

The Newsletter for Chapeltown, Harehills & Surrounding Areas

Introduction

May 1999

Hello once again. Please keep the letters, adverts, information and news coming. Remember, this newsletter is here for you. A big thank-you to the Ridings Housing Association for sponsoring this newsletter, as they celebrate their 21st birthday I wish them all the best for now and the future.

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.

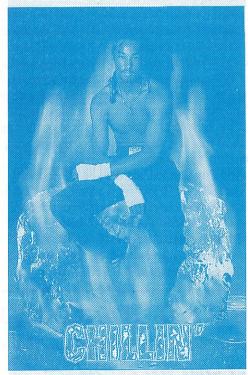
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The Chillin' Crawford Ashley

For further information telephone 0171 401 3636

Editor: Patricia Jones

Winner of Black Women's Achievement Award 1992
Mary Seacole Award 1992
Black Women's Promotion Award 1994
Voice Community Award 1997

Community Celebration



Building successful communities

Ridings Housing Associationis 21st Birthday

The Ridings Housing Association celebrates its 21st birthday this year. Since the beginning in 1977 we have had a special commitment to Chapeltown and Harehills and have been based on Roundhay Road for the past 10 years.

We provide over 1800 homes in Leeds for people in need and are committed to making a lasting contribution to the areas where we have homes by working in partnership with the local community and local agencies.

We have over 400 homes in Chapeltown and Harehills, so we have a vested interest in working together with local people and organizations to improve the area. One of the ways we can help do this is by promoting the positive image of the area, and we are pleased to help sponsor this edition of Community Highlights which aims to spread the news about all the good things happening locally.

If you would like more information about our services or how we can work together for the good of Chapeltown and Harehills, please contact either Steve Williamson (Chief Executive) or Andrew Larkins (Director of Operations) at the Ridings Housing Association, 205 Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS8 4HS, telephone 235 0202, fax 235 0482.

Windrush 98

1948-1998 Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the African Caribbean Community in Leeds

The ship Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in London on 22nd June 1948. On board were 492 settlers from the Caribbean islands. Many were coming to England with plans to stay for five years and then return home. Most did not return and settled in Britain. Windrush 98 is about recognizing the importance of this first migration and commemorating and celebrating the fifty years since.

The BBC, Leeds City Council and the Leeds Windrush Community Consultation Group are working in partnership to hold activities and events to commemorate and celebrate the contribution that the African Caribbean Community have made to modern British life, and to the success of Leeds. The activities and events planned will last the full year and

will close with a Civic Reception.

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Aromantic and the Printery

A new business is now opening up in Harehills, adding more positive aspects to the community. A full range of aromatherapy products is on offer, as well as a diverse selection of oil burners from traditional designs to novelty and original designs. For sale are fragrance candles of assorted sizes, hand-carved candles of exclusive designs-shape, size and colour to order. Special introductory offer: a free gift with each order when mentioning Community Highlights. Aromantic and the Printery are to be found at 205 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS8 3HH.

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Community Link-up

All adverts and reviews needed for Community Link-up Section. Get your projects and charities mentioned at reasonable rates.

10-2 Club Update

10-2 Club

Wednesday 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Friday 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Chapeltown Community Centre, Leeds 7

On Friday 29th May 1998, 10-2 Club members held a fashion show at the Mandela Centre. The turn-out was great and the show was a big success. The reason for the show was to raise funds for Philippa Gaskin (aged 16) as she wanted to go on an Outward Bound course. The co-ordinator of the Fashion Show were Chevone Williams and Nikitta Morris. The ages of the models in the show ranged from as young as 4 to 19. Because of the success, we are now planning a fashion show on a larger scale, to be held in the St. Johns Centre. Any sponsors reading this should contact Claude Hendrickson, 10-2 Club Co-ordinator, or send letters of correspondence to 24 Newton Garth, Leeds, LS7 4JZ.

Coming at you soon!
Mini community cinema
Community video training workshops
with the 10-2 Club
Watch this space.

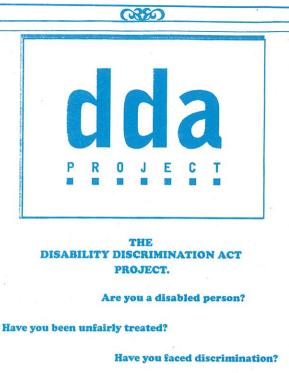
Check It Out

Chel Community Trust Launches Local Directory
Chel Community Trust launched the first edition of its local
directory on 24th April. The Yellow Book features a painting
by Ken Brown, Chapeltown Artist, on the cover.
The directory has over 70 pages of information about local
organizations, businesses and groups in Chapeltown &
Harehills. It will be updated and published each year.
You can get a copy of the directory from Miranda Paris, Chel
Community Trust, 26 Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS1 1AB.
Telephone: Leeds 242 5996.

R.J.C. take a dance Summer School in Leeds from 27th to 31st July 1998 at the N.S.C.D.

One of the U.K.is leading dance companies, R.J.C. Dance Productions, will be holding a Summer School at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance in Leeds from 27th to 31st July. R.J.C. are a Black British dance company who are dynamic performers as well as expert teachers. The Summer School will provide five days of intensive dance workshops with the emphasis on energy and enjoyment. Classes will include reggae, jazz, contemporary and salsa dance styles, and the week will culminate in a performance in the N.S.C.D.is own theatre. No dance experience is required's just enthusiasm!

The Summer School is open for ages 14 to 24, and costs just £20 for under 18 years of age and £30 for 18 and over. For more information please contact Karen Morris, R.J.C. Administrator, on Leeds 239 2040.



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New Service for Disabled People in Leeds

Have you lost your job because you have a disability? Have you been refused service or given a different standard of service because you are disabled?

Are you the parent or carer of a disabled child who has been refused a service just because of their disability?

Did you know that there is now a new law to protect your rights? The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 gives you the right to challenge discrimination in the areas of employment and goods and services.

The D.D.A. Project can help.

The D.D.A. Project is a new service, set up by D.I.A.L. (Disability Information Advice Line) in Leeds and funded by the National Lottery Board for three years, to provide information and advice to disabled people in the Leeds area on their rights under the new Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

The Project can give free independent and confidential advice and representation to disabled people who want to know more about their rights under the new law.

The Project can offer:

- General advice and information on the Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- Advice to anyone who wants to know more about their rights under this new law
- Legal advice and support to disabled people who wish to take their cases to the County Court or to an Industrial Tribunal So, if you feel you have been discriminated against just because you are disabled and would like more information and advice on your rights, then please contact the D.D.A. Project on Leeds 269 5344 (voice/minicom).

Community Role Model

A Bad Lad Makes Good Interview with Ashley Crawford

Ashley Crawford started boxing at the early age of 7. He tells me: "My dad wouldn't let me go out unless I went training. I trained at Burtons Montague Centre."

At the age of 34 and born and bred in Harehills, he has won 30 fights out of 39, lost 8 and drawn one. He admits his dad inspired him into being a boxer. "When Muhammad Ali came along, he inspired a lot of people. If I had to choose a role model boxer, it would definitely be Ali. Muhammad Ali was for everybody. Kids and old people respected him. He was easily approachable and the greatest man of the planet. Yet he had time for everybody. Everyone thinks the same about him."

Advice: "If you're going to do boxing, do it for the right reasons, not just for money or fame. If you show people respect, you will always get respect back."

Ashley admits that without boxing a big hole would be left in his life. He does it because he has to and his heart is in it.

A message for the younger generation: "Don't let no-one kill your dreams. Go for what you want in life. You can achieve anything in life that you want." Ashley Crawford is soon going to be a world champion, he has no doubt of that.

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Talent Page

With Mr. Musical

At the age of 31 Mr. Musical says he's always had a love of music. He's been a DJ for eight years now. His brother has always been into music and was in the biggest sound system going. Mr. Musical admits that he would always play his brother's records when given the chance. He tells me: "If I had to choose a musical role model it would have to be Chris Goldfinger, who plays on Radio 1 in London. He's in a good position and has a great show." Mr. Musicalís favourite music is reggae, lovers music and a bit of soul. He says: I've also done DJ work on People's FM and have inspired a lot of other DJs. It's just a sense of knowing what people want." He stresses: "I'd love to set up my own legal radio station, but it's hard getting a licence."

He is currently manager of a sound system, "Starlight International".

He plays at weddings, dances and parties. He likes playing in a nice, lively atmosphere and has a good following, playing out in Leicester, Huddersfield, Birmingham and local venues. (Sometimes it's a matter of finding another sound system to play out with.)

When he does DJ work he does his own separate thing, but while playing out with a sound system he moves with his crew of 4-5 people. His future plans are to own his own night-club or have his own legal radio station. Anyone who can help, please write in to the newsletter.

Credit to the Community

Conference launches Credit Union for Chapeltown & Harehills

Chel Community Trust held a conference in the Northern School of Contemporary Dance on 23rd May to launch work on a Credit Union for Chapeltown & Harehills. Over 60 people turned out to hear Fabian Hamilton MP and Malcolm Lynch and Carl Hylton talk about the importance of Credit Unions for regeneration. Over 80 people have already signed the pledge to save with the Credit Union.

The conference was supported by various local organizations including Unity Housing Association, North British Housing Association, Ridings Housing Association, several community groups and religious Chapeltown & Harehills was organizations. approved for European Regeneration Funding last year and a credit union is seen as one of the many initiatives to improve the lives of people in the area. Clinton Cameron, Trust Manager, says: 'Support for a Credit Union in Chapeltown/Harehills is bigger than I've ever known for any other idea. It comes from people and organizations from all religious and cultural backgrounds. Housing associations in the area are strong supporters and have contributed the initial costs. We expect URBAN to support it. I think this is going to be big".

Ian Greenwood, Chair of Chel Community Trust, says: "We believe this is a positive and important event for the people in Chapeltown and Harehills. The government appears to see this type of self-help activity by people in their communities as part of the agenda to tackle social exclusion. The Conference hopes to hear more about this and to give local people a chance to find out more about a Credit Union for Chapeltown and Harehills."

The Trust is working with a steering group drawn from people across all the communities in the area to develop the Credit Union. The ambitious aim is to achieve 500 pledges from people who want to join when it is registered, and recruit over 20 people who will be trained to be the Board of Management.

Credit Unions are a savings and loan co-operative system in which people with what is called a common bond save and borrow at a rate of interest that they set for themselves. You have to be a member and save regularly in order to benefit. If the Credit Union makes a surplus, they pay it back to themselves as a dividend. It encourages thrift and

sensible money management.

Credit Unions have a long and important history among the people in Chapeltown & Harehills. For people from the Caribbean it is known as the "pardner" and was the basis for establishing their independence in Britain in the 50s and 60s. Bangladeshis have developed a powerful and sophisticated system that is a model for people all over the world.

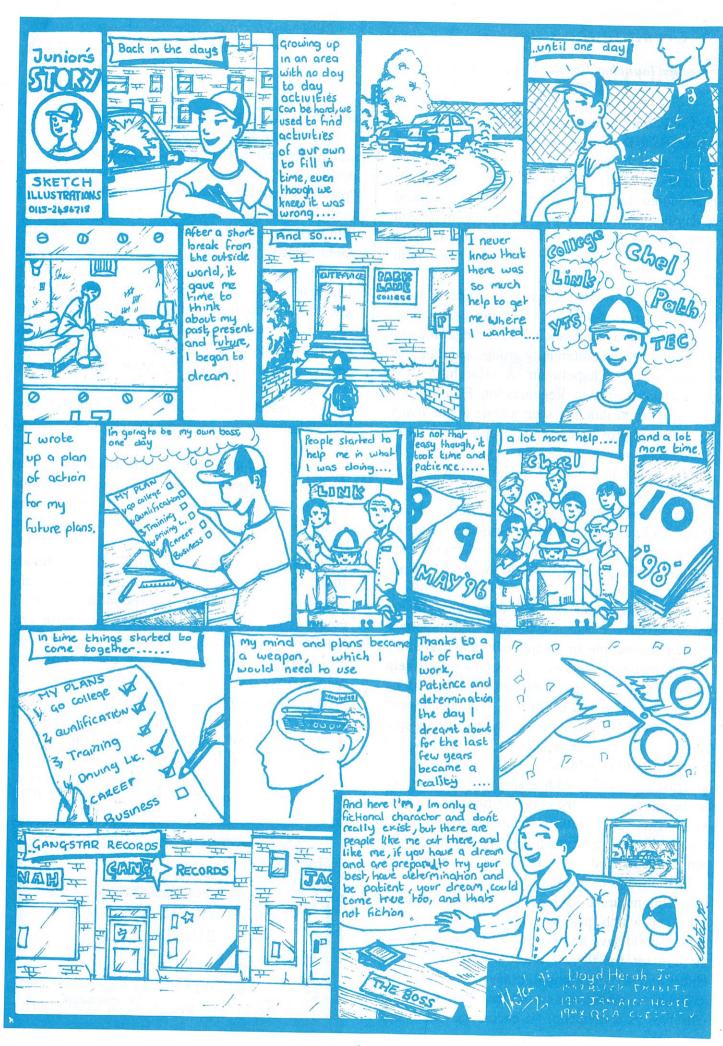
The Irish have a very strong Credit Union tradition since it was introduced in that country over 100 years ago. In America and Canada, some 1 in 4 people save through Credit Unions. England has been slower in developing Credit Unions but recent changes in the law are fuelling a strong interest in this form of mutual support. The Labour Government sees Credit Unions as an important way of tackling social and financial exclusion.

The Trust plans to appoint a part-time development worker to take the work forward. The Steering Group plans to be registered in April next year. In the meantime, people will be trained to run the Credit Union.

Chel Community Trust was launched in February 1997 and aims to facilitate and support the regeneration of Chapeltown & Harehills. The main funder is Chapeltown & Harehills Enterprise Ltd. (CHEL). The Trust works with local groups, organizations and agencies in developing and implementing projects that contribute to the social economic regeneration of the area.

If you want to sign the pledge or have more information about Chel Community Trust and the Chapeltown/Harehills Credit Union, contact Miranda Paris or Clinton Cameron at Chel Community Trust, 26 Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS7 1AB, tel. 242 5996.





Positive News

URBAN Action Plan Approved

Over 250 people from Harehills and Chapeltown have taken the opportunity to comment on the draft URBAN Action Plan which has been prepared by the Urban Partnership Group. The Action Plan was approved on 22nd May at a joint meeting of the Urban Management Committee and the Urban Partnership Group held at Thomas Danby College. It will release nearly £3 m of European money for a range of projects in the area.

The Urban Partnership Group is chaired by Harehills Councillor John Clare who is also chair of Leeds City Council's Employment and Economic Development Committee. Commenting on the Action Plan, Councillor Clare said:

"The URBAN Action Plan gives a real opportunity for the people of Harehills and Chapeltown to get involved in the regeneration of their communities. It sets out an exciting programme to promote the strengths and diversity of the area. Its many communities together with initiatives of national significance like the Northern School of Contemporary Dance and the Carnival make Harehills and Chapeltown an area for Leeds to be proud of.

The area also has very real needs and URBAN will help to improve the environment, create new jobs and ensure that local people can benefit from new employment opportunities."

The Programme for Action includes proposals for:

- The development of a comprehensive regeneration strategy for Chapeltown and Harehills
- Support for the development of community organizations
- Promoting the strengths of the area through the employment of a PR officer and developing a programme of arts and cultural events
- A flagship development on a key site
- The improvement of community buildings and business premises
- Support for new and expanding businesses
- Improving security and community safety
- Advice and guidance on education, training and employment opportunities
- Support for mentoring initiatives
- Customized vocational training

The Urban Partnership Group is firmly established as the driving force of the URBAN Initiative. It is a partnership of local people, ward councillors and representative of key organizations. Veryl Harriot, a long-time resident of the area and active in many local organizations, is vice-chair of the U.P.G:

"URBAN is extremely important for people in Chapeltown and Harehills. The Urban Partnership Group has worked hard over the last three months to make sure that the Action Plan responds to the needs of the area and builds on the many strengths of the community. The community meetings have been very successful and a lot of people have had their say."

The U.P.G. is responsible for the implementation of URBAN in Harehills and Chapeltown and deciding priorities for action. It will have a key role in allocating financial support to the projects funded by URBAN.

The Urban Management Committee is chaired by Greg Dyche from the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber. Commenting on the work of the Urban Partnership Group, he said:

"I am impressed by the amount of hard work that the U.P.G. has put into producing this Action Plan. It offers an imaginative and practical programme to turn around the Chapeltown and Harehills area. The involvement of local people in that process is particularly important and the U.P.G. has put down a firm foundation from which to develop the work."

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The "Sporting Community" concept developed by Leeds City Council is designed to establish links with schools, voluntary clubs/organizations and local authority sports departments on a community scale. The aim is to:

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For more information contact: Ian Smyth on Leeds 260 1853.







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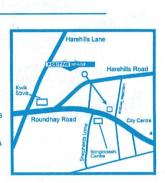
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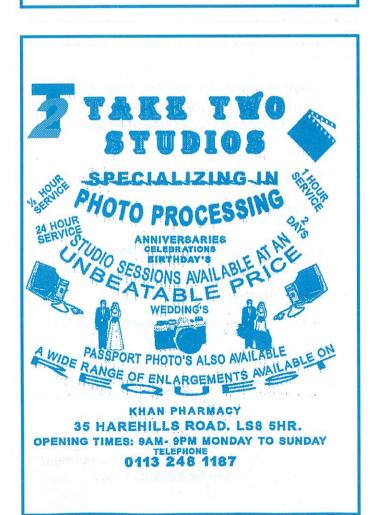
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- Want to increase your employment prospects?



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