

# Community Highlights

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## INTRODUCTION

Happy New Year, Hello, and welcome to the 4th edition of Community Highlights. It's been a long time, but remember: keep up the positive vibes within the community. Thank you all very much for the letters

and phone calls. Without the help from the Community the newsletter will be impossible. Remember: Please send in / fax or phone any positive news. I'm looking forward to hearing from you all.

Community.

T is for Togetherness.

Sharing positive thoughts and actions.

### Community Investment

Through New Trust For the last four years, Chel has given away any available surpluses that it makes to support small projects through its Community Development Fund. Although this has funded several worthwhile ideas in the community, there has not been enough money to make a big difference in Chapeltown & Harehills. Recognizing this, a new charitable trust has been formed called Chel Community Trust. This is a separate organization that will focus on trying to lever new

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### This Month's Community Highlight: 10-2 Club

The Chapeltown Young People's 10-2 Club was founded in June/July 1992. It's now over 4 years old. It has over 50 registered members male and female aged 16-35. The club is intended for African Caribbean young people in the Chapeltown area of Leeds 7.

Club hours are 10 pm to 2 am, Wednesday and Friday nights.

Young people socialize over table, board and video games and take part in sessional activities including lectures, classes and discussions, performances, outings and day trips, residential and conferences, exchange programmes and other activities of cultural, social, economic and educational interest.

*P. Jones*

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.

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

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money into the area. A board of Trustees has been formed and aims have now been agreed. We will support regeneration in Chapeltown & Harehills through the celebration of diversity. We aim to help reposition the area as the Cultural Heart of Leeds over a seven-year period. We will capitalize on the inherent cultural wealth of the area and use it to seek investment in new flagship projects. We will also be supporting small existing groups and individuals who have plans that contribute to the vision. As the Trust is new, its first job is to develop plans and approach funders for investment. Some ideas are already in the planning stage - these include a Media Centre, a public piazza which can be used for local markets, and a Community Chest fund which can support a wide range of smaller projects and businesses. The Trust will help to create new independent community businesses as well as funnelling funding through to existing grass roots projects in the area. Chel will contribute any of its available surpluses to the Community Trust each year. We have also begun discussions with a range of other private and public sector funders who we believe can help to make the vision a reality. This area is brimming with cultural wealth and vitality - let's use it, celebrate it and invest in it to bring Chapeltown & Harehills the standing that it deserves in the city.

## 10-2 continued

Poetry Express joined the 10-2 Club in March 1996. Po-

etry Express received a grant of £500 from the Department of Community Benefits and Rights in order to put a community booklet together (promoting community talent). A competition was run, and a presentation evening was held on 15th November 1996, where new writers read their work and also received awards and certificates. 1st prize Mandy Lewis 2nd prize Dionne Powell-Fleming 3rd prize Michelle Scally  
*Runners up:*

Glyniss Nelson and Blondelle Crossley The show turned out to be very successful, and the Club gained lots of publicity and press interest. "Reality Talk" can be ordered through the newsletter, price £3.00.

## Community Publishing (extracts from "Reality Talk" community booklet)

### Too Young to Die

Somebody's son beneath white cover. Somebody's brother, Somebody's lover. Somebody's taken the life of another. He had just reached twenty-one, Only young, Only son. Only time for him is done. The fight was with his own, Whom he'd known To the bone. But was dead and found alone. His parents couldn't cry, Merely sigh, Question why, Raising hands towards the sky. His sister's head stayed bowed, Wailing loud, Wasn't proud, Showing grief before the crowd. The casket open wide Held inside Mother's pride. It was then she knelt and cried. His body - free from sound, Lowered down, To the ground, While his people

gathered round, Raising hands towards the sky. They asked why, Said good-bye, To their son - too young to die.

*Mandy Lewis*

### The Father I had

The father I had was kind and caring But went away to somewhere cold and scary. The father I had was loving and gentle But went away to somewhere rough and mental. The father I had was free and happy But went away to somewhere sad and gloomy. The father I had was quiet and sporty But went away to somewhere loud and lazy. The father I had was the father I need But went away to somewhere I would never like to stay. That place my father went to is Prison.

*Dionne Powell-Fleming, age 13 years.*

### Get a Life

What is wrong with youths of today? They seem to be going the wrong way. Hanging around the ôghettoô, their lives not fulfilled Yet they think it's such a thrill, Looting and shooting in the streets, Feeling down with life itself. What is life about? Get one and you'll find out. They don't go to school, they don't go to college, And yet they think they are so full of knowledge. Life itself is an education, But you won't find that out with radication. Don't go wrong. Do right. God's presence is always in sight. Let's all live together as one. You're not hurting the oppressor. You're hurting a brother or a sister. It's time to live together. Stop cussing, stop killing. Start loving, stop grieving.

United we can be strong. Together we will last long. Let's live as one and unite. Stop fuss and fight. Let's start again, but this time, let's get it right.

*Inspired by living in the ghetto  
Blondelle Crossley Reality Talk  
Order your copy now.*

#### Children's Publishing

Hiphop Music Hiphop will make you drop. Everything is going round the clock. I listen to music non-stop. Hiphop will make you pop. Hiphop is at the top. Hiphop will make you hot. Hiphop you can't refuse it. It's wicked kind of music.

*by Alicia Wilkinson*

#### Community Talent

The past and present media coverage has not shown Chapeltown in a positive light. This is because of two things. The influences who control the media rely on the communities to pass on positive as well as negative information about the area. The good which then happens in the community is being overlooked because the media doesn't reflect the positive, and sometimes the community neglects to pass on the information. No-one ever sees or tries to cover the positive side of Chapeltown, so here is just one of the many things which has happened on the sporting side of Chapeltown. The Mandela BMW Warriors & now the Yorkshire Premier cup winners & and the Mandela BMW Wildcats ù the Yorkshire Division One champions & both sponsored by Scotthall BMW Sheepscar Leeds, are just two out of the three teams based at the Mandela Centre who almost

came close to winning the double. The Mandela warriors who presently play in the Yorkshire Premiere League (National League Division 3) came runners-up behind their rivals the Menwithill Cavaliers, the founder cup winners. But revenge was to take place as both teams were to play in the Yorkshire Premier Cup semi-finals which took place at the Mandela Centre. The Mandela Warriors clinched it in the last second from a free throw taken by John Huggett with the final score ending at 86-85. They met Rawthorpe in the final whom they had beaten twice already in regular season. The finals proved to be exciting ones as Rawthorpe gave it their all in the first half but were overpowered in the second period of the game with the final score being 80-65. This season saw the starting of the regional play-offs. The Mandela Warriors were to qualify for this as they had been runners up in the Premiere League and the winners Menwithill Cavaliers weren't eligible due to their national status. The tournament took place in Cardiff and, as the Mandela Warriors were not given much time to prepare and were low on finance, help came from local electronic company ANKH Electronics. The competition was very tough but the Warriors played 4 games losing 2-1 to the home team Cardiff who became the eventual winners. And the Warriors runners up. They were also invited to a tournament in Manchester on June 1st where they were the outright winners, taking the trophies back to Leeds. The

Mandela BMW Wildcats became Yorkshire Division One Champions by winning 14 matches and only losing 2 games all season. They came runners-up in the Yorkshire Division One Cup by losing to their rivals Bradford University. The Mandela Basketball Team would like to thank Scotthall BMW for their continuous support through the good and bad times and because of that support we have got the best up-and-coming juniors in the country. They would also like to thank ANKH Electronics for the financial support for the play-offs and all the fans and helpers past and present for their support and the Mandela Centre for their hospitality. There will be a beginners session for those interested in learning to play or who just want to play ù male or female ù starting on Saturday 29th June from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. and every Saturday after at the Mandela Centre. Anyone interested in this or who would like information on what's going on in general, do not hesitate to call 01426 257 459 or 0850 228 798.

#### Community Talking Point

Are you feeling sad, angry or confused? Are you struggling with thoughts you find difficult to share, even with family and friends or the Church. Why not write to Beverley? We will respond to two letters in each issue. All articles will be responded to by a trained black counsellor. You will be treated confidentially. Send your articles to Community Talking



Point, 275 Harehills Lane, Leeds 8.

Upfront 1996 was a celebration of African/Caribbean arts, put on by Leeds Leisure Services. Lots of artists were involved: Lemn Sisay, Levi Tafari, Paul Auber, Women's Music Performances, Concerts for Primary Schools, RJC Dance Theatre, photography exhibitions, film, poetry workshops and performance evenings, DJs, singers and roots music, also drum performances and painting exhibitions. Upfront 96 has been very successful, involving lots of organizations and highlighting talent. Well done, Leeds Leisure Services. I can't wait for the next one.

### Community Meetings/Conferences

All-Afrikan Arts Day On Saturday 23rd November 1996, the PAC (the People's Arts Council) and YHACAN (Yorkshire & Humberside Afrikan Caribbean Arts Network) held an all-Afrikan Arts Day at Hillcrest School, Cowper Street, Leeds 7. This was an introduction to the new lottery Programme. The day consists of workshops, entertainment, stalls, food and time to socialize. Day Workshop On Saturday 30th November 1996, from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 pm, Chapeltown Community Centre held a day workshop on art projects and community groups. There were slides and discussions about working with groups on art projects. Arts Lottery Workshop An arts lottery workshop for black organizations was held on Friday November 29th 1996, at Chapeltown Business

Centre, hosted by Sia with Yorkshire & Humberside Arts Board and Kuffdem Arts. Say No to Violence Leeds Women's Aid put on a conference regarding women saying no to violence. This lasted over two days. There were exhibitions, information stalls, organizations and talks, drama, poetry and dance. This was a wonderful event, women together and speaking out.

Leeds Women's Aid offer safe accommodation for women and children, counselling, information, legal advice, support, self-referral or by agency. Leeds Women's Aid: Tel. 246 0401. Say no to violence.

### Why suffer in silence.

Community Link-up Highlighting your Projects Are you a new business in the Chapeltown/Harehills area, or working on a project? Why not get update news sheets (to let the community know what you're about) at a reasonable rate. Contact Community Highlights, c/o The Print Shop, 275 Harehills Lane, Leeds. LS8 3RQ

### At Youth Point:

We provide free info on all sorts of things: housing, health, relationships, drugs, benefits and tons more!

So, why not call in and see what we offer. Phone Emma or Irene direct on Leeds 274 9959. Leeds Drugs Project: 14 St. Michael's Lane, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 3AH. Tel.: Leeds 230 6262. West Leeds Works Exchange. Telephone Clair, Pol or Annette on Leeds 236 1713.

### Heydays.

Our aim is to present an opportunity for people aged over 55 to meet, develop new creative skills and share them with others. Individuals can become members for just £8.00 per year. Come along any Wednesday and find out more or call Lou Ford at the West Yorkshire Playhouse on Leeds 244 2141. Substance Use/Misuse Project. For personal confidential information and support, please contact Sonia on Leeds 236 1713. Or leave a message on the answer machine.

### Cardigan Community Action.

A voluntary organization funded by Leeds City Council to provide services to older people in South Headingley and Burley. The Cardigan Centre, 145-149 Cardigan Road, Leeds, LS6 1LJ. Tel.: Leeds 275 9282.

### The Ten to Two Club,

Chapeltown Community Centre, Wednesday night 10 pm to 2 am, and Friday the same time. Socialize, play games, careers advice, poetry competitions and much more. Holiday playschemes are held at Chapeltown Community Centre, as well as junior youth clubs, senior youth clubs, endless activities, steelpan workshops and much more. For more info, contact St. Clair or Andy. Tel. Leeds 237 4744. New Community Newspapers Maroon edited by Kofi Nyaako Tel. Leeds 275 9282

### Chapeltown & Harehills coverage

The People's Arts Council

Chapeltown Business Centre  
231-5 Chapeltown Road Leeds  
LS7 3DX Mobile phone: 0402  
507990 Fax: (0113) 262 1274  
Paul Aubor Roundhay &  
Harehills Business Forum have  
started holding regular meetings  
regarding the closed premises in  
the Roundhay and Harehills  
area, and security problems.

If you would like to get in-  
volved and come to the meet-  
ings, please write to Commu-  
nity Highlights.

**Where to get information and  
help in Leeds:**

*National Drugs Helpline*  
0800 77 66 00

A free 24-hour confidential  
service for people who may be  
worried about drug use and  
would like more information.  
The call is FREE and will not  
show up on the telephone bill.

*Leeds Addiction Unit 0113 292  
6940*

A wide range of services for  
people with alcohol, other drug  
an HIV problems. Call for ad-  
vice or to make an appointment.

*LDP (Leeds Drugs Project)*  
0113 230 6262

Offers consideration, informa-  
tion, advice and counselling on  
substance and HIV problems.

*Dashline 01977 790999*

A 24-hour helpline offering  
advice and counselling on sol-  
vents and drugs.

*Resolv 01785 817885*

Advice, information and  
education about solvent use for  
parents and young people.  
Phone Monday-Friday (between  
9 am and 5 pm); answerphone  
at other times.

*The Market Place 0113 246  
1659 83*

Kirkgate, Leeds, LS2 City  
Centre drop-in offering confi-  
dential information, support and  
counselling on issues affecting  
young people ù homelessness,  
benefits, sex education, HIV,  
substance use and general  
health.

*Axis 0113 222 5507*

Is a drug prevention pro-  
gramme for East Leeds.

Community Link-Up Page  
highlighting Universal Projects  
(free). No more than 35 words  
please. The next issue of COM-  
MUNITY HIGHLIGHTS will  
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## Home start Leeds

### Home Start needs VOLUNTEERS.

Women and men of all ages and backgrounds with 3-4 hours a week to spare, to offer friendship to a family with children now feeling overwhelmed and alone.

We're especially keen to recruit more volunteers from black and ethnic minorities, as these people are under represented in our organisation.

Please ring Joanna, Ghzala or Lesley on Leeds 2442419

All volunteers expenses are paid by Home-Start Leeds. You receive a short course of preparation with other new volunteers before you're paired up with a family, plus other training opportunities.

## CHAPELTOWN LIBRARY

### Opening Hours:

Wednesday 2.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 10.00am - 12.00noon

Saturday 11am - 4.00pm

We want to make Chapeltown Library one of the busiest in Leeds. Let us know your views.

We have full library services including:

Fiction, Non Fiction, Biographies

Arange of Afro Caribbean books

Asian, incl. Chinese & Vietnamese books

A selection of newspapers & magazines incl.:

The Voice, Essence, The Jang, Akhbar-E-Jehan

Childrens & Teenage books

Information, including what's on in Leeds

Displayspace, and community events can be held here.

## Introducing the community network

Community groups / organisations, the West Yorkshire Playhouse would like to talk to you! We are doing some research, making contact with groups in Leeds to help more people make use of our service. The aim is to set up a network.

We'd like to tell groups about the many activities at the theatre, which you may not know about. Workshops, meetings, training, social and educational events as well as the shows. You don't have to be interested in drama to use our resources.

Equally we want to hear from you! What are the sorts of things you'd like us to do? How do you think we should do them to make the theatre more appealing to your group? How can we build a good long term relationship with you?

We have lots of good intentions, some extra funds to improve access to the theatre, and high hopes that future developments will allow us to put into practice ideas you come up with.

If you would like more information about getting involved with the Community Network, please get in touch with Cathy Denford. Phone her at the West Yorkshire Playhouse on 0113 244 2141 or write to her at:

West Yorkshire Playhouse, Playhouse Square, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UP

## ATTENTION

### Chapeltown Citizens Advice Bureau

**Wanted:  
Voluntary  
Advice  
Workers**

For Chapeltown C.A.B.  
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