

DARFIELD MATTERS

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The Darfield Community Association has pleasure in issuing the first Community Newsletter to the residents of Darfield. We've tried to gather as much information as possible and we will always be seeking current articles and topics. If your group or organisation has not been included, why not drop in the office at OAP Centre, Illsley Road, Darfield or email us on news@darfield.info

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WHO IS THE DARFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Darfield Community Association is a group of local people who meet on a monthly basis to help support the regeneration of the community. The group is an independent area sub group of the Village 4 Community Partnership. The objectives of the group are to:

- Foster and improve community spirit
- Encourage volunteerism and support self help initiatives
- Support the improvement in the welfare and well being of local residents
- Initiate solutions to combat crime
- Engender a strong commitment to the protection of the environment

"In a nutshell we are a group of people working to improve Darfield and help it fight back from the years of neglect"

The group have re-established the Darfield Gala, provided and distributed alarms for the elderly, built 3 youth shelters and are currently supporting local groups to take advantage of available funding allocations. The group, together with Voluntary Action Barnsley and BMBC Community Learning have been instrumental in gaining funding to undertake a local Community Audit.

Paid workers have now been appointed to work together with the Darfield Community Association and are now on hand to go out into the Community. Local Press will be giving further details of their Darfield Office base and their activities.

WELCOME TO OUR LOCAL WORKERS

The Voluntary Action Barnsley Objective 1 Pioneer Project has recently recruited two new members of staff on behalf of the Darfield Community Association to work in the area.

Andrew Glover has been appointed as the Community Participation Officer and will be working full time. Andrew's role will be to support voluntary and community groups in Darfield in a number of ways. This could include turning an idea into a workable project, helping groups to access funding, looking at ways in which groups can identify and address any training needs. Andrew would be very interested in meeting community groups in Darfield to introduce himself and give groups an idea of what kind of support is on offer to them.

Deborah Netherwood has been appointed as the Administration Officer and will be working 20 hours per week. Deborah's role will be to offer support to any groups in the Darfield Pioneer Area with administrative needs. This might be designing and printing a poster or designing a letterhead for a community group.

If you would like to meet Andrew and Deborah or feel that you could benefit from the support that the team can offer then please contact (01226) 204197

COMMUNITY AUDIT

"It's all systems go to find out what the residents of Darfield want and need"

Clearview, Consultants in Regeneration have been successful in gaining the contract to drive and focus community research in Darfield. The outcomes of this consultation will be to:

- * Obtain the views of local residents on a wide range of issues
- * To identify the needs of local people and recommend activities, aims and objectives to fulfill their needs

* Gain information to produce a Neighbourhood Plan which will prove invaluable in gaining the funding required to regenerate Darfield.

Sean Brady leads the Clearview team and both him and his team are skilled and experienced in community research. They will use a variety of techniques and methods to encourage local people to contribute their views and volunteer their services.

The consultants will recruit, employ and train local people to act as

Community Researchers. Together they will collate the evidence and produce an in depth report of their findings. Later in the year they will announce venues where presentations of the findings will be given.

Interested in becoming involved as a paid Community Researcher, contact Sean Brady on (01226) 379784 or email clearview@aol.com

DARFIELD GALA

The 2nd Darfield Gala will take place on Saturday 5th July 2003, at the Longbow Playing Fields. Why not join us between 1.00pm and 4.00pm and help make it a fun day for all.

Why not book a stall, exhibition stand or practical demonstration

to promote your organisation. The cost will be £5 for Voluntary Groups and £10 for Businesses.

All proceeds from your activity will help boost your funds. For further information contact Glenda Sheppard on (01226) 340545.

DARFIELD GALA

SATURDAY 5TH JULY

1.00pm to 4.00pm

LONGBOW PLAYING FIELDS

DARFIELD LONGBOW JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB TOURNAMENT

The Darfield Longbow Junior Football Clubs' 4th annual six-a-side football tournament is being held over the weekend of the 5th and 6th July.

Up to 450 children will be playing on each day. The younger teams from under 7's up to under 11's will be playing on Saturday and the older children, under 12's to the under 16's will be playing on the Sunday.

Matches are expected to start at about 10.00am and run through til around 6.00pm. Individual trophies will be presented to the winners and runners up from each age group after the final match.

Refreshments ranging from pop, sweets and crisps, through to hamburgers, teas, coffees, do-nuts and ice-creams will be available all day.

Please come along and support not only the children playing in the matches but also your local community.

In the past, when the weather has been good, over 1,000 people have attended each day!

If you are a local business that would like to exhibit and/or sell your wares, please get in touch with the Darfield Community Association on (01226) 340545



BLUEBELL PRE-SCHOOL FUN DAY!



The first Fun Day of the Blue Bell Pre-School on 29th May was a great success.

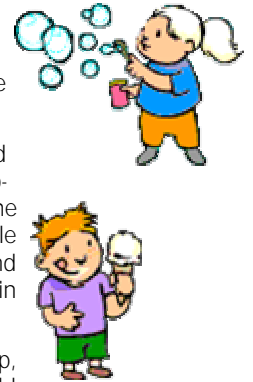
There were a range of activities and stalls at the event which took place at Wesleyan Church in Darfield. Local health visitors were on hand to give people a blood pressure test and the next stall gave advice on stress management!

But it wasn't just the parents who were catered for. The Pre-school Learning Alliance was on hand to provide the children with a range of play activities. A raffle was

drawn and one lucky winner claimed the first prize of a selection of wine.

Overall the group thought that the day had been a success, Sue Spencer said, "if people were not aware of our group before the day they certainly are now. A lot of people were interested in what we are doing and support our aim of getting a Pre-School in Darfield."

For further information on the group, please contact Andrew Glover, Darfield Participation Worker on



DARFIELD AGAINST CRIME

A group of local residents headed by Maria Kelk and Carmen Hancock-Jones have recently formed the Darfield Against Crime Group. They are now playing the role as sub-group of the Darfield Community Associations Community Safety element.

Local crime has become a key issue for many Darfield residents and the Darfield Against Crime Group are reviewing positive ways of combating crime by providing alternative solutions. Supported

by some 700 signatures this has led to negotiations taking place with South Yorkshire Community Police. Public meetings are to be held to further address the situation and allow local people to speak out and offer suggestions to make Darfield a safer place.

The group is looking for volunteers to work with the Management Committee. Any residents with a keen interest in Community Safety should contact Maria Kelk at 16 Garden Street, Darfield.

PIONEER COMMUNITY CHEST

Are you a group that meets in the Darfield area? Have you got ideas for your group but don't have the money to do what you want to do? Then apply to the Pioneer Community Chest.

There are many things that we can fund so if you have an idea, give us a ring and we will arrange to meet with you to discuss. Grants are available up to £5,000 if you are a group with a constitution and up to £500 if you have a terms of reference.

The deadline for applications is the 21st of each month and the Pioneer Grants Panel meets every second Tuesday of the month.

The following people can provide support and further information in completing the application form.

Sandra Greatorex - Pioneer Area Co-ordinator Tel (01226) 204197

Andrew Glover - Community Participation Worker Tel (01226) 204197

Cherry Daniels –Pioneer Area Team Manager Tel (01226) 2493360 Ext. 156

Pat Farmer –BMBC Community Initiatives Team Tel (01226) 775281



THE DEARNE BIG BAND AND SINGERS

The Dearne Big Band was formed in November 1988 and has just finished the winter season of concerts at Ardsley House which have been the best supported in the Bands History.

The Dearne Big Band is a community based big band and is comprised totally of voluntary Musicians who play for the enjoyment that they give to others and that they get from playing. Recently the band has been awarded a Community Chest Grant to aid in the purchase of support materials for the band to continue with the musical development of the band and individuals.

As normal, over the summer months the band is not as active but can be seen as part of the Mayors Parade in Barnsley Town Centre. The next winter season will start in September and will hopefully be an extravaganza of Big Band music in celebration of our 25th anniversary year and we hope that we will see all those that have enjoyed the previous years as well as new faces.

It has always been the policy of the Big Band to support other voluntary groups and charities, once again on the 9th August in Filey playing to raise fund for the RNLI.

If you are part of a group who would like the Big Band to perform at your event you can contact the Bookings Secretary, Mr Glynn Jackson on (01709) 889697 or alternatively you can visit our website www.dbb.org.uk for further details and information.

BASKETBALL IN DARFIELD

Darfield is the base for Barnsley's Junior Basketball Teams, run by Barnsley Schools Basketball Association. The under 15's, under 14's and under 13's teams play under the name of Barnsley Leaders in national competitions and the under 12's and under 11's play as Darfield Dunkers in regional competitions. Most of the players come from the Darfield and Wombwell area but players are also drawn from all Barnsley schools and beyond.



Darfield Dunkers new playing kit was purchased mainly from a donation from an American parent whose son played for Barnsley Leaders whilst he was working in England. All of the primary schools that feed into the Foulstone school have developed basketball facilities and coaching sessions are held at these schools. An inter primary school tournament is planned for Saturday 12th July on the outdoor court at All Saints CE primary school. Darfield Dunkers under 12's have had a successful season in the Nottingham Open Mini League and an under 11's team is due to participate in a series of tournaments this summer at Dronfield Leisure Centre on 4th May, 11th May, 8th June and 13th July.

Coaching sessions are open to all boys and girls from year 4 to year 10 and are held on Saturdays at the Foulstone school sports hall. In recent years, several players who attended these sessions have gone on to represent England, these include: Chris Wainwright from Wombwell, Anthony Oxley from Penistone, Dave Dibb from Armthorpe, Hannah Ward from Darfield and Jenny Bell-Taylor from Darfield. The latest player to be chosen to represent England is Ellis Clayton who attends Upperwood school and who has been chosen to play in the England mini under 11's team in Portugal this summer.

Darfield is also the home of Barnsley's only men's team run by player/coach Trevor Lees. Training sessions are on Wednesday evenings at the Foulstone school sports hall.

Anyone requiring further information please visit our website on <http://mysite.freemove.com/barnsleybasketball> or phone Bert Beaumont on (01226) 755354

FRIENDS OF FOULSTONE SCHOOL

GALA

CRAFT STALLS

REFRESHMENTS

GAMES

STOCKS

SAT 28TH JUNE 11–3 @ FOULSTONE SCHOOL, DARFIELD