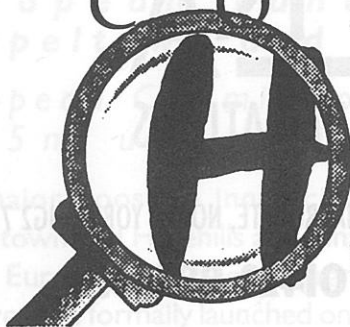


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The Newsletter for Chapeltown, Harehills and Surrounding Area

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Introduction

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Hello, and welcome to the Christmas edition of the Community newsletter. Remember, keep up the positive vibes within the Community. Thank you all for the endless letters and phone calls. Enjoy the Christmas season.

What Community Highlights stands for

A newsletter combating the negative images portrayed by the media, bringing people and communities together, young and old, highlighting positive news, current affairs, training projects, role models, up-and-coming businesses and promoting the success and achievements of a multicultural society in Chapeltown and Harehills.

Community Talent

Richard Lambert

Richard Lambert specializes in contemporary dance and African dance. He trained at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance, and has just returned from Paris, where he had a contract for two months out there, working on a dancing project.

Richard tells me: "I've always enjoyed dancing. Down in Paris I didn't really see much, as I was so busy working."

After Christmas Richard hopes to do some more work in Hull and Canada. One day Richard would like to get into teaching, but first he would like to perform in the big theatres, West End, etc.

I asked Richard: "What would your advice be to anyone interested in dance?" "Come to the dance school, get information (leaflets etc., see what dance is about, watch some classes, see some performances, don't be afraid to wear something different. Three hours a day in the long term is worth it if you work hard. It's very physical and demanding. Also, mentally, it changes your body. It's rewarding and gives you great satisfaction and joy to be able to do something you like and get paid to travel around the world. But don't forget: No pain, no gain.

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Editor: Patricia Jones

Winner of Black Womens Achievement Award 1992

Mary Seacole Award 1992

Black Womens Promotion Award 1994

Voice Community Award 1997

Community Entertainment

Black History

Chapeltown Black History Celebration, held on Saturday 25th October, attracted a fair amount of people from within the Community. Some powerful talks and speeches went down well. Singers and rappers kept the crowd amused, and some strong cultural poems left you gasping for more. Thanks to all from the Community who attended. Without you this just couldn't happen.

P. Jones

Performance Evening

Leeds Leisure Services and Poetry Express held a performance evening on 27th November at the Silver Tree nightclub. All the artists performed well. We ended the show with an "open mike", and because of the atmosphere, people who had never been on stage before ended up performing. The vibes were just great. Best of all, we had a good laugh and chat, and danced the evening away at the end of the show. I'm so proud of the talent in Chapeltown.

Advertising

Community Highlights if now out every 6 weeks. Money is **now** to be sent in with **all** adverts. Remember: "You have no say, if you don't pay."

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1998 Black Cultural Calendar

On each page of this unique calendar, birthdays and anniversaries of many people and events are listed.

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Community Link-up

If you're a registered charity, get your project mentioned. **A SMALL DONATION, WHICH WILL GO TO THE COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS DEVELOPMENT FUND, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

GROW (Giving Real Opportunity to Women) is a black women's educational project, staffed by black women. **Tel. 237 4362.**

Positive News

European Funding for Chapeltown and Harehills

European Commission approves £3.5m urban initiative

The major boost to inner city regeneration in Chapeltown and Harehills announced through a new £3.5m European funding programme, the URBAN Initiative, was formally launched on 27th October. The initiative was put into action at the first meeting of the Urban Management Committee held at the Chapeltown Enterprise Centre. Today's launch brought together representatives of local community groups, the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber, Leeds City Council and other major agencies.

Jeremy Walker, Regional Director of the Government Office, said:

"I am delighted at the launch of this important initiative. The City Council and its partners have been working with us for over two years to bring this European money to Leeds. Great opportunities and potential for regeneration exist within the communities in Chapeltown and Harehills. It is good news that these communities are now being given the opportunity to build on existing initiatives to regenerate the areas through this funding. The skills and commitment of local people can now be further developed to challenge existing deprivation and disadvantage."

The £3.5 m scheme will support a range of projects over the next two or three years aiming to improve employment prospects and raise community and business confidence in the area. It is a "people-centred" initiative and projects will target the needs of those who face special problems getting jobs or who may have lost confidence that opportunities exist for them.

Cllr. Keith Wakefield, Chair of the Development Services Group Committee, representing Leeds City Council on the Management Committee, said:

"We are pleased that the European Commission have recognized the very real needs of areas like Chapeltown and Harehills in otherwise very successful cities like Leeds. The URBAN Initiative should help to ensure that residents are able to share in the wider prosperity."

The URBAN Initiative will work alongside the SRB programme which has already stimulated new activity in the areas and aims to assist the sustainable regeneration of the area.

The European Commissions has approved the Programme Document which sets the scene for the URBAN initiative. The document states that the main goal of URBAN is:

"To contribute towards the economic, social and environmental regeneration of Chapeltown and Harehills and to ensure that local people can participate fully in this process and benefit from the wider prosperity of the city."

Dance school in step with inspectors

Top marks have been awarded to the Northern School of Contemporary Dance following a recent government inspection. The school, in Chapeltown, Leeds, was given a rigorous assessment by the Quality Assurance Agency, which inspects higher education colleges and universities. Of six areas looked at, the 200-student college received maximum marks in five – one of the highest grades given to a performing arts college. College Principal Nadine Senior said: "This is a great tribute to the dedication of staff and governors. The assessment indicates that the NSCD is at the forefront of the dance training sector."

The college is completing a £3.2 m building project to improve facilities. Two separate lottery bids netted the college a total of £2.4 m, allowing it to add three new dance studios, a library, an administration block, seminar rooms, a new entrance foyer, gymnasium, kitchen and restaurant area.

The Riley Theatre, located in the old synagogue at the heart of the dance centre site, is currently being refurbished and a new backstage area – dubbed the "artists' quarters" – is being built for the performers.

Students have the option of pursuing a three-year degree course validated by the University of Leeds or a BTEC or Foundation course.

V/A – "Chapeltown 7" CD (Positive)

A compilation of musicians from Chapeltown put together by the Positive Music Agency, ranging from smokin' jazz from BABA through smooth reggae (and crazy dub!) from RAS NATURAL, Wailers style rebel rock from Rockstone and Supa Yout, atmospheric dancebeats from Ansell Broderick, to tribal drumming from African drum master Musa Suma and Women's drumming group Janta Bi. All an indication of just how healthy the Chapeltown music scene is.

More details from Positive Music Agency, 91 Spencer Place, Chapeltown, Leeds, LS7 4HD.

Tel. 248 2703 or 262 6759.

Community Anniversaries

Majestyk's First Million

Leeds' biggest and liveliest night spot has celebrated its first anniversary. Since opening in November 1996, the Majestyk and Jumpin Jacks has had almost one million customers. The owners spent £5 million transforming the Grade II listed building into Leeds' biggest nightclub, Majestyk, open five nights a week, Tuesday to Saturday, and Jumpin Jacks, a 7-nights-a-week live entertainment bar with an American Wild West theme. They have helped establish Leeds as a centre for excellence in clubbing enjoyment and entertainment. Majestyk provides clubbing for people who want to enjoy themselves with no pretensions or attitudes.

Dress is relaxed on Tuesday when jeans and trainers are OK. On Wednesday and Thursday it's still relaxed but no sportswear, and on Friday and Saturday it's over 20s with smarter dress required. It has a breathtaking laser and stunning lighting effects with a state-of-the-art sound system. This year Majestyk have been awarded 1997 Discotheque of the Year, Interior Design of the Year and also Discotheque of the North 1997. *Pooh Yer Pants* night on Mondays has been acclaimed as the biggest student night in the U.K., with a regular attendance of over 3,000 charging a mere £1.50 entrance fee before 10.30 pm. The birthday week will include a variety of exciting theme nights, including "Stars in Your Eyes" and a chance to win a trip for two to Amsterdam at Jumpin Jacks, or Livin Joy's Janice Robinson performing her new single "Earth Beat" and the Alison Limerick live on stage at Majestyk's. For more information on what's on when, ring 0113 242 4333.

15th Anniversary Community Awards

The Voice Papers held an awards ceremony on Monday 20th October 1997 at the Hilton Hotel, 22 Park Lane, London W.1. The food was sweet. The day was just great, meeting up with celebrities such as the gladiators, Voice editor, journal editor, Lenox Lewis, beauticians, voice workers, Moira Stewart. Receiving a community award was just unbelievable. Also Claude Hendrickson and Elaine Gentles received an award for the community work he has done. What a day to be remembered!

P. Jones

What's New

A new art/comedy section, by Lloyd Herah.

Community Meetings and Conferences

Health and Safety Seminar for the Small Business

A health and safety seminar for the small business was recently held by Leeds Development Agency.

Thomas Danby College held an Information Evening on 19th November at the college.

Chapeltown and Harehills Leeds Urban Initiative held a community conference on Thursday 27th November at the West Indian Centre.

Want a career using competitors and be knowledgeable about the Internet? Then help is at hand!

Women returning back to work after a career break can face many difficulties. Biggest of all can be their lack of essential competitor skills.

New Working Ways in partnership with Leeds College of Technology offers to rectify this problem by providing **FREE** computer/Internet training courses for women.

Training is "hands on" using software likely to be encountered in a working environment, covering word processing, database, spreadsheets, desk top publishing and Introduction to the Internet. As well as the training using up-to-date computer packages, sessions are provided to build confidence in CV writing, applying for jobs and preparing for interviews. New Working Ways also offers all trainees work placements which provide learners with first-hand knowledge of business environments.

Interested?

**For further details, contact:
NWW (0113) 243 2474.**

Tapestry 2000 are concerned to involve as many people from minority communities in the project as possible so that all of the people of Leeds are properly represented in the Tapestry. **Contact Community Highlights.**

Letters to the Editor

From: R. Stirling, Harehills

Dear Patricia

I attended the Poetry Express Show at the Silver Tree, and I well and truly found the talent amazing. The mime artist and poets, singers, debates, were just great. When is the next show?

From C. Robinson, Chapeltown

Congratulations on the success of the newsletter. You've been going for two years now. I hope you have many more.

Address for correspondence and advertising copy:

Community Highlights, c/o The Print Shop, 275 Harehills Lane, Leeds. LS8 3RQ.

CABLE & WIRELESS

Linking up with Community Highlights, and giving the Community a look in bringing to you information every day of the week, from within the Chapeltown and Harehills Community. So tune in to the Community Channel any day between 2 pm and 3 pm.

If you would like a mention, short, to-the-point articles will be considered. Information to be sent to 275 Harehills Lane, Leeds 9.

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Poetry Corner

Personhood

Into the light leaping
Forward.

Into self-knowledge.

Out of the night.

No more shadows.

Sharp focus.

Out of the shapes

and images,

pre-ordained,

super-imposed,

I'm moving into
reality.

Got a clear vision

of a new mission,

Self-fulfilment.

Finally in the frame

clear visibility

no longer shrouded

images

out of oblivion.

Demanding

acceptance,

clear

acknowledgement

of my pain.

Trampling down

those who want me.

Still as burden bearer
of the race.

Helper, Supporter.

No more I come

screaming

compensation.

Standing alone,

nowhere to

lean,

to rest.

Once long ago

I leaned

on a man

who walked

beside me.

He stumbled

so I carried

us both.

Once upright

he left

me screaming.

Here I come again,

chanting, demanding,

no longer despair

but

Personhood.

Saying it's
time I freed
these chains.

I have walked
for centuries
from fields
of labour
to beds
of labour.

My double curse,
black and woman.

Scraping the
barrel

of humanity.

Wallowing

is ended.

My curse is now

my blessing.

Propelled by the kicks,

the bruising,

the open wounds,

I come now,

Warrior Maiden,

armed and dangerous

to heal the wound

of centuries.

I stand tall,

radiant

Strong and gnarled

like rock.

Ripened by centuries

of harsh weather.

I at last stand strong.

My screams are no longer

ones of despair.

I cast aside my

shackles.

Defiant now in Sunlight

I walk

claiming Personhood.

Tranquillity transcends

and I send out a

word to all my

sisters.

Groping still

to find the light,

to deny

the horrors

that man

inflicts.

Seeking

Seeking

Seeking

Simply

PERSONHOOD.

By M. Williams

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