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#### **WELCOME TO COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**

Starting out as an unknown writer I yearned for a door to open for me, I set about compiling positive news and the rest is history.

Greetings one and all, I can feel a atmosphere of excitement in the air, lots of events are coming up, and of course bank holiday weekend, and Leeds West indian Carnival, District Convention at Easterly Road Church, parties, dances,

The Calypso Monarch, and so many other things.

Here at Community Highlight we will be celebrating our 21st Anniversary in October (would you believe that?) so look out for prize giveaways on our website. I give thanks and praise to the almighty for directing me, and opening many a door, without the Lord Jesus Christ it wouldn't be possible. Igive thanks to everyone who has believed in me, and supported me in so many ways, thanks to all the ongoing advertisers who have given me strength to continue regardless of any obstacles.

Happy August everyone, enjoy what you do, and do what you enjoy.

God Bless you all, Patricia Jones.





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Time to get happy again!

August 21st - 29th

#CarnivalHappy

Sunday 21st August

#### **CARNIVAL PRINCE** & PRINCESS SHOW

Junior masqueraders parade rainbow creations to decide who will be Leeds Carnival Prince & Princess 2016 at this fun-filled, entertainment packed family show.

VENUE

Leeds West Indian Centre.

Laycock Place, Leeds LS7 3AJ

SHOW TIME

3:00pm - 8:00pm

Under 16 £1 16 & over £2

**LEEDS ADMISSION WEST INDIAN** CARNIVAL 2016

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#### Friday 26th August

#### CARNIVAL **KING & QUEEN** SHOW

Incredible costumes compete for the Leeds Carnival King and Queen 2016 titles. A Carnival must-do with Eddle Nestor & Robbie Gee's comedy, New World by Cherie Jay & Melvin Zakers and more.

Steel Orchestra rhythms, steel pan-soul (Parental guidance 16+). VENUE West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Leeds LS2 7UP

Saturday 27th August

#### SOCA MONARCH SHOW

One for lovers of authentic Caribbean music and rhymes. From the sublime to unashamed ridicule calypso kings and queens pit their songs for the Soca Monarch 2016 crown. Dancing and more until late. Suitable for age 18+

VENUE Leeds West Indian Centre, Laycock Place Leeds 7



#### Monday 29th August

#### **J'OUVERT** MORNING

Limber up for the Carnival parade with this early morning soca music jam.

VENUE

Mini procession leaves from Leeds

West Indian Centre

TIME **ADMISSION**  6:00am - 8:30am

FREE

Monday 29th August

#### THE BIG LEEDS CARNIVAL **PARADE 2016**

A top family day out with stunning costumes, tropical beats, great stalls, fun fair rides and delicious world cuisine - mmm jerk chicken! Look out for BBC Radio 1Xtra guest DJ too.

VENUE TIME

Potternewton Park, LS8 Parade leaves at 2-00pm

returning approx 5-00pm



#### **FIVE DISCIPLINES OF CARNIVAL**

- Mas/Masquerade The extravagant Carnival costumes made by an army of volunteers for the processions of dancers.
- 2. Steel Drum Also known as steel pan, these Trinidadian instruments are made from old oil drums. It is the only acoustic instrument invented in the 20th century.
- 3. Calypso a traditional of political or social comment based in satire and rhyme.
- 4. Soca high-energy Trinidadian carnival music (Soul/Calypso).
- 5. Sound Systems originally from Jamaica, they blast out kilowatts of bass-driven hip hop, reggae, dance music, soca and soul.

#### CARNIVAL PARADE ROUTE

The parade leaves Potternewton Park on Bank Holiday Monday at 2.15pm and travels for three hours round the Carnival route which is 4.5 miles. It runs from Harehills Lane to Roundhay Road, Barrackn Road, Chapeltown Road, Harehills Avenue then back into Potternewton Park.

#### **TRANSPORT**

The Carnival area will be extremely congested, so please don't drive unless necessary. Although many roads around Potternewton Park are closed during the parade, the closest buses are: Chapeltown Road - 2, 3, 3A, 22,24. Roundhay Road - 12,13,13A, 98.

#### LEEDS CARNIVAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Each year, Leeds West Indian Carnival involves:

50,000	leathers
300	litres of glue
2000	dancers
5000	metres of costume material
3,500	man-hours of costume making
70,000	pieces of jerk chicken
80,000	portions of rice and peas
20,000	patties
20,000	portions of ackee and saltfish
100,000	fried dumplings

portions of chips

#### **SAFETY**

50.000

- Meet up with friends before you arrive at the Carnival
- Don't arrange to meet at busy junctions these will get very congested
- Have a set meeting place in case you get lost or separated
- Don't rely on mobile phones as reception may be affected by the large crowds
- Be on the alert for pickpockets and for any unattended bags or suspect packages
- Don't wear expensive jewellery or carry too much cash. Criminals areattracted to large crowds
- Drink lots of water, it's a long day and it can get hot out there!
- Wear flat shoes and comfortable clothing. Ladies, leave your heels at home!

#### LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL CONTACT DETAILS

Leeds Carnival Arts & Cultural Centre 82 Sheepscar Street North, Leeds LS7 3AF

Tel: 0113 3070001 Mobile: Arthur France - 07931 412227 Mobile: Ian Charles - 07931291070

#### WHAT IS CARNIVAL?

In 19th century Trinidad, the weeks before the fasting of Lent were marked by great merriment and feasting by the French and English colonials. The upper classes engaged in balls, fetes and lavish house-to-house visits (carneval translates to without meat in French). The newly emancipated slaves then adopted this tradition, celebrating their freedom by engaging in dancing, music and the wearing of masks and costumes mocking their former masters.

Today, that Caribbean celebration has been carried round the globe, reflecting Caribbean communities co-existing in cities at events such as New York's Labor Day Parade, Toronto's Caribana, Leeds' West Indian Carnival and London's Notting Hill Carnival.

#### **HISTORY OF LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL**

The first West Indian Carnival in Europe was organised in 1967 in Leeds, West Yorkshire. It helped to enable West Indian settlers who'd arrived in Britain after the Second World War to assert their own cultural identities in a society that often seemed less welcoming at the time. Arthur France, a Leeds University student from Nevis the sister island of the federation of St Kitts played a pivotal role in the initiation of the event.

Five contestants entered the first Carnival Queen Show, won by Vicky Sielto as the Sun Goddess. They joined bands and dancers in a procession from Potternewton Park to Leeds Town Hall, where a steel band competition was followed by a dance. About a thousand people attended.





Charis Betts, Carnival 2015

Julia Russell, Carnival 2015

## LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL TO BOOST LEEDS' ECONOMY

With just a few days to go until this year's Leeds West Indian Carnival, a study has revealed that last year's event generated millions for the Leeds economy.

The survey carried out by Leeds City Council estimates that despite bad weather, spectators at the spectacular Caribbean Carnival parade boosted the Leeds economy by £3.7 million – a £1 million increase on spend generated in 2014 – of which around £2.7 million was spent by visitors to the city.

Carnival Founder and Chairman Arthur France said, "When visitors come to Leeds Carnival from across the region, the UK and overseas, they don't just take in a great day out, a glittering parade and a phenomenal atmosphere. Visitors spend money at the stalls, on transport, on food, on accommodation and more. That's not only good for Carnival – it's great for Leeds."

Councillor Judith Blake, leader of Leeds City Council, added, "As the longest running event of its kind in Europe, the Carnival continues to be a landmark occasion that makes a significant contribution to the local economy, boosts the city's cultural offering but most importantly helps to foster a sense of community spirit and civic pride year after year."

Organisers of the Carnival, which was the first of its kind in Europe to feature all three essential Caribbean Carnival elements of masquerade, music and a parade - are working closely with the Council, artists, funders and partners to ensure that 2017's landmark 50th anniversary celebrations are the biggest and best yet.

With around 100,000 spectators expected to watch the dazzling August Bank Holiday Monday procession of hundreds of costumes from across the UK, organisers are hoping that this year's Carnival will be a rehearsal for next year's celebrations.

Mr. France said, "Putting on an amazing celebration of 50 years of Leeds West Indian Carnival in 2017 can only strengthen the city's bid to be European Capital of Culture 2023. We have to get it right so we're inviting everyone to join us at Carnival this year for a spectacular practice run."

Warm up events leading up to the Carnival include the Prince and Princess and Carnival King and Queen Costume shows and the Soca Monarch calypso contest.

More details of Leeds West Indian Carnival 2016 events are available at www.leedscarnival.co.uk on 0113 307 0001 and Twitter @ CarnivalLeeds using #CarnivalHappy

> Leeds WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL

#### PHUN IN THE SUN

Phun in the sun is a new company who specialise in group trips to the Caribbean. The company has successfully completed several trips to St Kitts/Nevis over the last few years and have taken group numbers from 15 to 100 persons.

Many people feel that going to the Caribbean is too expensive, some would like to visit the Caribbean but don't know where to stay or where to go.

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Our next trip will be to St Kitts/ Nevis

14th-28th September 2016 this date will also capture the country's independence so why not come and celebrate with them.

Here are some Islands we will be looking at in the future with just a few of the things that happen on some of the Islands.

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#### CARNIVAL VILLAGE

The Carnival Village started in 2013 it is now into its fourth successful year.

The aim is to bring an alternative selection of artists & performers on stage, steel pan music in a family friendly setting with plenty of seating.

We are fortunate to be situated right in the middle of what we know being Chapeltown Road between Mexborough Street & Mexborough Drive.

Cafe Bliss, Select & Save along with the other local shop owners participate in the Carnival Celebrations by transforming their business premises to being apart of a successful event put on by the Leeds West Indian Carnival Committee and provide food, drink & music for the many visitors who come into the area.

This change has highlighted the need to rename Chapeltown Road over the August Bank Holiday Weekend THE STRIP.









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## CARNIVAL VILLAGE



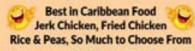
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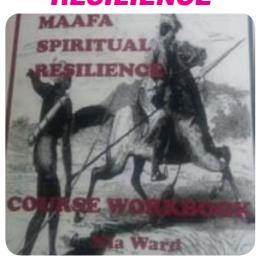
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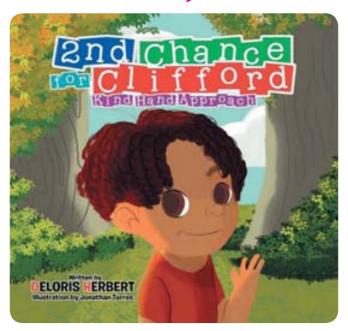
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#### **DELORIS HERBERT, LOCAL AUTHOR**



My ethos in life is to bring change, educate children when they are young enough to understand about values and feelings. Most recently I became an author, my fiction book is based on diversity but with a depth that leaves a long lasting impression that every child is important no matter their race. There is a need for change and also to make a difference in this world. Showing a kind hand approach reinforces those structures, setting a president that all children can learn from, and take them in to adulthood.

Society judges a person on the image they see, but each person has a special quality that is unique a blue print of themselves. All Children are wonderfully made, they just need the right information to be able to make informed decisions for themselves. My book 2nd Chance For Clifford embraces the challenges children may

face at school, but it's how they push past advertises and find their own potential, a blueprint of themselves.

Great book to have in your libraries, it's those little things we do now that help children to grow further, but most importantly how we leave this world a much better place. I am doing an interview with Raffia on Peoples Radio this coming Sunday 10/7/2016 between 11am to 1pm promoting my book, and the local school that are supporting me with that is Hillcrest Primary school, who have asked me to do circle time with the children in Autumn, which is exciting to say the least. I am also doing a stall event this coming Saturday at Lidgett Lane Community Centre LS17 6QP 12-5pm on the 9/7/2016. Book is now available on Amazon, online bookshops and through my publishers company Xlibis.

#### **CHAPELTOWN / NEVIS**





Putting Nevis and Chapeltown on the Map Shelagh James, Communications Officer for the Ministry of Tourism in Nevis. Shelagh was born and raised in Chapeltown she is of Nevisian and Antiguan descent and resides in Nevis. During a recent interview Shelagh expressed a strong determination to put Nevis on the map at the Leeds West Indian Carnival 50th Celebration 2017.

Shelagh noted that the Government of Nevis have recognized the symbolic importance of this event and want to pay homage to a son of their soil Arthur France MBE one of the founders of the Leeds West Indian Carnival he like so many homesick Caribbean's transported his heritage and culture in 1957 to the city of Leeds West Yorkshire England.

Arthur, along with other founder members crafted and helped develop the Leeds West Indian Carnival into the remarkable event that it is today. Shelagh excitedly explained, "We will be bringing 4000 miles together. It's all about heritage culture, diversity and unity. It's a celebration! We feel we need to be part of that.

We are associated with local organisations Leeds City Council have agreed to unveil a plaque with our dignitaries from Nevis in recognition of Arthur and his colleagues efforts in bringing heritage and culture to Chapletown Leeds. We are delighted to be working in partnership with Leeds City Council for this momentous event. We are in talks with the Black Health Initiative, they are absolutely ecstatic! The Leeds West Indian carnival committee are also offering their support and we have assistance for our homestay programme from the St. Kitts and Nevis Association.

We are having continued dialogue with The West Yorkshire Playhouse in organizing an exhibition for a month leading up to the 50th Anniversary of carnival we have an amazing opportunity to showcase Nevis art Culturama costumes, stoneware, photography, and footage of Culturama. We will be plugging Culturama and the Nevis Blues Festival 2018.

We are hopeful that many people young and old will enjoy this exhibition to be held in the foyer at the West Yorkshire playhouse and familiarize themselves with the origins of Caribbean culture which has secured a place in the communities of Leeds namely Chapletown.

Shelagh reflected, "I do question whether Carnival in Leeds would have lasted as long as it has if Arthur and Colleagues were not involved? I dare say it wouldn't have. Which is why we have to take our hats off in celebration for the magnificent tireless efforts of these wonderful people. Many elders know who Arthur France is he is a son of the Caribbean but importantly he is a son of Nevis. Arthur has received all his accolades from the City of Leeds it's high time that he receives his accolades from his birth place Nevis.

We are bringing a delegation of fifty persons to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Leeds West Indian Carnival our ambassadors will pay tribute to Arthur by means of performances to be showcased at the various shows during the Leeds carnival season 2017. You can expect to see Soca Monarchs, Moka Jumbies, String Band the original music from Nevis. Masquerades. A troupe and hand

We will of course bring a film and camera crew to record this momentous occasion."

Shelagh's enthusiasm for the Leeds West Indian Carnival 50th Anniversary is infectious and we cannot wait to see what the people of Nevis have to show us! MUSIC



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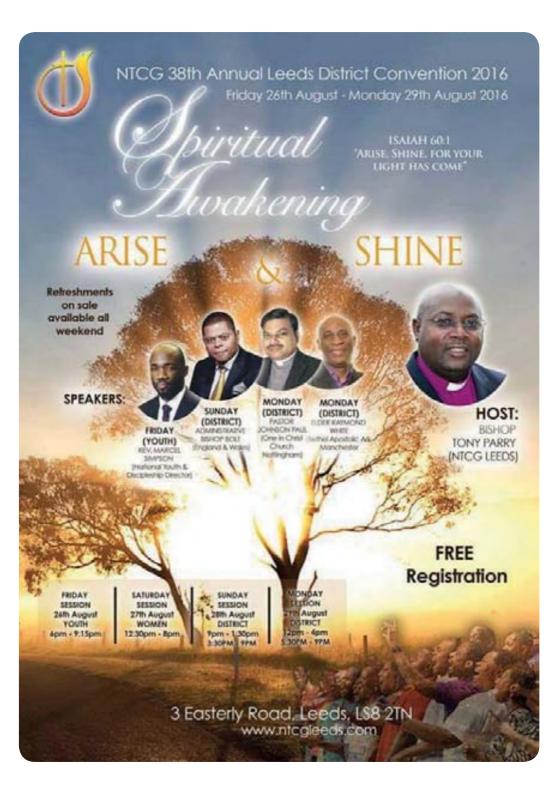
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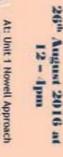
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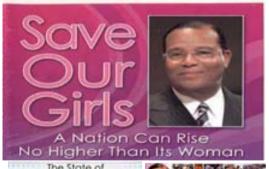
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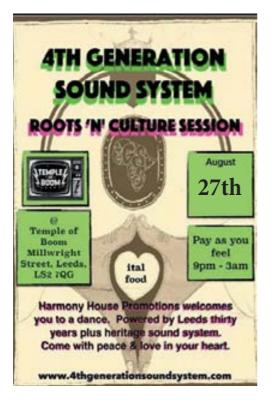
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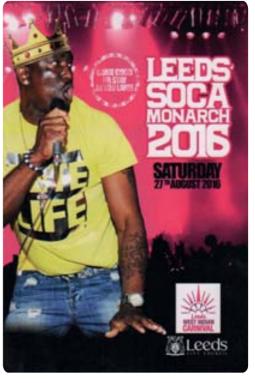
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#### We all wish you a very **Happy Carnival!**

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On behalf of all the Councilors we would like to wish each and everyone a happy peaceful Carnival

#### Sugar Bar and GRILL

Large rum and cocktail bar, curry goat, fish, jerk chicken, barbecue wings, fried chicken, salt fish and ackee, burgers. The big house on the corner of Harehills Avenue, that meets spencer place, see you there.



Eat, dance, laugh and have fun! Hugh Gooding Funeral Services would like to wish our friends, families and our wonderful community, a joyous occasion. Happy Carnival 2016!

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## **Reginald Centre Community Hub**

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# 'I n I' Dominoes Club

Every Weds 4.30-6.30 Sat 11-1pm

- 1 Children, parents and elders are all welcome to our community led games group.
  - Play the game that forms the popular heritage of Chapeltown.
    - Improve your health and wellbeing and meet new friends.
      - Practice improving your arthmetic and strategic thinking.

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# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

# CELEBRATING OUR. ANNIVERSARY

Check out the Neighbourhood News section in the Evening Post every Wednesday

**Community Highlights established October 1995**