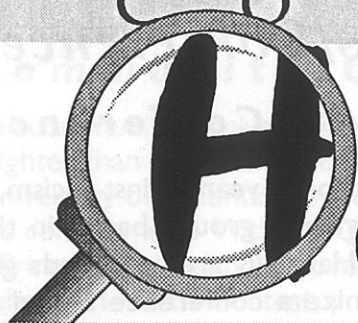


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Introduction

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Hello, and welcome once again. I hope you are feeling bright, and in the carnival spirit.

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Community Highlight:

Leeds West Indian Carnival 30th Anniversary

Don't miss this one. Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August. This one will be celebrating 30 years of West Indian culture in Leeds - you won't see anything comparable north of Notting Hill. The costumes, music and dancing have been painstakingly prepared and rehearsed for your entertainment. And it's free.

Don't miss the Carnival Queen Show on 22nd

August, at the West Indian Centre, where TV comedian Roy Diamond, host of the BBC2 black comedy show *A Force* will be performing his set. Then there's the evening of calypso music on Saturday 23rd August, also at the West Indian Centre.

For further details, telephone the festival organizers: Ian Charles on Leeds 293 4231 or Susan Pitta on 0402 607138 (mobile).

Community Talent

Mr. Sol - Achieving his Goal

Sol B. River has previously been a resident writer with the Leeds West Yorkshire Playhouse. His interest and love for writing stem from his youthful days. He stresses: "When I was in my youth, my mother would always read books to me before I went to bed."

Sol completed his M.A. at Leeds Metropolitan University. For the past few months he has been teaching script-writing in Sheffield and has just finished writing for the Phoenix Dance Company. At the present moment he is writing for the Talawa Theatre Company, and is also making part of a film entitled *Mr. Migrant*. Up to date Sol B. River has written 12 plays and 4 short films. He's produced 2 programmes for Cable TV, *The Scene* and *The Underground Boy*. "I'm totally out of breath now."

Last but not least, look out for *Torahtid*. This is a book with 3 plays in one, *Moor Masterpieces*, *Torahtid* and *Unbroken*, published by Eberon Books and out in September. "You can't afford to miss this one." Well, Mr. Sol, I believe nothing or no-one can stop you from achieving your goals. Good on you. Fight on through. You're on your way to a successful future.

Please save a copy of your book for me.

Positive News

Chapeltown, all in the name

There are problems in Chapeltown, but many of these are exaggerated, and the media can be blamed for perpetuating the problem. Below are the views of someone with first-hand knowledge of the situation, for he works in the Chapeltown area every day:

I think, what is going on at the moment is sad and that Chapeltown is getting a bad name, and yet it's only a small group of young lads that are doing this. It makes me sad when there are such a lot of good people there. A lot of people I talk to never actually get involved with the people of Chapeltown — an example is a neighbour of mine who does not believe I go to sell ice-cream in Chapeltown every day. "Aren't you frightened?" she says.

You may pick up the paper and read of muggings and that they've burnt cars, but that's only a small group and it's happening in many other areas of Leeds too. There are worse areas than Chapeltown. The trouble is everywhere. If there were more employment for the young people here, there would be less crime committed — a lot of them leave school and don't get any money until they are eighteen. But I think if you treat them with respect they will respect you too. I think so, anyway.

When they have the carnival in the park all the black folk whose kids are buying off me come up and say hello, and I think that's respect they show me because I respect them. I don't think anything bad about people. There are no people so happy as some black people I know. They are great people and if they know you like them they will like you too.

It would be nice if white people who don't really know them were invited to meet the people of Chapeltown — and saw people when they go to church. Many people never miss church. I know there are other ways of looking at this but I think it shows they are good people. When I'm at work, folk I know bring me cakes and treats to eat. So I hate it when people knock them. I know there are many genuine good people in the community. I don't find anything wrong with the people of Chapeltown.

John Collier

Community Shows/ Meetings/Conferences

Black Men's Conference

As part of the European year against racism, a number of community groups based in the Chapeltown and Harehills area of Leeds got together to organize a conference aimed at African-Caribbean men discussing issues of concern to them.

The West Yorkshire Playhouse played host to this historic event. Participants and supporters were treated to an opening speech by Dr. Richard Majors, a renowned African-American psychologist, known for his research into black male underachievement, and also his organization's involvement in the "Million Man March".

Lunch consisted of traditional Caribbean cuisine.

This was followed by workshops in the afternoon and poetry readings by local poet Maxi Grant ("Self-educated Dream") and visiting poet Spicey Fingers ("666 Microchip Man"). Both were well received. Also incorporated into the afternoon's events were local black male business experience, employment and achievement.

The conference turned out to be a major success, with around 150 black men attending from out of Leeds and surrounding areas. Well done.

Acknowledgments:

Sponsors: Chel Community Trust, Leeds City Council, Leeds TEC, Open University, Community Highlights, Unity and Ridings Housing Associations, West Yorkshire Playhouse and West Yorkshire Police.

Steering Group: St. Clair, Maxi, Ali, Garfield, Wayne, Clinton, Carl, Paul, Leonora and Marva.

On behalf of the Steering Group we would like to thank everyone for making this day so successful.

A Children's Carnival Talent Showcase was held at the Leeds Playhouse. The winner of each category has the chance to perform at the Children's Prince and Princess Show in August. Everyone who entered received a certificate and a trophy was awarded to the winners of each category. The talent was unbelievable — singers, dancers, rappers. Well done, Sheila and Nigel!

Community Celebrations

Community Carnival

The community carnival is going to be bigger and brighter than ever, as we're celebrating the 30th anniversary of continuous hard work, dedication and commitment. With the Queen Show, Prince & Princess Show, dances, J'overt Morning and the Calypso Monarch Contest, you just cannot miss out. A big congratulations going out to the carnival committee.

Education 2000

A barbecue was held on 25th July at 4.30 pm on the Burton business park site, for all the volunteers who work on Leeds Education 2000 projects. It was a great day for all concerned.

Afrikan Sunday

On Sunday 25th May, Chapel Allerton Library held an Afrikan Day with Kwame Dawes and Jack Mapanje. A richness of Afrikan culture and heritage, unity and liberation celebrated through poetry. Performers from the community were: Joe Williams, Patricia Jones, black women writers and Freddy Campbell. The day went down well, the sun was shining and everyone was shining with unity on the day. Norma Hutchinson rounded up the show, and got the crowd laughing. Everyone entirely enjoyed the show.

Northern School of Contemporary Dance

One of the UK's leading choreographers, Richard Alston, will be opening the first stage of the massive building project at the Northern School

of Contemporary Dance in Leeds on Tuesday 30th September 1997. The ceremony will be attended by various VIPs and will be marked by an especially created dance piece by Chantal Donaldson from Phoenix Dance.

The College has been undergoing a £3.2 million redevelopment over the last year, supported by the National Lottery through the Arts Council of England. The first section of the project will add three new studios, an administration block, a library, seminar rooms, a lighting suite and a new foyer and restaurant area, and will be ready for the NSCD's new academic year. This will be followed by the refurbishment of the College's Riley Theatre and various backstage improvements, due to be completed by the New Year. The ambitious project will put the NSCD at the forefront of dance training in Europe.

College spokesperson Luke Judd said: "We are very proud that Richard Alston has agreed to be our guest of honour at the opening ceremony of the new studios, and I am sure he will be amazed at the changes since he last visited! The new buildings will really make a huge difference to everyone at the NSCD and create facilities fit for the 21st century.

The event will start at 11.00 a.m. There will be an official "cutting of the ribbon" at approximately 12.15 p.m. If you want to attend, or need more information/photos, please call Luke Judd on 262 5359.

Celebrate Good Times Are you celebrating?

Send in your requests.

Get your Anniversary,

Christening, Graduation or Birthday
mentioned for £10.

Beaumont Street
Recording Studios,
Huddersfield will
be holding a
Black Music and
Media Conference on Saturday 11th October 1997.

For further information please contact Millie Brown on
01484 452013 or write to us at The Media Centre,
Northumberland Street, Huddersfield HD1 1RL.

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Do you know someone who has done well but never gets noticed?

Someone who has fostered a child or maybe a good hearted person?

Send us a written piece with £15.00 and we will come out and surprise them with a bottle of wine and a present.

Help Yourself To Health

A one day event for women in Leeds offering information on all aspects of health.

- workshops including
"Eating Well - why diets don't work",
"Fear of Cancer"
- try alternative therapies eg: tai chi,
massage etc.

Saturday 27th September 1997

9.30am to 4.00pm

at Oxford Place Methodist Church, Oxford Place (by the side of the Town Hall).

Strictly Sub is definitely a must.

Each and every Friday and Saturday at the Strictly Sub Nightclub, 201 - 205 North Street, Leeds, playing you the best in House, Garage and Jungle.

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For more information call

0850 228798 or 0378 315978

Watch out for Nubian Live Radio coming your way.

Community Publishing Poetry Corner

Culture Clash

There was a Culture Clash
And the end result was me.

I grew up listening to Elvis,
Jim Reeves, Bob Marley, Dennis Brown.

Eating fish & chips and rice & peas.

Reading Piers Anthony and Alice Walker.

There was a Culture Clash
And the end result was me.

I had no problem with myself.

It's everybody else who has

Trouble with my complexion.

Are you a lighter shade of black?

Or a darker shade of white?

Panda, Biscuit, half-caste ting,

Jigsaw, poor mixed-up child.

There was a Culture Clash
And the end result was me.

If I say I'm white

You know that's not true.

When the chips are down

I'll be swinging on a rope.

If I say I'm black

I deny my mother

Who brought me into this world

And sacrificed a lot

To have a child like me.

There was a Culture Clash

And the end result was me.

Why can't two cultures survive together

As they do in me?

Learn to accept that we are

All from the same race originally —

The Human race.

There was a Culture Clash

And the end result was me.

M. Williams

Carnival

Packed, people of all ages, colour, creed

Eagerly lining the streets

Awaiting in procession.

Steel-bands, sound systems, dancing feet,

Ready to march a calypso beat.

Harmonious roars, tractors withdraw

A merriment cargo of people in tow.

Glittering costumes you can't afford to miss,

Everybody's jumping,

Steel bands, sound systems,

Drumming, pumping.

Meanwhile back at the park,

Everybody's bubbling, having a lark.

Barbecued chicken on every other stall,

African Caribbean memorabilia galore.

Stage show too, and it's free.

People from all over

Mingling happily.

It's a fun day,

Sun's out to play,

In Chapeltown Leeds

It's Carnival Day.

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Children's Community Publishing

City of Leeds - Year Against Racism

All Different All Equal

Doesn't matter about the shade.
We are all made the same.
Black or white, pink or blue,
Underneath we're all so true,
Doesn't matter if you're black or white.
We're all normal people as long as we're free in life.

Different people believe in different things
As long as they can see all people are equal
And then they'll always succeed.
People split up because of their creed.
They believe they will unite and then they will be free!

by Zahid Majid and Arif Younis

Colours of Life

Cream is pure
Pure like me or you.

Yellow is bright
Just like the sun.

Pink is like me
Brown is like you.

Together we reunite.
When we say the truth.

Together we make
The colours of the rainbow.

We should be proud of our colours,
The colours of life.

By Karla D., year 7

Black or White

Doesn't mean if you're black
That you are slack.

Doesn't mean if you're white
that you are bright.

Doesn't matter if you're dark or white!

By Wasim

Colour

Colour, colour is nothing.
It's only skin deep.

No matter if you are black as coal or white as milk,
We should live together and for ever in peace.

By Saba Khalil

No matter what you look like

No matter what you do
No matter what you say.
Don't worry about me 'cos
I'll never go away.

No matter if you're black,
No matter if you're white.
We will be human for ever.
That's one thing I like.

There are people in the neighbourhood
just like you and me.
Just because we're different colours
That does not matter to me.

Just because I am white
And you are black
I really love this state
And that is that.

by Leanne Thomson

Same Inside

Colour of your skin,
Our insides are the same.

Looks don't matter,
Our insides are the same.

Unhappy people,
Racist people, are not so good.
Our insides are the same.

Friends too,
Our insides are still the same.

Sarah Hawkhead, Year 7

Colour is not everything

No matter what your colour is,
I don't care. You're my friend.
Just because of colour,
Our friendship will not end.

You are black. I am white.
We stay together. That's what's right.

You are Chinese and you are Asian.
I've got friends from every nation.

No matter what your colour is, I don't care.
You're my friend, and that's never gonna end.

Caroline Greensmith, Year 7

Community Link-up

Community Highlight Development Fund

If you're a registered charity, get your project mentioned. A small donation would be greatly appreciated.

Women's Health Matters

Help and information:

- On women's health and related topics and services
- On locating and setting up self-help groups
- On orthodox medicine and complementary therapies
- Short-term support for health and emotional problems
- Free pregnancy testing
- Drop-in sessions in Gipton, Chapeltown, Holbeck, Beeston
- Telephone inquiry line: 24-hour answerphone (0113) 242 1070

We need volunteers.

We need women to help run drop-ins, organize events, collect and provide information, give support to individual women.

We can offer a free, accredited, volunteering course with all expenses paid.

If you would like information on any of the above, or are interested in volunteering, please contact:

Women's Health Matters, Room 8C, 1st Floor, Vassalli House, 20 Central Road, Leeds LS1 6DE

Company no. 2835637

Charity No. 1048788

Black Mental Health Resource Centre provides practical and emotional support, counselling, information and advice for Black people experiencing mental health problems. It also provides support for carers. Their address is Jamaica House, 277 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA. Tel. 237 4229. Fax 237 4230. Company number 2708836. Charity no. 1016952.

Leeds CultureBox is a participative arts-based project that has been working with groups of Black young people since 1994 across the region, creating opportunities for Black arts workers to use creative expression as a medium for young people to explore culture, identity, aspirations, options and other issues through a variety of techniques and settings such as drama,

dance, visual arts, voice/singing in youth clubs, theatres, schools and museums ...

Earlier this year, CultureBox held an event called *Two Cultured* at the Roseville Centre, Leeds, which attracted 20 workers exploring the use of arts work with young people. It is hoped that this will become an annual event as the response was very positive, resulting in projects being developed between various agencies.

Currently we are working with Leeds Metropolitan University on their Summer School for Asian young women (led by specialist arts workers Anna Ashby and Amanda Grizzle) and a project with young women at GROW (with the talented local visual artist Marcia Brown). For further information, contact CultureBox Co-ordinator Joe Williams on 240 5181.

Victim Support

North West VSS, one of the three Leeds schemes, is served by two main police stations, Chapeltown and Weetwood. It covers a large area stretching from Otley, the whole of North Leeds, as far as Wetherby. We serve rural and urban communities. It is committed to equal opportunities in its provision of a supportive service to all victims of crime in its area through its home visits by its trained volunteers, office appointments where more appropriate and/or letter/phone contact.

It operates a monthly surgery on the Hawksworth Estate and is involved in the CASAC Partnership which serves the Chapeltown and Harehills areas.

It also provides a service for victims of very serious crimes through its specially trained volunteers, training and working alongside STAR in support of rape victims and HALT which deals with domestic violence. Its scheme has also offered support to families/friends of murder/manslaughter victims.

The service provides a variety of information and choices for victims. Within its code of confidentiality/victim permission it liaises with many organizations throughout the city.

It also promotes public awareness of Victim Support by its own involvement in the community.

If you require further information, contact Victim Support at Chel Business Centre, 26 Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS7 1AB. Telephone and fax: 246 1167. Charity No. 511223.

Youth Point: Free info on housing, health, relationships, drugs, benefits, etc.! Phone 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. Over 55's club. Call Lou Ford at the West Yorkshire Playhouse on Leeds 244 2141.

Substance Use/Misuse Project. Personal, confidential information and support. Call Sonia on Leeds 236 1713.

Cardigan Community Action. Services for 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.

Chapeltown Community Centre. Youth clubs, activities, steel-pan workshops, etc. Tel. Leeds 237 4744.

Roundhay & Harehills Business Forum hold regular meetings regarding closed premises and security problems in Roundhay and Harehills. If you would like to get involved and come to the meetings, please write to Community 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 and HIV problems. Call for advice or to make an appointment.

LDP (Leeds Drugs Project) 0113 230 6262

Offers consideration, information, advice and counselling on substance and HIV problems.

Dashline 01977 790999

A 24-hour helpline offering advice and counselling on solvents 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 confidential information, support and counselling on issues affecting young people — homelessness, benefits, sex education, HIV, substance use and general health.

Axis 0113 222 5507

Is a drug prevention programme for East Leeds.

Community Link-Up Page highlighting Universal Projects (free). No more than 10 words please.

Letters to the Editor

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Community Highlights is 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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Carnival Celebrations

Carnival Queen Show

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

Leeds West Indian Centre
Carnival Marquee
Doors open 8.00pm

Show starts
10.00pm PROMPT

After show jump up 'til late
Admission £4.00

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Calypso Monarch Contest

SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST

Leeds West Indian Centre
Doors open 9.00pm
Show starts 10.00pm

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Admission £3.00

Carnival '97

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
25TH AUGUST

Procession leaves
Potternewton Park at
2.30pm and returns at approx
5.00pm for judging of troupes and bands.

FREE

J'ouvert Morning

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
25TH AUGUST

Mini route starting at Leeds West Indian Centre.
See press for details.
6.00am 'til 8.00am

FREE

Last Lap Dance

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
25TH AUGUST

Leeds West Indian Centre
& Carnival Marquee
Doors open 9.00pm 'til you drop!
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