on Nottingham Street they all gathered again to celebrate Martin Luther King Day - recognising those great figures who have forced positive change for all mankind.

Organisers Dorothy Wilson and Jeff Kirby explained that Rosa Parks was this year's focus for Burngreave's celebration of Dr King's Day. Rosa Parks famously wouldn't give up her bus seat to white passengers in 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama - leading to a bus boycott that lasted over a year.

Old people and young gathered together to recognise and celebrate:

"It pays to speak up for what you believe in."

"Actions speak louder than words."

"Rosa Parks was a strong person and a good example for us all today."

"When a law is unjust it is your duty to oppose."



than the colour of his eyes/Me say war!" The rhythm track and the celebration drew an attendance of well over a thousand.

"Big up to Riddimtion and Dub Central for helping us lead the way in recognising Bob Marley's birthday." said Thomas Hutt of Burngreave Bank.

Donna Williams told us: "The message of Bob Marley's music is still universal, enveloping the message and vibe of both peace and love."

by Rob Smith

Joe paints Pitsmoor

"In its entirety, Sheffield hasn't changed a great deal," said painter Joe Scarborough, who has lived and worked in this city most of his life. "It has always been very hilly and not the most fashionable city with its old-fashioned work ethic - if you're not working on a Monday, it feels strange."

Joe has been painting for over 40 years and his work has been widely documented. Not only art work around Sheffield but many other countries like Greece, northern Spain and Ireland.

After the death of his wife, Joe moved to live on a barge currently anchored in Victoria Quays. Here his main focus for drawing has been Sheffield and in particular areas around Pitsmoor and Burngreave where he grew up.

Joe explained about the work currently in progress called the 'Pitsmoor quartet'. This consists of four major paintings based around Burngreave. The 'quartet' includes scenes of Pyebank School and three of his local pubs (Royal Oak, Grapes and Gower Arms) as well as a trip from a working men's club and a wedding ceremony.



As Joe made a coffee, I asked what inspired him to become an artist.

"My father fired my enthusiasm by accumulating his own library of books and pictures. I'd find myself looking at pictures and nothing much else. My father's influence has been very strong as he was a well-known character, socialist and a great self improver."

He also shared with me a favourite quote: "The only way out of Pitsmoor is by the book!" Joe declared, adding



that's he's always used this quote for inspiration.

Beginning working life in the pits of Thorpe Hesley, Joe said that being in the mine without daylight gave him further inspiration to paint, "Everything was brilliant," referring to the effect sunlight had once out of the pit. "For just fifteen seconds it looks like a colour spectrum then quickly it would return to a dirty yard on an autumn day," he recalled. "My heart was then set on becoming a painter and after a mining accident I pursued this ambition and have never looked back since."

Joe aims to have his 'Pitsmoor quartet' paintings exhibited in August and makes a request for old photos from 1946-55 to use as part of the exhibition. Weddings, photos, war pictures that include people returning from the wars. If you can help, contact Joe on 07729 630 409.

by Brent Moya