

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

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The Newsletter for Chapeltown & Harehills

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INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to everyone living in the Chapeltown Community.

Everything is looking good and positive. The newsletter is now linked with Harehills. Keep writing in. Thanks for all the letters we received. (It was really nice read-

ing them, but I can never get enough.) Thanks for the letters of support and encouragement.

I hope you enjoy your second issue of the Newsletter. Please keep up the positive vibes within the Community.

P. Jones

L is for the positive Light.

I is for Intentions of taking away the negative side of our Community.

Getting together and showing the media the positive sides

Highlighting talent, business and anything positive within the Community.

T is for Togetherness.

Sharing positive thoughts and actions.

SISTARS KITCHEN

"Sistars Kitchen" cafe and sandwich shop first opened on 6th June 1994. Over a year and a half down the line, the cafe is still going strong.

Recently, determination to build a better business has led Sistars Kitchen into the finals of a grants award scheme, run by the Cash & Carry chain "Nurden and Peacock."

If all goes well, after this month, "Sistars" will walk away with a cash prize so as to encourage standards and profitability of the business.

Sistars Kitchen can be found on 6 Newton Parade, Chapeltown Road, and sells a large range of

hot/cold sandwiches, bagels, baked potatoes, pies, chips, burgers and drinks. Currently, new vegetarian eats are being introduced on to the menu.

Coming together as a Community, and supporting each other.

O is for an Opened door, to get yourself known.

Making things happen

Moving forward together

U is for being United

Nominating someone from the community to get highlighted, for doing good

I is for Involvement

Tackling problems together

Y is for: Your support is greatly needed.

Higher goals can be reached.

I is for positive Images.

Getting your voice heard.

H Nothing can Happen if we don't make it happen.

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COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

Help for Ethnic Minority Businesses from Leeds City Council

Starting and running a business is never easy. And ethnic minority businesses often face additional obstacles.

Recognizing this, the Council's Leeds Development Agency has established Business Advisory Services to encourage enterprise in multi-cultural Leeds. Their office at Chapeltown Business Centre is normally open from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. The address is 231 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3DX. Telephone 262 6333. Fax 262 1274. Callers are most welcome, but for counselling an appointment is essential.

Ethnic minority businesses are helped through:

- Free advice
- Workspace options
- Practical resources

Through the specialist unit at Chapeltown Business Centre, and also through other surgeries at Beeston Hill, Hyde Park and in Leeds City Centre, Business Advisors can help ethnic minority business with:

- Business plan preparation
- Cash flow
- Marketing

and a wide range of business matters. Counselling in languages other than English and interpreting services are available.

GRANTS

Grant assistance is available from Leeds City Council for start-ups and business development. Business Advisory Services provides direct access to these as well as advice and guidance on a range

of grants and loans available from other agencies.

PROPERTY LOCATION SERVICE

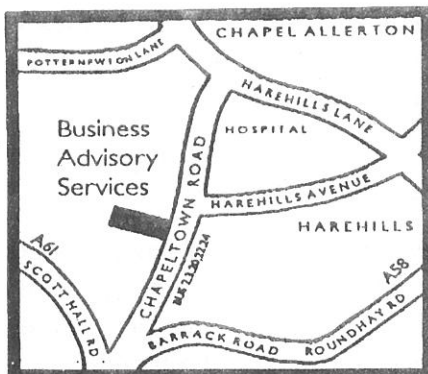
LDA maintains a comprehensive database of business premises available city-wide and, using this, Business Advisory Services offers a free search service to find premises to meet their clients' needs.

RENT-A-DESK SUITE

Flexible, easy access to shared office space on a daily basis.

RESOURCE CENTRE FACILITIES

The Business Advisory Services Reception at 231 Chapeltown Road also acts as a resource cen-



tre for local ethnic minority businesses, providing economical

- Photocopying
- Fax facilities
- Mailbox services

INFORMATION

A range of leaflets and a business information library is available at the Centre and can be accessed by anyone setting up or running a small business.

MEETING PLACE

At the Chapeltown Business Centre there is an attractive meeting room suitable for up to 25 people.

The meeting place is fully equipped with video, overhead

projector, flipchart and whiteboard and is available to hire for training events, meetings and presentations.

MANAGED WORKSPACE

At Mexborough Grove there is a managed workspace where ethnic minority businesses can start up and grow. Chapeltown Business Centre comprises:

- Workshops
- Offices/studios
- Retail shops

All enjoy a good level of services and 24-hour access.

ARC & CRAFTS

Unit 2 is a welding and fabrication workshop run by Dennis Bernard. This is just one example of the many businesses who are benefiting from and contributing to the success of Chapeltown Business Centre.

Dennis is a proud and independent individual who has been successfully running a workshop at Chapeltown for the past 14 months. But what makes him somewhat different to many local business people is his love for Chapeltown and the community he serves.

"Chapeltown's got a lot of good things about it; there's a good community here. I walk down the street and I'm always meeting people I know because I live here. I grew up with people here, they're my school friends."

Dennis's determination is probably the key element for his successful track record. He is not the type who gives up easily or is defeated because of the obstacles in his way. His redundancy from Leeds Training Centre after 6 years of working there as a fully qualified (continued on page 3)

welding instructor did come as a shock to him but it was the centre which was closing its door and it was Dennis who had to open other doors.

Self-employment seemed a very logical step and Chapeltown was a very obvious location. Now, all he had to do was make sure that both elements of manufacturing and training were fully observed by this new initiative. He is particularly keen on the training aspect of his work with a simple and honest view that the right training is the way forward in finding the right employment. "We should be us-

ing more and more local skills and talents for job/training opportunities in the local community. I think there are not enough role models for the kids growing up. It is very important for a child to see role models and to see that they can actually do well in society." Seeing Dennis happily busy in his workshop, and passing his knowledge and expertise to the first of many trainees he hopes to bring in, is a delightful and encouraging sight. "The workshop I really feel is from God. I feel that He has given me the gift of welding. I really feel that the workshop is here as a

place where people can come to see the role models. They can come and get some sound training."

Dennis is a dedicated and practical person with an imaginative mind for making things and a passion for his people.

His genuine desire in wanting good things to happen for his community combined with a strong commitment to Christianity are so great that it is difficult not to see him succeed.

Let's wish him more success in everything he does for his community.

COMMUNITIES LINK-UP

(covers Youth Clubs and Community Projects)

A new youth club could soon be opened, in Ossett's Old Town Police Station. Local youngsters have drawn up their own plan for the club, which will be opened in the spring. The Community was awarded a Council grant after making a video about why they need the club in Ossett. (These local teenagers were very determined to achieve their goal.)

THE TEN TO TWO CLUB

The Ten to Two Club in Chapeltown Leeds has been set up for the youth of the Community Wednesday nights 10 pm - 2, and Friday nights at the same time. The place is Chapeltown Community Centre. Drop in, get information, socialize, play games, careers advice and much, more

THE MARKET PLACE

Free information is provided,

as well as support and counselling to young people aged 13-25 whatever your sex or race.

"We try in many ways to help and support young people making decisions about their lives. We offer support and information about benefits, housing, training and your rights. Plus tea and coffee. Opening times are as follows:

Mon-Wed 10-2

Fri 12-4

Sat 10-2

Young women's counselling
3-5 on Tuesdays

COMMUNITY FOCUS

(Focusing on various projects linked to the Community)

Jutta Theissen, a German student, is putting together a dissertation about Chapeltown. (She comes to Chapeltown again and again and likes it so much (in spite of all the negative reports by the local media and the prejudiced comments made by people living in other areas of Leeds).

Jutta would like to talk to people in order to get some information.

RECOGNIZED PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED THEIR COMMUNITY

Lenny Henry has given a lot of his time and energy and very often cash out of his own pocket to help out Red Nose Day for comic relief over the past 10 years. His involvement, along with that of other celebrities, has helped raise the profile of this charity, which since 1985 has raised £62 million; its proceeds have been deployed in 41 African countries.

"It's really nice to know that recognized people contribute to other communities, and remember that they once had to start at the bottom.

COMMUNITY ADMIRATION

The morning was bitter and cold as I walked down Harehills Avenue. As I looked on the ground it was wet and slippery. The time was exactly 10 a.m. As I approached the phone boxes on Harehills (continued on page 4)

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Avenue, I could see a body stretched across on the floor. As I got closer, I could see a middle-aged man, face downwards, on the cold concrete ground. People just looked on and walked past. Others peered out of their car windows and didn't even bother to see if the man lying on the floor was all right. A car suddenly stopped, and out of this car came

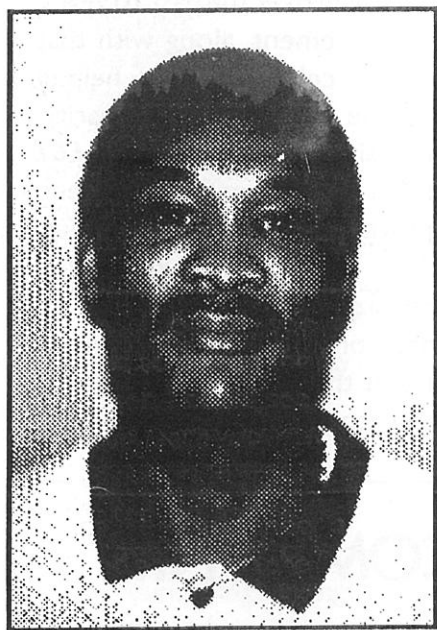
Colin Bazoo, and Malcolm Browne. Three of us were standing over the man. Colin then phoned the ambulance. We then waited with the man (who was still lying on the ground) until the ambulance came. It turned out that this man had gone to make a phone call and he had suddenly had a fit. While we were waiting for the ambulance to arrive, Colin turned around to me

and said: "The onlookers probably think that we've all just mugged him." We looked at each other and laughed.

Just the situation alone, and people peering out of cars brought home the stigma that the media has given the Community. This incident also shows that colour wasn't an issue. Who says everyone in Chapeltown is bad?

EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITY TALENT

NEVILLE BARNETT,
MUSICIAN



My interests are based within the music industry. I have written and composed over 30 songs thanks to the help of my friend Mr. T. Quick, as he has a PC on which we program music. From the age of 12 years I have had a great interest in music. At 16 I started

to play the guitar. Through my history I have been a DJ until I was 25 years old. Then I turned back to guitar and keyboard. I'm self-taught and can sing well.

I started to write and compose songs. I have also released 3 records, one on my own label and 2 on other labels. I have accomplished over 100 songs on my music library.

At this moment in time, I'm working with a new singer on 3 new tracks, which I've sent to various record companies.

Now two of these companies have taken an interest in one special track. I've always believed, if you want things in life, never given up, fight until the end and you'll reach your goal some day.

KENNY B, KNOWN AS LEEDS MOST WANTED D.J.

Kenny B has been a DJ for over 14 years and in the radio business for over 10 years. From the mid-80s when pirate radio station MCR first came on air in Leeds, entertaining the Black Community of Leeds and West Yorkshire, Kenny B as a DJ has played all over Europe and even in Antigua in the Caribbean. He has won a number of awards in and around his community Chapeltown in Leeds for deejaying, and now he is working on BBC Radio Leeds The Night

Shift programme with Cess Podd Jay's "I Quote". Radio production is not easy work but if you love what you're doing and you're doing what you love, then hard work does not ever come into it.

I've been working co-presenting and producing The Night Shift from since 1995. I love it 100%. Monday to Friday you get in preparation mode for the show on Saturday. Production entails research, interviewing news, reviews and music. It all has to be done right. I've done work for the BBC Midlands Earth Beat programme. It's a black show like The Night Shift here in Leeds, but broadcasts for three hours, not two like The Night Shift, so it's a bit more work in producing, as not doing the work properly means the reputation of the BBC being at stake. All I would like to say to anyone wanting to be a DJ or radio presenter is:

●No. 1 Remember to have stamina to go on, no matter what the hurdles.

●No. 2 Versatility is the key entertainment to the form of enjoyment.

●No. 3 Remember to love what you're doing and be doing what you love.

●Three main points which helped me to get to where I am in radio today.

POSITIVE POETRY

Blues & Two's was screened on T.V.

I must stress that this disheartened me.

Because "you see"

Chapeltown has a positive side
And this cannot be denied.

Zoom into the positive action.

I'm not saying: "Give crime a miss."

Every Community has its own problems.

But the question is:

Do they get endless press coverage?

So many positive things going down,

How can the media tar us with the same brush.

I sat, and I thought to myself:

"As a Community, it's now up to us."

It's up to us

It's up to us,

To stand up for your Community.

It's up to us

To make the media see.

It's up to us

To show the positive side.

It's up to us

To come together and show a positive light.

P. Jones

COMMUNITY COMPETITIONS

1. Whereabouts is Jamaica House situated?

2. Who is the founder of the 10-2 Club?

3. What is the name of the new Black Arts Association in Chapeltown (linked to the Playhouse)?

4. Who is Vanessa Bridge and how does she help the Community?

(The first two correct entries win a small cash prize.)

COMMUNITY CLUBS, SCHOOLS, ASSOCIATIONS

Are you working on a theme or certain topic?

I can organize poetry competitions (also judge them if necessary). I also organize workshops for children to inspire them to express themselves in poetry.

I have written and published books of poetry for children and am in the progress of publishing some children's poetry for local schools. I can put together personalized Wordsearches on request.

Don't hesitate. Please get in touch.

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WHAT THE YORKSHIRE EVENING POST SAYS:

Margaret Emsley of the Yorkshire Evening Post has published an article about Community Highlight entitled "Message of hope for people in Chapeltown". This is the text of the article:

Writer Patricia Jones has set up a Community magazine to promote the positive side of life in Chapeltown.

Patricia, 33, used her savings to print the first edition in December of Community Highlight, which covers life in Chapeltown and Harehills. But since then she has won funding from the Chapeltown Business Centre, which means that the future of the bi-monthly free magazine is now assured. Patricia, who has won four awards, including a Yorkshire Black Achievers' Award for her poetry and short stories, wants to give people in Chapeltown and Harehills the chance to show off their creative skills.

DETERMINED

She said: "People in Chapeltown have to be twice as determined as anyone else if they want to get on in life.

"Employers and people in Leeds as a whole have such a poor image of the place."

She continued: "Outsiders see it as a high crime area, and they do not seem to appreciate that crime is committed only by a minority.

"I want to show off the talents of local people, young and old, and let them have a voice. "My magazine is (continued on page 6)

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the chance for people to air their views on any subject.

"They can send in poems, short stories, or just comment on what is going on in the local area.

"I set up the magazine with my own money to prove how determined I was to give the Community some hope. "I'm delighted to have won funding from the Busi-

ness Centre." Patricia, a qualified caterer, worked full-time at Newton Green Hospital, Chapel Allerton, Leeds, for 11 years before she decided on a career as a writer. She still occasionally works in catering to supplement her income, but has published 15 books of poetry and a number of short stories. Community Highlight is

available free from Chapeltown Business Centre at 231 Chapeltown Road, Leeds 7, Chapeltown Community Centre in Reginald Terrace, Leeds 7, and the Print Shop at 275 Harehills Lane, Leeds 8. Children and adults should send in their contributions for the magazine to Patricia via The Print Shop.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM JOHN BROADHEAD, LEEDS 17:

It is nice to read the first issue of "Community Highlight", it looks good!

I used to live close to Chapeltown until recently and I still spend much of my time working close by, or paying visits to people there. Most of the folk I meet are helpful, a few are not, but that's the same in all areas anyway.

Sadly, much of the media seems to believe its readers are only

interested in any trouble that happens, in fact the negative side of life. Maybe the media finds CT an easy target for criticism as it has often been painted as a bad area and it's difficult to change this.

So the launch of "Community Highlight" should be a step in the right direction to help put matters right.

I put together a little paper, "New and Views"; we cover North Leeds and have carried several articles showing the brighter sides of Chapeltown. We concentrate on the positive. Surely enough paper is already filled with doom and gloom!

So to have another positive paper is excellent; do give what-

ever help you can to Patricia Jones in her work to set up "Community Highlight". A paper devoted to the positive and lifting people's spirits a little higher deserves support.

FROM TONY HARCUP, CHAIR, LEEDS NUJ BRANCH:

"... It sounds like you're doing a great job ..."

FROM CHRISTINE TALBOT OF "TONIGHT" YORKSHIRE TELEVISION:

"... I have kept a note of your number and also passed your name on to one of our producers so that we can contact you in the future about filming in and around your Community ..."



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