



DARFIELD MATTERS

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The Darfield Community Association has pleasure in issuing the third Community Newsletter to the residents of Darfield. Once again, 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 Community Centre, Illsley Road, Darfield or email us on news@darfield.info

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COMMUNITY AUDIT

Over the summer many of you may have been involved in the Darfield Community Audit. Over 300 local people were interviewed in June 2003, by Clearview CIR. The Community Audit was commissioned by the Darfield Community Association to find out the needs of local people. The results of the audit will be used to form a community Action Plan which aims to bring funding in to Darfield which will address what local people have been saying.

Over the last three months, the Darfield Community Association have been analysing the results and developing project ideas that will address your concerns. The projects are currently being written into the Action Plan which will set out how the Darfield Community Association intends to take forward the regeneration and renewal of Darfield on behalf of local people.

In January the Darfield Community Association will be holding an event at the Community Centre, Illsley Road, where the draft Action Plan will be presented. There will be an opportunity for you to have a further input into the projects and ideas that the association wish to take forward on behalf of the community.

If you would like any further information please contact Andrew Glover on (01226) 754747

EVENTS

- ◇ CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
- ◇ GIRLS SOCCER SESSION
- ◇ GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT WORKER

The Darfield Community Association would like to welcome a new worker to the team. Adam White is our new Sports Development Worker who will be working in the local community, trying to give individuals of all ages the change to take part in a wide range of physical leisure activities.

Activities range from gentle exercise classes for the elderly to sports coaching for youngsters, enjoyment and involvement being the most important in all activities.

If you would like some information on all up and coming events, please contact Adam at the Darfield Community Centre on (01226) 754747 or 07971 541645

UP AND COMING ACTIVITIES

COURSES AVAILABLE IN THE NEW YEAR

We are currently offering a range of courses to the local residents of Darfield. We are pleased to announce that the following courses will be available in the New Year and anyone interested in attending should contact the Darfield Community Centre on (01226) 754747 to reserve a place. All courses are free of charge and creche facilities are available on most courses. If the course you are interested in is not on the list, please contact Amanda Bradshaw, Education Development Worker on (01226) 753602 who will try to set a course up.

Spanish

Holistic Health

English

Local History

Child Protection Training

Minute Taking Skills

A "Drop In" session for parents/carers is starting from Thursday 15th January, 1pm-3pm. The "Drop In" gives you the opportunity to have time to yourselves and try out different activities. Creche workers are on hand to look after the little ones.

GIRLS SOCCER SESSION

In partnership with Darfield Community Association and Darfield Longbow Football Club

The Soccer sessions will be taking place at Darfield Foulstone School for a period of 6 weeks, during term time in January and February. The sessions will be taken by an F.A qualified coach and last for one hour. We welcome parents to come along and be involved.



For information on dates and times, please contact

Adam White

Sports Development Worker

Tel: (01226) 754747

GENTLE EXERCISE TO MUSIC CLASS



A gentle exercise to music class is currently running on
Wednesdays at the Darfield Community Centre
(formally Old Peoples Centre)

The weekly sessions:

Start at 3pm and Finish at 4pm

Comfortable clothing will need to be worn



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER
2PM – 5PM

DARFIELD CHURCH HALL

**THE FESTIVAL WILL BE OPENED BY THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OF
BARNSELY - COUNCILLOR & MRS W NEWMAN**

SANTA WILL BE IN HIS GROTTTO

DARFIELD UPPERWOOD CHOIR WILL BE SINGING

VARIOUS STALLS
AND
PRIZES TO BE WON



FREE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE FESTIVAL, PHONE (01226) 754747 FOR FURTHER INFO

REPORTS ON PAST EVENTS

HEALTH AWARENESS DAY



The first Health Awareness Day took place at the Darfield Community Centre on the 14th November. Health professionals and voluntary organisations were on hand to give advice and information on a wide range of health related issues to the residents of Darfield.

It was a very enjoyable day and the enthusiasm of the staff and visitors was marvellous. There were taster sessions and activities on arts and crafts, education, Indian head massage, reflexology, salsa aerobics, information on health eating, dental health ,cardiac rehabilitation, the expert patient programme, credit union, the school nursing service, pre school learning, the city learning centre and the health visitor was on hand to take blood pressures and give advice on health issues.

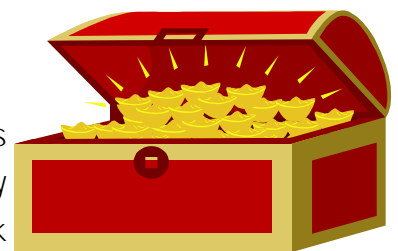
So I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff and residents who attended for making the day so successful. If you missed this one don't worry there will be another one soon.

We are hoping to hold a stop smoking group soon in Darfield anyone interested ? if you would prefer to stop smoking with one to one advice this can be arranged also. Also I am looking for a successful quitter to help promote this work, if you are interested in supporting or talking to someone about your success please let me know.

If you have any comments or ideas to help benefit yours or anyone else's health in Darfield please contact me. I would be delighted to hear from you. Please telephone Pam Briggs , Health Improvement Worker for Darfield on: (01226) 752205 or 754747 or write to me at the Welfare Hall, Rotherham Rd, Great Houghton. S72 OEG

DARFIELD FUNDING FAIR

On Tuesday 18th November at Foulstone School, Community Groups from the area were invited to talk to local funding agencies. Many representatives of local groups were in attendance and were able to talk to the funders about their project ideas. The funders in attendance were; Barnsley Development Agency, Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chest, Pioneer Community Chest, South Yorkshire Key Fund, South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau as well as the Management Advice and Management Training Projects. If you were unable to attend the event but would still like to find out about funding for your community group please contact Andrew Glover at the Darfield Community Centre on (01226) 754747 or andrew.glover@darfield.info



VIDA SPORTS CAMP EVENT

Adam White, Sports Development Worker gave a great opportunity to youngsters from Upperwood School to take part in a sports camp at VIDA, Barnsley. The event took place during half term which ran from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October, giving the youngsters the chance to take part in a wide range of sporting activities. As a reward for completing the sports camp, a ten pin bowling trip was arranged for the same youngsters to Barnsley Bowl in Carlton. Both events were a huge success and enjoyed by both the youngsters and staff!

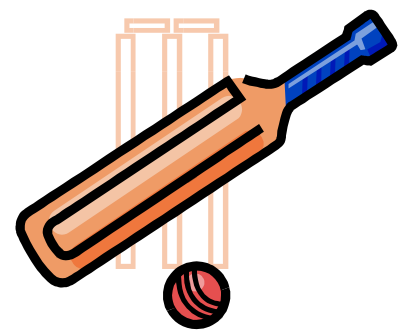


For information on future outings, please contact:

Adam White

Sports Development Worker

Tel: (01226) 754747



STOP PRESS!

GRANT AWARDS

Darfield Community Association has just secured a grant of around £2,000 from the Community Support Fund for a community barbeque and six community notice boards to be sited across the village. Watch out for them appearing in your area over the next few weeks.

The Association has also received a grant from the Pioneer Areas Community Chest to help pay for the Darfield Christmas Festival which will take place on Saturday 13th December at the Darfield Church Hall.

Congratulations to Darfield Longbow Junior Football Club who have secured a grant from the Pioneer Areas Community Chest to purchase equipment to set up a Girls Football Team.

Congratulations are also sent to Centre 17 Parent and Toddler Group who have also secured a grant from Pioneer Areas Community Chest to pay for the groups Christmas activities.

VACANCIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

DARFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE TREASURER

Can you spare 5 hours per month?

Darfield Community Centre are looking for a Treasurer. The position is voluntary although out of pocket expenses will be paid. The postholder will be responsible for keeping accounts up-to-date and dealing with any incoming and outgoing expenditure.

For further enquiries please contact Christine Baker on (01226) 757605

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP REQUIRE A PIANO PLAYER

Darfield All Saints Church are looking for a volunteer piano player to take part in their group on Wednesday afternoons. The sessions take place every Wednesday and lasts no more than 2 hours.

For further enquiries please contact Doreen Parry on (01226) 752567

FRIENDS OF FOULSTONE SCHOOL

Do you want to help and improve the facilities and quality of education at Foulstone School?

The Friends of Foulstone School are looking for more people to become involved in the group, particularly in its fundraising activities. The group meet once a month in Darfield, although they undertake other activities in between their meetings.

If you would like to become more involved in the group please contact :
Christine Baker on (01226) 757605



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

- ANGELS
- BABY
- BETHLEHEM
- DECORATIONS
- DONKEY
- FRANKINCENSE
- GOLD
- HOLIDAY
- JESUS
- JOSEPH
- MARY
- MYRRH
- PRESENTS
- PUDDING
- SANTA
- SHEPHERDS
- SNOW
- STOCKING
- TREE
- TURKEY

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THE DARFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

