

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATIONS

Darfield Community Association are planning to hold a celebration for all the hard work volunteers do in the Community. If you would like to nominate someone please complete and return the slip below so that we can invite you and them along.

The Celebration is going to be at Darfield Old Peoples Centre, Illsley Road, Darfield on Friday 20th May 2005 at 7.30 pm

I would like to nominate

Address

My name

Address

Adult Membership

Dear Neighbour,

As part our continued development , the Darfield Community Association has become a company limited by guarantee as outlined at our last AGM. This move provides us with a recognised legal status which both funders and public bodies require in order to enter into funding contracts.As defined in the Companies Act we have a duty to inform almembers and provide them an opportunity to revalidate their membership in line with the Company Limited by Guarantee status.

Please refer to our membership policy for full details, available from Darfield Community Association.

I/We wish to become a member of the Darfield Community Association.

I understand that as a General member should the Darfield Community Association require to be dissolved from any reason that in line with clause 7 of the Memorandum and articles that whilst a member, or for 12 months afterwards to pay up to £1 towards the cost of dissolution and the liabilities incurred by the charity while I am a member..

As a general member I am eligible to attend and to vote at all general meetings.

Name : _____ Telephone : _____

Address : _____ Email: _____

Date : _____

Signed : _____



Straight Down The Middle

Over the past few months you may have seen various articles about the Darfield Community Association within the local press. The Board of Trustee's thought it was a good opportunity to use the Newsletter to tell the residents facts and relevant information. Community Partnerships were grouped into geographical, compatible areas and were not aligned with ward boundaries. Within the Barnsley MBC there are 15 partnerships working steadfastly to regenerate their communities.

Our Vision is to improve the quality of Life and Equality of opportunity for all people living and working in Darfield.

Who are we?

- A sub group within The Villages Four-Community Partnership with full delegated responsibilities. This means that we make our own decisions about Darfield issues.
- Our operational area encompasses the township of Darfield, residents and businesses.
- The group who Objective 1 through Pioneer Funding commissioned to undertake the Darfield Community Audit to identify residents needs for development and regeneration in Darfield.
- A Company Limited by Guarantee and we will be applying to the Charities Commission to become a Registered Charity.
- A board of Trustees made up of local volunteer residents who help manage the business and operate within the clearly defined Articles and Memorandum in a non political democratic manner.
- Sub groups manage, focus and develop specialised areas such as Environment, Parks, Poverty, Youth and Events. These groups respond to local needs and are open to all residents to participate within.
- By 2006 we are hoping to have established the Darfield Community Association as a sustainable and respected facilitator of community activity within Darfield. After the major European funding sources have ceased we will still be able to serve the needs of the community.
- Transparent in all we do, our minutes are on our web site www.darfield.info. Our accounts are audited annually by an independent auditor.
- Recently we have undergone a thorough investigation by Senior Officers of Barnsley MBC in all facets of our activities resulting in the Darfield Community Association being praised as a shining example of good citizenship.
- We are currently working towards a Quality Kite Mark to ensure professional customer service.

Funding Our major sources of funding are from European sources such as Objective 1, Single Regeneration Budget, Transforming Your Space, Fair Play, Learning Net and are not from local government sources.

In order to achieve our Darfield Community Action Plan we need to be constantly seeking funding from a wide diversity of funding agents.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Darfield Community Association is open to all residents and organisations based in Darfield. Why not complete the application on the back page and join us and help make Darfield a better place to live and work.

TRUSTEE'S The trustee's are comprised of those individuals who are elected at the Annual General Meeting within the Darfield Community Association and are willing to take on the responsibility for managing the business.

Our project team and board of trustees assure you of our dedicated support and would welcome your involvement should you wish to volunteer your time for the benefit of Darfield and all it's residents.

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EVENTS

Women's Week
7th - 11th March

Children's Fund Event - Easter
Holidays

Children in Africa
Fund Raising
Saturday 23rd April

Volunteer Celebrations
20th May 2005 at
Old Peoples Centre
Illsley Road, Darfield

FRIENDS OF DARFIELD PARK GROUP

The Park Group had an open meeting in the City Learning Centre where all members of the community were welcome. The group have a final meeting to finalise the designs for the Park on the 23rd February 2005. This will ratify the final design for the BMBC to go out to tender.

Timescales are a couple of months for returns of tenders, then we have to get final approval by the BMBC cabinet, which should be a formality. Hopefully work will start in the summer July/August.

The existing funding that is in place, £125,000 will not complete all the work required so other funding streams are being identified by the DCA.

We are on the look out for volunteers and ideas for work that can be undertaken by the group and extra volunteers. We want to be holding a park event or activity before works start.

Look out for it.

VOLUNTEER

Our newest volunteer is going to be a minibus driver registered with Community Transport, this means he will be able to drive Community Transport mini buses for groups in Darfield which will make it cheaper for groups to hire the buses for their outings.

If you are over 25 with a clean licence and would like to join him, we have money available to pay for you to train as a mini bus driver.

Are you interested in joining our Transport sub group, looking at links to other areas?

Just contact Maria 01226 754747

Darfield Community Association
NEEDS YOUR HELP

Can you spare some hours to help us
organise this years Gala?

It is going to be held on the 9th July 2005 at
the playing field next to the
Bridge Inn Pub on Doncaster Road.

FREE

ENERGY SAVING LIGHT BULBS
are available at Darfield House,
36a Snape Hill Road, Darfield
to anyone on benefits as a
thank you for calling in to see us!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH & CHURCHES TOGETHER

Wesley Methodist Church & Churches Together are celebrating:

Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March at 2.30 pm

Darfield Church are celebrating: Mothering Sunday Service with Communion

on Sunday 6th March at 10 am

Easter Services

Darfield Church All Age Worship Service

Palm Sunday on Sunday 20th March at 10 am

Churches Together at Darfield Community Centre, Illsley Road,

Palm Sunday on Sunday 20th March at 4 pm

Wesley Methodist Church, Churches Together Communion

Maundy Thursday on Thursday 24th March at 7 pm

Darfield Church Hall

Good Friday Service with Sunday School on Friday 25th March at 10.30 am

Darfield Church,

Prayer and Reflection on Friday 25th March at 2 pm

Darfield Church Yard,

Prayers at Dawn followed by breakfast on Sunday 27th March at 6 am

Darfield Church

EASTER DAY, Communion on Sunday 27th March at 8 am

SPECIAL EVENT

Christian
Africa
Relief
Trust

A Fund Raising Event for

Children In Africa

will be held on Saturday - 23 April 2005

11 am - 1 pm

at Darfield Church Hall

Refreshments & Stalls

WELFARE RIGHTS/DEBT WORKER

We are please to announce that we have secured funding to commission through the Citizen advice Bureau a Welfare Rights/Debt Worker. The service will operate from the Darfield Community Association headquarters at 36A Snape Hill Road, Darfield, Barnsley. S73 9JU, 3 days per week starting in mid March 2005.

Personal and Confidential services will be available to provide a comprehensive range of advice on

- Advice and Assistance on Welfare Rights
- Tribunal Representation
- Money management and Debt Counselling
- Training for 6 volunteers in Money Management

BLUEBELL PRE-SCHOOL

Are seeking additional funding prior to signing the lease.

The group still needs new members to join their meetings which are held at the Longbow, usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

LINK-AGE

A FREE PROGRAMME PLUS ALLOWANCES

Funding available for training and development
Assertiveness and confidence building for people wanting help with interviews and planning their future.

For information on any of the above please contact Maria Beckett on 01226 754747

GRANT AWARD TO DEVELOP THE BUSINESS

Darfield Community Association have recently become a registered company. The Trustees have been working with Barnsley Development Agency to produce their Business Plan to help them work towards becoming a sustainable enterprise. On completion they have been awarded a Business Development Grant of £5,000 to help them work towards their goal.

HANGING BASKETS FOR DARFIELD

The Darfield Community Association have secured an Area Forum Grant to have floral hanging baskets in the centre of Darfield. The grant covers supply of baskets and maintenance for 2 years.

Work will be starting in the Spring.

Healthy Living Barnsley Project



Sunrise Group every Monday 10.00-12.00 come along for antenatal and postnatal support (new mums and mums to be), informal and friendly, gain information have a cuppa and a chat. You will be very welcome.

No Smoking Day

If you are thinking about stopping smoking we can help you. There is a Stop Smoking support group every Wednesday at the Community Centre, Illsley Road. For more information please telephone Barnsley Stop Smoking service 01226 288540 or phone Pam or Louise on 01226 754747

Women's Week 7th March

There will be fun activities this week, look out for more information nearer the time.

Centre 17 Drop in for young people

Informal fun drop in every Tuesday 2.30-4pm. Free refreshments, fun activities, information. All young people welcome, aged 11 - 16.

Exercise class, salsa, aerobics, pilates

£2.75 per session, at the Darfield Community centre, Illsley Road every Wednesday 12-1pm

Walking for Health

If you would like to take short walks but do not have the confidence to go out alone, our project can help you. We are trained walk leaders and can advise and help to get you going again. If you would like more information please telephone Pam or Louise (Health Improvement Workers) on 01226 754747

There is also an established walking group for more experienced walkers and if you would like to join this group please contact Adam White (Recreation and Activity Worker) 01226 754747

Healthy Eating

If you are concerned about yours or your family's diet in any way e.g. basic cooking skills, knowledge of healthy food, losing weight the healthy way, please contact us.

For information on any of the above please telephone Pam Briggs or Louise Kelly on 01226 754747

Community Recreation & Activity Worker

There has been many projects and events so far in 2005, many of which are still ongoing.

- Dance workshops in Centre 17 on Monday evenings which is junior night.
- Taster sessions on project night in Centre 17 such as self defence and physical fitness.
- Ten youngsters from the area are currently taking part in the Game On Project which is taking place on Saturday evenings at Barnsley Football Club.

Coming soon:

During Easter Holidays there are lots of different activities planned for youngsters aged 8 and above.

Below are a list of available activities:

- Tobogganing Trip to X-Scape at Castleford - only 15 places available
- Children's Fund Sports Event at Middlecliffe Sports ground - only 25 places available
- Go Karting trip to Avago, Swinton
- Multi Sports Event on the new Bellbrooke Play area

If you are interested in any of the above activities please call Adam White on 01226 754747



Educational News:

Are you stuck in a rut? Want to try something new? Why not join one of our friendly and supportive classes here in Darfield.

Classes at Wesley Methodist Chapel, Barnsley Road, Darfield		
Computers for beginners	Wednesday	9.30 am - 11.30 am
Improve your English & Maths	Wednesday	1 pm - 3 pm
Drop in for Parents & Careers	Thursday	1 pm - 3 pm
Holistic Health	Friday	9.30 am - 11.30 am
Personal Safety for Women	Coming soon	
Local History Group meet every Tuesday 10 - 12 noon at Darfield Library - everyone is welcome		

K 'NEX CONSTRUCTION KIT
 We are planning to run a family event in the next few months. At this event, local families will work together to complete engineering challenges using the K 'NEX Construction Kits.
 Interested, enjoy a challenge, fun for all the family.

FOOTBALL BASICS
 An interactive and fun computer game that takes players on a journey through a virtual football club. Players answer questions about the football club to work their way up through the league. This event is suitable for everyone particularly dads and lads.

For information on any of the above please contact Amanda on 01226 754747

International Women's Week
 We will be celebrating this event on Thursday 10th March 2005
 10 am - 3 pm
 at
 Darfield Community Centre, Illsley Road, Darfield
Lunch provided
 Why not come and enjoy some taster sessions:
 Belly Dancing, Salsa
 Personal Safety/Self Defence, Holistic Health

Volunteer Support Group
 at
 Darfield House
 Every second Wednesday of each month
We shall shortly be starting a new series of induction sessions
 1pm - 3 pm
 Want to know more?
 then come along and find out!

Basketball

Darfield Dunkers U12s are having a good season and are currently joint second in the Notts open basketball league. So far nineteen players from seven schools have played at least one game. The main players have been Rhyanna Bunniss (70 points) Ellis Clayton (64) and Arran Bailey (64) with Jack Hallsworth, Reece Marshall, Michael Hirst, Daniel Hoole, Katie Beard, Anabel Young and Laura Leach all playing at least six games.

Barnsley Leaders U15s, U14s and U13s play in the highest level of competition for their age group, that is England Basketball national league, so often find the going tough. The U15s and U14s have registered wins but the U13 team, with many underage players, is still looking for its first win, despite some fighting team performances against big city teams with older players.

The Leaders U15s also play in the Sheffield Junior Central Venue League at EIS Sheffield on Friday evenings and have so far won one game and lost one. Their fixtures continue up to July. The U14s and U15s have been coached this season by ex Foulstone school player and ex Barnsley schools and Sheffield Junior Sharks captain, Ben Beaumont, who recently graduated from Bradford University, and have made excellent progress.

Darfield Foulstone school has more players in the Leaders team than any other school. Trials for Barnsley's boys and girls Area Games U13 teams (For players born in 1992 or 1993) will be held on Saturday April 9th at Foulstone (Boys from 10.30am to 1.30pm, girls from 2.00 to 4.30pm). This is the starting point for selection of the Yorkshire Regional team that goes on to participate in the national tournament. Last season Ellis Clayton and Rhyanna Bunniss made the girls regional team and Joe Williams and Callam Dyson made the boys team. Ellis and Rhyanna were under-age last year so will be able to participate again this season. Their progress has so far been excellent and we will be wish them further success in the future.

Foulstone School head girl, Hannah Ward, who previously played for Darfield Dunkers has made the Sheffield Hatters first team squad at an unusually young age and has represented England. Hannah has proved to be an excellent example to all younger players and we wish her continued success in all she does.

On Saturday 16 April the Barnsley Inter School Finals will be held at the Foulstone school and hopefully a Foulstone school team will make it to at least one final. The Finals start at 10.00am.

Coaching sessions continue on Saturdays and new players are always welcome. The youngest new players, from local primary schools, practice from 12.30 to 2.00pm and are making excellent progress with coaches Dave Markham, Robin Bunniss and Alan Dyson.

Bert Beaumont (Secretary and Head Coach)

CHILDREN 'S FUND EVENT
 On Thursday 24th March 2005 there will be many different fun activities for children 8 and over at Houghton Main Miners Welfare Sports Ground.
 Places are limited so if you wish your child to be involved and have fun please ring Adam on 01226 754747 for a consent form and more details.