





## BLUEBELL' S PROGRESS REPORT

We are currently looking into the cost of a lay-by because we have been informed by the Planning Department that without this we will not get permission for change of use of the building on Clarehurst Road. We have secured most of the funding which is needed for the building work to be undertaken when planning permission is granted. Further funding bids for additional costs have been submitted.

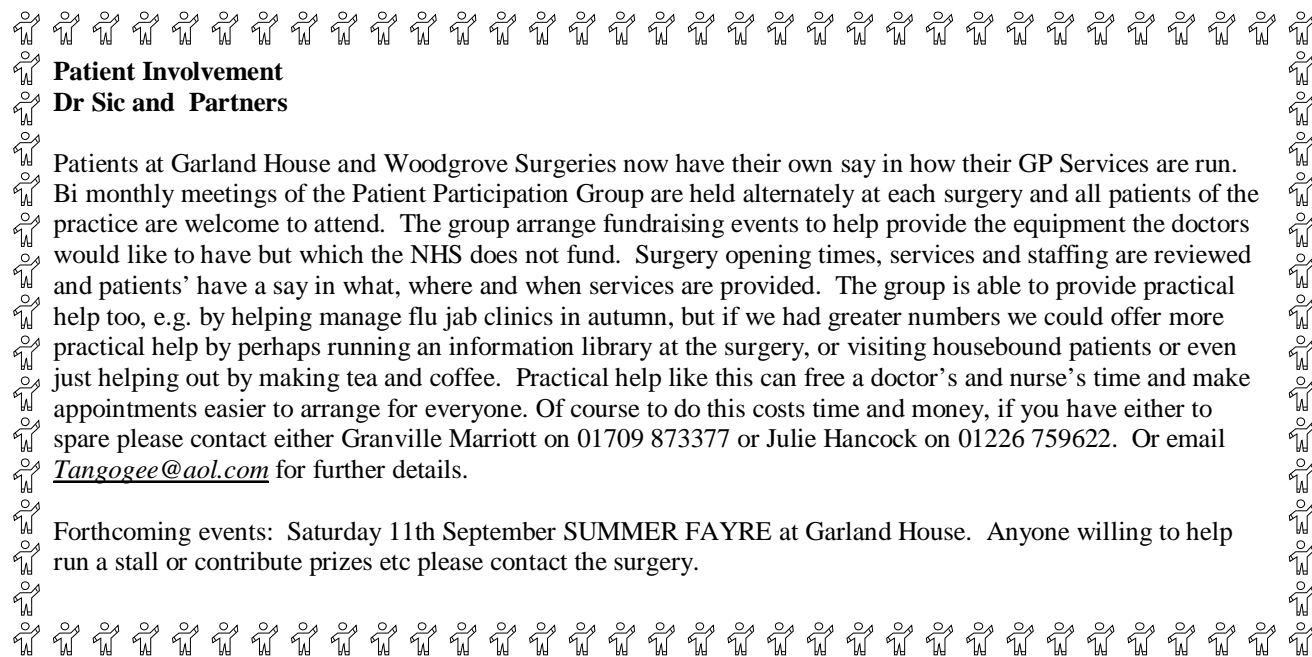
“A letter from the Management Committee Chairperson”

I recently had a telephone call from a local resident asking me about the CRECHE that we are opening; it took me a while to explain that a Pre-school is not the same as a Creche and after further conversation I found that what he actually needed was a Day Care Centre not a Creche. So for anyone else that may be unaware of what a PRE-SCHOOL is let me explain. The name Pre-school is the modern term for a Playgroup, the change in name is due to the changes that have taken over the last few years. The National Standards were set up by the Department for Education and Skills, these are ‘Rules and Regulations’ if you like that are there to protect our children. The Playgroups were run by the attending children’s parents, but due to the National Standards this is no longer allowed and the Pre-schools have to employ Qualified Staff that have been Police checked and the venues for these groups have got strict guidelines to follow too. The staff will be using the Curriculum guidance for the foundation stage to educate the children through play.

We are a Community run Pre-school, which means, that the Committee will manage the Pre-school and employ staff to work in the Pre-school.

If you are interested and would like to know more about our Management Committee, please contact the Community Association on 01226 754747 and leave your details who will pass them on.

Thank you  
Sue Spencer



**Patient Involvement**  
**Dr Sic and Partners**

Patients at Garland House and Woodgrove Surgeries now have their own say in how their GP Services are run. Bi monthly meetings of the Patient Participation Group are held alternately at each surgery and all patients of the practice are welcome to attend. The group arrange fundraising events to help provide the equipment the doctors would like to have but which the NHS does not fund. Surgery opening times, services and staffing are reviewed and patients’ have a say in what, where and when services are provided. The group is able to provide practical help too, e.g. by helping manage flu jab clinics in autumn, but if we had greater numbers we could offer more practical help by perhaps running an information library at the surgery, or visiting housebound patients or even just helping out by making tea and coffee. Practical help like this can free a doctor’s and nurse’s time and make appointments easier to arrange for everyone. Of course to do this costs time and money, if you have either to spare please contact either Granville Marriott on 01709 873377 or Julie Hancock on 01226 759622. Or email [Tangogee@aol.com](mailto:Tangogee@aol.com) for further details.

Forthcoming events: Saturday 11th September SUMMER FAYRE at Garland House. Anyone willing to help run a stall or contribute prizes etc please contact the surgery.

## DEBT ON YOUR DOORSTEP

The Darfield Community Association in partnership with The Little Dearne Credit Union are now working together to offer help to local residents with difficult financial situations.

### **What is a Credit Union?**

Credit Unions are savings co-operatives where individuals who have something in common (where they live or work) save together and borrow from the combined savings. By law credit unions cannot charge more than 1% per month, which is equivalent of an annual percentage rate of 12.68%. Community credit unions also encourage a sense of community and keep resources within the community.

### **What is poverty?**

People in poverty are more likely to experience money problems and debt because they don’t have enough money to live as society expects. There is a lot of advice available but this advice is mainly available after problems have occurred. Money advice helps people cope with debt, find alternatives to expensive repayments demanded by creditors and provides valuable emotional and mental reassurance.

### **Financial exclusion?**

When an individual is described as financially excluded it means that they have a lack of one or more of the following areas \*employment \*financial services \*inability to influence political decisions \*have no community or support networks.

### **What causes financial exclusion?**

- Poverty:** Low Income, Benefit dependency, unstable cash incomes
- Banking practices:** Refusal of accounts (unprofitable, low prospects, lack of documentation)
- Poor access:** Branch closures **and** Suspicion and ignorance of financial services

### **Who can be considered as Financially Excluded?**

- Tenants in social rented housing
- Lone Parents
- Unemployed
- Long Term Benefit claimants
- Low waged
- Pensioners on low income (usually state pension only)
- Some Ethnic Groups
- Temporary, seasonal or irregular workers

### **What is extortionate Credit?**

This is credit that is usually aimed at those who are financially excluded and mainly by “Sub-prime Lenders” offering a range of financial services’. Examples may be Doorstep Lending, Car Loans, Secured Loans, Mortgages, Pawn Brokers and Exchange Lenders.

### **The Financial Costs**

The prime lending market in Sheffield is worth £100 million per year. While the government is pumping millions into regeneration schemes, poor households to sub-prime lenders pay out a similar amount. To give examples of the costs to individuals a cheque trading company loans £100 over 26 weeks, the APR is 177% which adds £65 interest to the loan. A Credit Union loan would cost just £3.25 in interest. Interest paid to sub-prime lenders is lost to the local economy. Credit Unions recycle payments locally.

## EDUCATION NEWS



The Planetarium event was held in May at Foulstone School. Pupils from Foulstone and the Primary Schools attended the shows throughout the day. There was an evening show for families.

**Adult Learners Week:** was celebrated by an event at the City Learning Centre. Local people had the opportunity to try out sign language, dabble on the internet and enjoy a facial and makeover.

In June a number of families across the Darfield Community joined us for a free trip to Eden Camp in Pickering, North Yorkshire. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience.

There are a number of courses running in the Autumn term as listed below:

#### Wesley Methodist Chapel, Barnsley Road, Darfield

- Starting Tuesday 14th September 9.30 am - 11.30 am **Spanish for Beginners**
- Starting Thursday 16th September 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm **Pop in for parents/carers**
- Starting Monday 20th September 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm **English and Maths (brush up your skills and gain a qualification)**
- Starting Wednesday 22nd September 9.30 am - 11.30am **Personal Safety for Women**
- Starting Friday 24th September 9.30 am - 11.30 am **Holistic Health (to include Qi Jung, Indian Head Massage, Essential Oils, Relaxation Foot Spa, making your own soaps and bath oils)**

#### Darfield Library, Church Street, Darfield

- Starting Tuesday 21st September 10 am - 12 noon **Local History Group**

#### Darfield House, Darfield Community Association 36A Snape Hill Road, Darfield

- Starting Monday 20th September 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm **Computers for Beginners**

#### Welfare Hall, Great Houghton

- Starting Wednesday 15th September 9.30 am - 11.30 am **Parent and Toddler Group**
- Starting Tuesday 21st September 9.30 am - 11.30 am **Computers for Beginners**
- Starting Thursday 23rd September 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm **Local History Group**

- **Child Protection Training** has been organised for Wednesday 20th October 9.30 am - 3.30 pm at the Wesley Methodist Church. It is suitable for volunteers in playgroups, parent and toddler groups or anyone who works with children in a voluntary capacity. Please ring to book you FREE place on 01226 754747

If you have any further ideas about courses that you would like to do in your local area please let us know and we will try to accommodate your needs.

Contact Amanda Bradshaw (Educational Development Worker) on 01226 754747 or 01709 898174



## Darfield Health Matters Healthy Living Barnsley Project



Continues to support the community of Darfield to improve their health with a variety of Projects.

#### Past Events

A Health Day for young people was held at Foulstone School which was very successful and provided information on healthy eating, drug awareness, stop smoking advice, healthy schools, sexual health, fun activities and much more health related information. We would like to thank the school for their encouragement and support for this day. Jenny Spencer (Behavioural Support Unit Co-ordinator) for her hard work, helping the day to run smoothly and Shirley Corns (Manager of the City Learning Centre) for support with allowing us to use the City Learning Centre.

#### Present Projects

##### Sunrise group

This group is for any new mums and mums to be in the new Health Centre every Monday 10am-12 noon. It is informal and friendly where you can share experiences over a cup of tea or coffee. There will also be an opportunity in the second half of the session to gain information and advice on various topics of your choosing, from a variety of agencies and professionals. So far there has been information on Childhood Behaviour, Bookstart, Healthy Eating and feeding your baby, Baby Massage, Domestic Abuse and Dental Health. Feel free to pop in and have a chat for all or just part of the session. A programme explaining future topics is being prepared for the coming weeks for e.g. A Pram Walk, Family Planning, Credit Union and a trip to Sundown is planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Gentle Exercises to music which help with mobility and balance, take place every Wednesday 3pm – 4pm at the Community Centre on Illsley Road. The sessions are good fun and very informal. The cost is £1.50 per session and all members of the community are welcome.

The Stop Smoking Support group in Darfield continues at the Community Centre on Illsley Road and has been popular and successful in helping people to quit smoking with support from each other and the Barnsley Stop Smoking Service. The group meet every Wednesday morning 11am—12 noon, for a referral for an assessment, please phone Barnsley Stop Smoking Service on 01226 288540.

#### Future Projects and update

Cook and Eat sessions have been adhoc so far but it is our intention to run a free 5 week course. If you would like to learn some new ideas for cooking simple, budget meals, then join us on our basic, FREE Cook and Eat course consisting of five two hour weekly sessions. Come and have some fun whilst learning some basic cooking skills in a friendly environment. Please phone us or pop in to put your name on the list at Darfield House (Darfield Community Association Building, 36A Snape Hill Road, Darfield).

Pop In for Information on health related matters. As we now have a new base in Darfield at 36A Snape Hill Road, we will be available for you to discuss any health related information you may require every Thursday morning between 9.30-10.30 am. Please call at reception first.

If you feel life is becoming too stressful maybe you would like to attend a stress management workshop, perhaps you would like more information on drug and alcohol misuse, please let us know your needs.

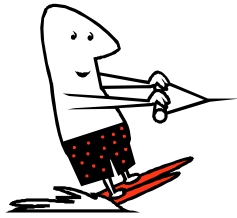
If you would like any information or have any ideas for other projects you would like to see happening in your area relating to these or any other topics to improve your health and well being you can contact :

**Pam Briggs or Louise Kelly at the Darfield House, 36A Snape Hill Road, Darfield, Barnsley. S73 9JU  
Tel: 01226 754747 or the Welfare Hall, Great Houghton Tel 01226 759810**

**We would love to hear from you!**

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# Summer Activities in Darfield



Adam White (Darfield Sports Development Worker) has been giving the youngsters from Darfield a chance to enjoy many recreational & fun activities during the summer holidays. Trips have been organised to Rother Valley Country Park for cable Water-Ski, Ice skating to Doncaster Dome, Ten pin Bowling at Barnsley Bowl and a Go-Karting trip. All youngsters who attended really enjoyed the trips and the experience.

## After School Teacher Specialists in Maths & English 6 - 16 years

Is your child slipping behind - 'racing ahead' - either way we can offer the care and support needed to give each individual child the opportunity to achieve their true potential. Your child will be taught by fully qualified teachers each with a vast experience of all Key stages - excelling in SAT's preparation for KS 1/2/3

For further details please contact  
01226 758580

## Park Play Day

Youngsters are invited to a summer play day which will take place in Darfield park on Wednesday 1st September. There will be many fun activities for youngsters aged 8 and above to enjoy. Activities include:-

Arts And Crafts  
Football  
Basketball  
Rounders  
Tag-Rugby



And much more

Refreshments will be available

The event will start at:

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The event will be organised and supervised by a Qualified Sports Leader & Darfield Community Association Youth Sub Group



## Darfield Tigers RFU



Darfield Tigers are a new rugby union club who are looking for youngsters (Girls & Boys) to join the team.

The team will be coached by three qualified RFU coaches. During the summer the team will have four rugby coaching sessions that will take place on St Mary's playing field (off St Mary's Road, Darfield). They will take place 1:30—3:00pm on Wednesday afternoons (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August).

In September the team will be holding their training sessions on Wednesday evenings.

For More information on any of the above projects please contact  
ADAM WHITE on 01226 757474  
Based at Darfield Community Association, 36a/b Snape Hill Road,  
Darfield, Barnsley. S73 9JU

## BASKET BALL



Darfield Dunkers U12s finished top of the Notts Mini League Northern section and the Dunkers U14 took third place in the South Yorkshire Central Venue League held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. The U11s and U10s were undefeated in games against teams in their own age group. The new season, starting in September, brings new challenges and opportunities for local players to play against the north's top teams.

Barnsley Leaders teams also based in Darfield, play in the national England Basketball (EB) competitions. The U13s will play Sheffield Sharks, Hatfield Flyers, Leeds Tigers, York Vikings and Barrow Thorns. The U14s will face Bradford Dragons, Calderdale Cobras, Hatfield Flyers, Leeds Tigers, Sheffield Sharks, Tameside and York Vikings in the National BAM league. At U15 level the opposition will be Derbyshire Arrows, Sheffield Sharks, Stockport, Teeside Mohawks, Wear Valley Wizards and York Vikings. The Dunkers U10s, U11s and U12s will be competing in local competitions based in the Sheffield Area.

All players who have started basketball at school are invited to the coaching sessions on Saturday mornings at the Foulstone school starting on 11th September at 9.30 am. Everyone who attends on a regular basis, eventually gets a chance to play in a team. These sessions cost £2.

The Dunkers and Leaders will have five EB qualified coaches on their books from September. Bert Beaumont, Dave Markham, Simon Dillon and Robin Bunniss will be joined by ex Barnsley Schools and Sheffield Sharks player Ben Beaumont who has recently graduated from Bradford University, where he was awarded colours for his service to basketball.

There are also sessions for new players in Y4, Y5 & Y6 at Primary Schools from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm at the same venue also starting on Saturday 11th September. These sessions cost £1.

For students at the Foulstone School there will also be after school sessions from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm for Y7s on Mondays and for other years on Friday, these commence the week beginning Monday 20th September.

For players in Y11 and at College there are coaching sessions on Monday evenings at the Dearne-side Leisure centre from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm and Darfield runs a team in the Dearne Youth League whose fixtures start in the Autumn term.

For older players Darfield runs a team in the Sheffield men's league and their sessions are held at the Foulstone School on Tuesdays from 7.00 pm, again new players are very welcome, no matter how rusty!!

Further information is available on the Barnsley Schools website:

[Http://mysite.freeserve.com/barnsleybasketball](http://mysite.freeserve.com/barnsleybasketball)

Or by telephone from Bert Beaumont on 01226 755354 (please leave your details if answering service)

