

community HIGHLIGHT

Issue No 1

The Newsletter for Chapeltown!

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INTRODUCTION

by P. Jones

Hello and welcome to everyone living in the Chapeltown community. I do hope that you enjoy your first issue of this newsletter.

The newsletter contains *Exclusive Talent*, *Positive News*, a *Community Highlight* page, *Positive Poems*, *Competitions*, and a *Letters to the Editor* page.

For too long now we have sat back and let the public blacken our community. There is good and bad wherever you look, but somehow our community always seems to have a gloomy side to it. I believe that there is unbelievable talent within our community and also a lot of positive people. As brothers and sisters, it is time to support and fight for our community, because if we don't, who else will? Together we can all show the Positive Side to the media. By being divided we shall surely fall. Let us be positive role models to the youth of the community and give them something of which they can be proud.

(This week's Community Highlight goes to Frontline.)

FRONTLINE: The Positive Sign

Congratulations going out to Frontline on the completion of the buildings (12 new houses at Ravenscar Mount, Leeds 8).

12 dedicated and ambitious men from Chapeltown have proved that not all that is said about the Chapeltown Community is bad news.

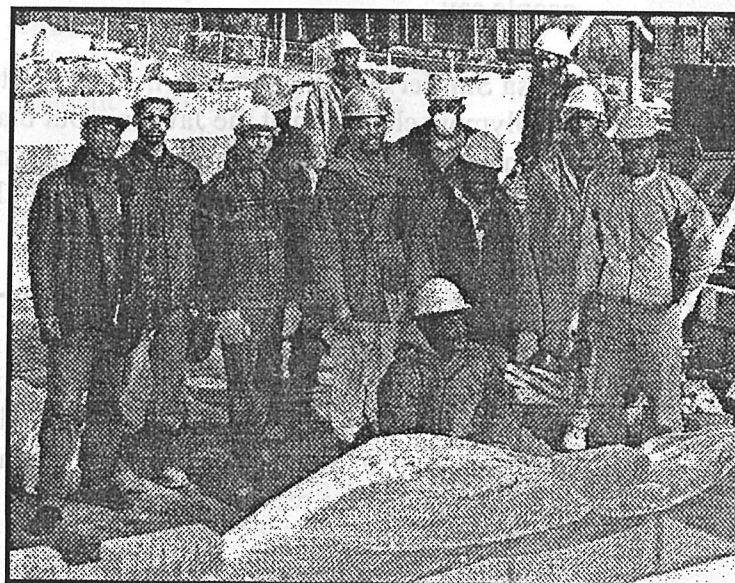
They set out to achieve their goals and now they are a shining example to the community.

Thanks to Frontline, we now have a positive landmark.

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Letters to the Editor.*



**The men
from the
Frontline
project**

FRONTLINE MEANING

by Patricia Jones

- F - is for moving **Forward** together.
 - R - is for positive **Role Models**.
 - O - is for bypassing the **Obstacles**.
 - N - is for **Never** giving up.
 - T - is for putting their **Talents** to the test.
 - L - is for the bright **Light** that shines.
 - I - is for nothing is **Impossible**.
 - N - **Nothing** is too hard once your mind is made up.
 - E - is for the **Energy** they put into their work.
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+ POSITIVE NEWS

Chapelton Writer

by Mr. Freeman

Chapelton is maybe the only place in Leeds where a variety of cultures live in what is really quite a small area, on the whole quite happily. Which is more than can be said for other outlying areas of Leeds. Chapelton is good for people who are musically inclined because of the fact that there are a lot of talent scouts who live and work around the Leeds and Chapelton area. There have also been some very good sportspersons to come out of Chapelton despite the obvious problems of the area which are no worse than any other so-called inner-city area in other big cities. The sports stars, to name but a few, are:

Ellery Hanley, one of the world's top rugby league players, who used to live in Chapelton;

Brian Deane who lived around here all his young life -- and his mother still lives around here -- is a top class professional footballer who now plays for his home town Leeds United Football Club after having had many successful seasons at Sheffield United. To me because I know him personally, I really believe he's down to earth and not big-headed as I have heard other people say.

Tessa Sanderson I believe also has links with Chapelton, and Tessa was an Olympic champion at the Javelin. But black people can be more -- and are more -- than just athletes. In Chapelton alone there are black lawyers and businessmen to name but a few. So on the whole quite a positive and safe place to live.

A Positive Note for Parents of Children

by Patricia Jones

Things are bound to get worse for people living in the community, but this doesn't stop us from being positive and striving for what we want out of life. We must find more time as parents to dedicate to our children, talk to them, teach them how to be strong, and always stress that we can be anything in life that we want to be.

WHAT IS READ IT?

Children, please get involved.

by P. Jones

“Read It” is a community literacy project organized by *Leeds Education 2000*. This covers Burmantofts, Harehills and the Chapeltown community. It is aimed at age 5 to 13 year-olds. Schools and local communities provide direction and help. This is a newsletter helping children to read and write, and even publishes children's work. This also includes activity books. Through competitions, get your children involved. If you would like your child to become a member, please write to:

“Read It”, Leeds Education 2000, Burton Business Park, Hudson Road, Leeds, LS9 7DN, or phone 280 6662. Don't forget: You learned about it through *Community Highlight*.

TALENT

Marcia Brown, Local

Artist

Visions of Jah

In my work I try to bring the two worlds of art and music together through personal inner vision. Reference is made to symbols taken from Tell Armarnan art, and are re-worked within a rasta context, to give new meaning. Truth is sought and obtained through the word, sound power of King David's royal music. The eye of the mystic and biblical prophecy serve as the supreme basis of some of my creations. Music is the central force as it is the point at which I enjoy transforming musical vibrations into an array of red, gold and green, the colour of Jah rainbow.

Contact Marcia, telephone Leeds 237 4387.

Hobbies

Reading, Art, History, Music, Travelling, Philosophy.

Commissions Works

1985 Project - Silkscreen Printing T-Shirts in Community Centres

1989 Mural Design - St. Mathias School

1990 Poster Work - Alpha & Omega Crafts

1993 Linocut Workshop - Granary Wharf

1994 Black Education Now Banner - Mandela Centre

Logo Design - Recording Studio

Art Workshop - Mandela Centre

Drawing Class - Leopold Primary School

1995 Poster Design - Kuff Dem Community Drama Group

Linocut Workshop - Roseville

Exhibitions

1989 Ashobi Animateurs - Chapeltown Show, Islamic Centre, Leeds

1990 Ashobi Animateurs - Living in the City, Mandela Centre

1991 P.T.F.A.C., Cookridge Street Art Gallery

1993 Granary Wharf - Under the Sun Exhibition

1994 Common Link Group Exhibition - Leeds Playhouse

Common Link Group Exhibition - Leeds Contemporary School of Dance

Common Link Group Exhibition - Leeds City Art Library

Visions of Jah Solo Exhibition, The Dome - Contemporary School of Dance

1995 Steps Forward - West Yorkshire Playhouse

TALENT **Dance Perfection** **Associates** *Exclusive Talent*

Andrew Felix and Roy Stockburn gained self-taught knowledge and experience of body popping and fusion, performed choreographed and improvised routines in youth clubs and popular night clubs in Leeds. They have also performed at popular venues in the North of England which include weddings, community centres, comic relief, charity events and many more.

Please note: References, photographs and promotional work are available on request. Contact Andrew Felix. Telephone 295 7987.

In Pursuit of **Excellence** *Errol Michael Richards*

Left school with one CSE maths grade 4.

Since leaving school, I have been on a variety of courses: computer programming, photography, art, video and business studies.

I wanted to turn one of my hobbies into a business and become a freelance photographer. I didn't quite get off the ground as one had hoped, although I have done a number of weddings, christenings and home portraits. I have even produced a brochure for a printing company as well as being involved in two exhibitions.

I have taught basic photography. I am not as involved in photography as I used to be, even though I still get to do the odd photo shoot.

The qualifications gained so far: Level 1 in Computer Programming, GCSE in Art, NVQ in Business Studies, and City & Guilds in Media Technique (Distinction).

For as long as I can remember, I've always wanted to get involved in the media. I now work for the BBC on the Look North programme as an assistant editor.

I would like to do other work, such as films, documentaries, arts programmes, etc., etc., instead of pure news, which is what I do now.

I believe if you have a goal in life, you must push and push until you reach it, then surpass it, In Pursuit of Excellence.

WORD SEARCH

Striving to Achieve your Goal

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 ENTERPRISE COMMITMENT SELFESTEEM ASSERTIVENESS QUALIFICATIONS PLANNING TRAINING
 DRIVE

POSITIVE POETRY

by Patricia Jones

Try to think of something positive whenever you're feeling down.

H Don't Hesitate, if there's something you want -- go for it.

I Forget the If's and but's and maybe's.

Never tell yourself you won't get a certain job, you Never know until you try.

K If you're Keen on something, stick at it, you never know where you could go.

Press on and continue to fight for what you want out of life -- don't let others hold you back.

O Follow your Own mind.

Strive to be successful in whatever you do.

It is vital that you tell yourself that you're going to reach your goal one day.

Try your best in everything you do.

I Forget the word Impossible.

Void out any obstacles or negative thoughts that hold you back.

Encourage your brothers and sisters when they are trying in life.

Dreams can come true

by P. Jones

If you really want them to.

Focus your mind and you will see

Your dreams turn to reality.

Dreams can come true.

It could happen to me,

It could happen to you.

Think positive and fight for what

You want in life

Positive Images

by Diane Ruddock

Images, however covert, could be positive,

If we only decide to put pen to paper,

If we show our contributions,

If we work together,

We've all achieved something

In some shape or form.

We've all contributed in some shape or form.

We've all achieved something,

Whatever the norm,

Whatever the barriers,

Whatever our strives,

We can all do something

To better our lives.

This newsletter one of many

and I'm sure not the last,

which is needed so desperately

To redress the past,

Reclaiming our heritage,

Showing our skills,

Dedicated followers, image makers

Radical thinkers,

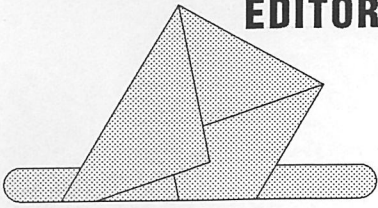
Ordinary people -- voices to be heard.

As a C.P.S.A. working in a primary school based in the community, I feel it is essential that we always correct those who feel African people have nothing to offer, are disinterested, have no history, culture, language background, and in terms of achieving black people seem to have been left behind.

When looking at the National Curriculum, it saddens me to see the lack of a black presence.

Did we arrive as slaves? What happened to us before then?

**LETTERS TO THE
EDITOR**



Please can you write in with your news and views, or any ideas or positive topics you would like discussed, or published.

Please don't hesitate to write in with stories, poems, positive news, or perhaps if you would like to see someone highlighted who's done a lot of positive work in Chapeltown.

I know that there's lots of talent out there. I need your support (as I've taken this newsletter on by myself).

Please sent letters to:

P. Jones, 275 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS8 3RG.

Our parents are the most important role models we could have in our lives. The huge responsibilities of naturing a developing child are perhaps only realised as the joys of parenthood unfold.

Children are influenced by the relationships that surround them, so balanced and respectful communication between mother and father is vital to a positive upbringing.

J. Clarke

Hello Chapeltown! Dont be shy. I know nuff of unna have lots to say so here's your chance. Tell your community what you think and give your positive vibes an airing. Opportunity does knock so open the door and release your potential.

S. Browne

I'm sick of all the negative comments about Chapeltown, and look forward to seeing an increased awareness of the positive things that are happening in and around the area.

T. Blair

**The next issue of COMMUNITY
HIGHLIGHT will be available at
the end of January 1996 and will
be even better and more feature
packed! Don't miss out!!**