

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS 21st ANNIVERSARY ISSUE



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WELCOME TO COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS 21st ANNIVERSARY AND XMAS 2016 ISSUE!

Well, we've done it! We have reached our 21st milestone and oh, what a great journey it has been going through all the back issues and reminiscing. Sadly, we have lost some community champions on the way, however their positive footprints still remain in the sand. Some businesses have expanded, whilst some dissolved but Chapeltown remains a thriving community with lots of opportunities.

This anniversary issue has been made into two parts, a 'Now' and 'Then'. We have highlighted a few stories from the past and today's relevant information.

We want to take this time to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way, sponsors, advertisers, contributors and you, our readers.

Let's remember the bereaved families of the community. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Our community archive is also being updated on our website ...taking you way back to 1995!
So keep your eyes on our website at:
www.communityhighlights.co.uk

Last but not least, look out for our Anniversary Talent Show coming up in the New Year.

God bless,

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Due to community bereavements, we're going to have our 21st anniversary showcase on Friday 31st March.

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THEN...

Mandela Centre celebrates 25

By Janine Griffiths



Over 300 residents from Chapeltown attended a prestigious community event held in memory of young people who had lost their lives prematurely in the area.

The Open Day took place between April 14 and 15, and also marked the 25 year anniversary of the Mandela Centre, a local community venue.

The event was attended by special guests and community leaders which included **Councillor Eileen Taylor and Mr. Arthur France, MBE** who was responsible for promoting the first ever West Indian Carnival in Leeds.

Felina Hughes who helps to run the Chapeltown Young Peoples 10-2 Club (CYP10) said that the Mandela Centre had remained an

“Important part of the community since it opened 25 years ago”.

She said: the centre, originally called the **'Boys Club'** has become a focal point in the community and remains

“A safe place for young people from which they can access a wide variety of positive educational and recreational activities including dance and sports tuition.”

Pat Ragan, founder of Mums Against Violence and Dean Rowe, former chair of Chapeltown Young Peoples Club were also honoured at the event.

The first plaque was unveiled by Jamal Rowe and Shane Fenton, sons of the deceased. The second plaque was unveiled by Yvette Smalle, a lecturer in Youth & Community Studies at Leeds Metropolitan University.

Terence Holness a Senior Youth Worker marked the 25th anniversary of the Mandela Centre by unveiling a third plaque.

Ms Hughes continued:

"Breeze Easter who organises activities for young people in Leeds was on hand to offer additional fun activities on day one such as face painting, graffiti art, break-dancing and dj-ing workshops . On the following day the Mandela Centre was a hive of activity offering young people taster sessions and workshops in kick-boxing, t-shirt design, health drop-in and access to the internet".

The Mandela Centre is the operating base for the CYP10, RJC Dance, Chapeltown Independent After School and Deen Enterprises. Other groups use the centre to practice a variety of skills such as netball, basketball, kick-boxing, and football.



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TEN & LEE SWIMWEAR



The business idea came about in August 2014 when I (Tenneka Richards, Founder & CEO) was preparing to go to New York's Caribbean Carnival on Labour Day, usually on the 1st September each year. I was trying to find a bikini with either the St. Kitts and Nevis flag print or the Antigua and Barbudan flag (grandparents birth places), but was unable to locate these after weeks of searching online to order.

After failing to track a bikini or full swimsuit to represent my families heritage I decided upon my return to do some research around carnivals and swimwear representing all Caribbean countries. After discovering a small number of Caribbean island flag printed bikinis were available for a small number islands, I decided that this gap in the market would be a great

chance to get all of the smaller islands some recognition as well as the larger ones.

Having discovered this gap in the market we were extremely excited about this opportunity to start and build a successful ecommerce business, which offers quality swimwear products to women from Caribbean descent as well as potential tourists visiting the Caribbean. Ten&Lee's costumes stand out from other available swimwear because these reversible, two in one pieces with adjustable straps are currently not available anywhere else in the market.

Ten&Lee's long term goals are to help the elder generation in the Caribbean with free medical care & to promote the Caribbean culture generating tourism to the destinations. We plan to do this by building awareness through our social media platforms promoting carnivals and Caribbean music (soca, bashment, dancehall & reggae) related events held each year in the Caribbean; US; Canada and in Europe.

Ten&Lee Swimwear Ltd was founded in 2014 and we launched our first collection in June 2016.

THEN...

My name is Tony Reed and I'm the police inspector for the Chapeltown area.

I'm pleased to see the Community Highlights magazine going from strength to strength and to have this opportunity to write to you as part of this latest edition.

As you would expect we are working hard to tackle the issues that matter most to you and this includes:

- Reducing burglary in Riviera Gardens and the St Martin's area
- Combating criminal damage to motor vehicles and property in the Sholebros area
- Stopping drug dealing around Cross Francis Street

These are the problems that you told us about and I will continue to address the issues that affect your quality of life so please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

You can speak to us face to face at one of our PACT (Partners and Community Together) meetings or you can contact us via phone or email (details below).



Our next two PACT Meetings will be at held at the Roscoe Church on Francis Street from 6pm on Tuesday 25 May and then again on Tuesday 6 July. Please come along, everyone is welcome.

Keeping Your Home Safe Over Summer

I would also like to remind people that with summer on the way please remember to keep your doors locked, even if you're in the house or garden, and be mindful about open windows.

Around a half of all burglaries occur as a result of an unsecured door or window and this figure rises over the summer months as people spend an increasing amount of time outside their property.

To increase the security of your property we can fit a free trembler alarm to a number of access points in your home. Please ring or email us and we will arrange a time to pop round.

In the meantime please enjoy your summer and I will hopefully look forward to seeing you in and around Chapeltown.

Keeping Young People Safe

I also wanted to let you know about work we are involved in across Chapeltown to make our young people as safe as possible.

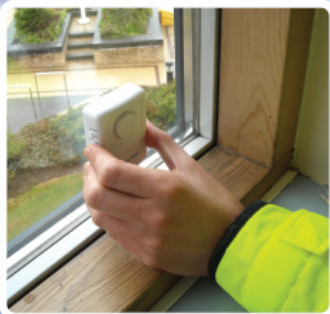
Since the end of last year we've spoken to over a 1,000 young people about personal safety and the dangers associated with carrying a weapon. The bottom line is that you significantly increase your risk of becoming a victim if you carry any weapon.

We have already spoken young people through schools, sports clubs and faith groups but we are determined to speak to every local youngster so they fully understand the potential danger of carrying a weapon.

Supporting this action we have also deployed additional resources onto the streets, particularly around Friday and Saturday nights, as well as using 'test purchasers' to check that local off-licences are not selling alcohol to those under the legal drinking age.

The illegal sale of alcohol to young people can place them in vulnerable and dangerous circumstances and increases the chances of them becoming a victim of crime themselves.

I want to keep our local young people as safe as possible and would ask for your continued support in doing that.



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LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL TO BOOST LEEDS' ECONOMY

With just a few days to go until this year's Leeds West Indian Carnival, a study has revealed that last year's event generated millions for the Leeds economy.

The survey carried out by Leeds City Council estimates that despite bad weather, spectators at the spectacular Caribbean Carnival parade boosted the Leeds economy by £3.7 million – a £1 million increase on spend generated in 2014 – of which around £2.7 million was spent by visitors to the city.

Carnival Founder and Chairman Arthur France said, "When visitors come to Leeds Carnival from across the region, the UK and overseas, they don't just take in a great day out, a glittering parade and a phenomenal atmosphere. Visitors spend money at the stalls, on transport, on food, on accommodation and more. That's not only good for Carnival – it's great for Leeds."

Councillor Judith Blake, leader of Leeds City Council, added, "As the longest running event of its kind in Europe, the Carnival continues to be a landmark occasion that makes a significant contribution to the local economy, boosts the city's cultural offering but most importantly helps to foster a sense of community spirit and civic pride year after year."

Organisers of the Carnival, which was the first of its kind in Europe to feature all three essential Caribbean Carnival elements of masquerade, music and a parade - are working closely with the

Council, artists, funders and partners to ensure that 2017's landmark 50th anniversary celebrations are the biggest and best yet. With around 100,000 spectators expected to watch the dazzling August Bank Holiday Monday procession of hundreds of costumes from across the UK, organisers are hoping that this year's Carnival will be a rehearsal for next year's celebrations.

Mr. France said, "Putting on an amazing celebration of 50 years of Leeds West Indian Carnival in 2017 can only strengthen the city's bid to be European Capital of Culture 2023. We have to get it right so we're inviting everyone to join us at Carnival this year for a spectacular practice run."

Warm up events leading up to the Carnival include the Prince and Princess and Carnival King and Queen Costume shows and the Soca Monarch calypso contest.

More details of Leeds West Indian Carnival 2016 events are available at www.leedscarnival.co.uk on 0113 307 0001 and Twitter @CarnivalLeeds using #CarnivalHappy

THEN...



Anti racism events at the West Indian Centre

By Janine Griffiths

Over 400 people packed into a Love Music Hate Racism (LMHR) gig in Leeds on Saturday April 24th 2010. The crowd- mostly a young mix of black and white crowded into the West Indian Centre in Chapeltown.

This is the first LMHR gig that has been held in Chapeltown organised by a group of local residents from unite Against Fascism (UAF). Both local and national artists took part in the gig which included **Heartless Crew, and Paper Tiger, MC Bongo Chilli among others.**

Hollie Slade, a member of UAF who attended the gig said:

"It was a fantastic night. Lots of people turned up, the music was mixed and there was something for everyone. We're (UAF) hoping to organise more gigs like this in the future, so that it will inspire people- particularly younger people to get more involved in campaigning against racism. The great thing about gigs like these is people from all different backgrounds come together to enjoy music and encourage unity instead of separation."

Community heroes have been praised in a ceremony which highlighted their achievements at a prestigious awards evening which took place in Leeds.

Over 100 guests packed into TJ Woodhouse on Saturday January 16th to celebrate the efforts of performance artists, carers, entrepreneurs and health specialists across the city. Milton Allen, otherwise known as Breeze is one for the organisers of the event and he said that the main aim of the Leeds Black Awards is to inspire people within the community.

He said: "We want to highlight our community. We are not political, we are here to inspire each other to raise awareness of the fact that we all have different talents. This is our second year organising the event. We sometimes face a lot of criticism.

"People sometimes think it is a fix to promote ourselves but that is not what we are about. We don't have to do this but we do it to inspire others. If we listened to all the

negative comments made by other people it would stop the work that we do. Our work comes at a great personal expense and I don't listen to negativity. The more negative people are, the more it inspires us."

The awards ceremony was set up by Milton Allen, and was split into 14 sections. These include, **best performer/artists, best band, best youth & community worker, other health and well being promotions, best radio station, best radio show, best radio dj, best club, best club dj, best clothing shop, best food shop, best hair salon, best business and best community hero (male or female).**

Janine says:

The Leeds Black Awards are a true testament to those who selflessly and tirelessly work to benefit others in our community. While people from ethnic minorities often feel under represented by the mainstream media, these awards give recognition to those who otherwise would not have a voice.

Critics of such awards often question the validity of focussing on one section of the community. Often such an approach is denounced as 'reverse racism' 'patronising' or dismissed as a gimmick.

However, as one of the organisers Milton Allen rightly pointed out to me at the ceremony

'if we don't celebrate the awards and achievements within our own community, who will?'

When perusing through the national papers nowadays, you could be forgiven for thinking that many of those from minority backgrounds are under achievers, gang members or apathetic when it comes to trying to improve their own community.

But events such as the Leeds Black Awards which aims to inspire and celebrate the valuable contributions made by members of our own communities prove that such sentiments are far from the truth. This is why events such as the Leeds Black Awards is so important.



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CARNIVAL VILLAGE

The Carnival Village started in 2013 it is now into its fourth successful year.

The aim is to bring an alternative selection of artists & performers on stage, steel pan music in a family friendly setting with plenty of seating.

We are fortunate to be situated right in the middle of what we know being Chapeltown Road between Mexborough Street & Mexborough Drive.

Cafe Bliss, Select & Save along with the other local shop owners participate in the Carnival Celebrations by transforming their business premises to being apart of a successful event put on by the Leeds West Indian Carnival Committee and provide food, drink & music for the many visitors who come into the area.

This change has highlighted the need to rename Chapeltown Road over the August Bank Holiday Weekend THE STRIP.



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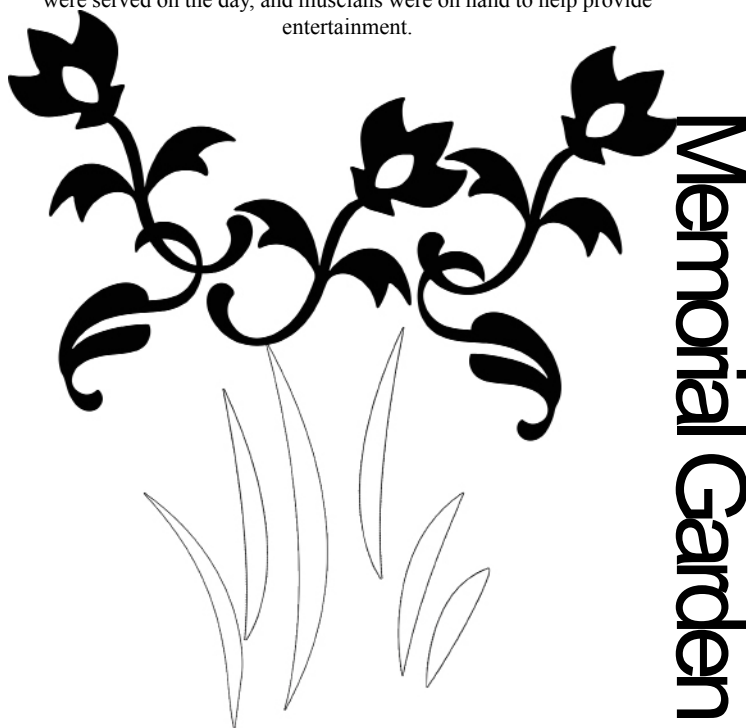
Memorial Garden

By Janine Griffiths



A local group of volunteers gathered at the Mary Seacole Memorial Gardens on Chapeltown road on Saturday May 1st to help to plant trees, and maintain the garden.

Residents from across Chapeltown were on hand to plant and paint trees, wash benches and help with refreshments. The event took place from 10am until 3pm and was organised in association with Leeds Young Authors, and Mary Seacole Nursery. Refreshments were served on the day, and musicians were on hand to help provide entertainment.



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BLACK ACHIEVERS AWARDS



Photographs from Leeds Black Achievers Wings Award held Saturday 30th April 2016.

The group was founded in 1992; the awards highlight and celebrate the achievements of young people and adults from diverse heritage living in these communities.

The aim is to have an impact on the educational aspirations and attainment of children and young people, to empower them to aim for occupations that they perceive to be out of their reach. In addition we aim to raise their aspirations to remain in education moving onto further education including universities.



THEN...



Chapelton Brazil Senior Cup

Chapelton Brazil was formed in June 2002. Chapelton Brazilian Soccer schools started training just one day a week on Sunday afternoon for over two years. The numbers then started to grow, three teams were then entered into leagues.

In 2004-2005 under 11's under 16's who did the league and cup double including the minor cup at Elland Road.

2006-2007 joined the Leeds combination Division 4 winning the league and Leeds and District Jubilee Cup and runners up in the West Riding Sunday Trophy Cup and beaten semi finalist Mawson Trophy.

2007-2008 Division 1 Leeds combination finishing 3rd promoted to the premier and winners of the West Riding Sunday Trophy and beaten semi finalist Leeds and District Sunday cup.

We would like to **thank Simon and Gillian Clifford of The Brazilian soccer schools** for all the sponsorship and equipment year after year and also **Peter Holme of Bradford city** for all the kit and equipment, also **Leeds United** for the kit. We would also like to thank **Sonny** of the **Sheepscar Club** for the use of the changing rooms and use of the club
THANKYOU SO MUCH!!

The team consists of; Danny Maw- **Striker**, Imran Akhtar-**Defender**, Jason Stapleton-**centre midfield**, Shane Anderson-**midfield striker**, Stephen Harding-**mid-field**, Mark Grace- **goal keeper**, Gerren Fell-**defender**, Clinton Patterson-**midfield**, Ben Small, Surawya Bojang-**goalkeeper** Marlon Richards, Daniel Sherriffe- **striker**, Dempsey Smith-**striker**, David Pemberton-**striker**, Fernando Moke-**midfield**, Curtis Bernard-**striker**, Daniel Sharry-**midfield defence**, Daniel Freeman-**central defender**, Mark Harding-**mid-field**, Almonzo Hamilton-**striker**, Craig Maynard- **vice captain**.

Chapelton Brazil had a great experience of playing **Halton Moor HC [SENIOR CUP]** at Elland Road on Wednesday 28th April 2010. They had a strong following and lots of supporters from the Chapelton community who endlessly cheered them on. Halton Moor won 2-1, we congratulate them and we wish Chapelton Brazil all the best in the future,

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Welcome

to Community Highlights 10th Anniversary issue. We know it has been a while coming out. Thank you all for your patience phone calls, emails and letters. Community Highlights celebrated its 10th year Anniversary down at the HQ Club in Leeds, and what a great time was had by all! Local organisations took part, and local businesses came along and showed their support, along side members of the community.

Some of the attendees were Education Leeds, the Army (sponsors), Friends of Potter Newton Park, People in Action, the Link Newsletter Neighbourhood Learning Project, Roscoe church, Leeds West Indian Centre Charitable Trust, The Emporium and Newton cars.

We also had a local group of talented men [Men in Black, see front page picture], who danced and rapped the

night away you never know they may be up for bookings for your special functions and events.

The audience was entertained, and listened to the organisations speaking about what their businesses had to offer the local communities.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers on the night. The local talent, singers, Scabba for doing fundraising, and Boppa for manning the door, and last but not least, a big thank you goes out to Walter for volunteering to host the event and what a host he was!

What's new after 10 years success?

Community Highlights has been going through a lot of changes. We are at present sorting out a contract with the Host Media Centre and will be having a re-launch in early August. Secondly, Community Highlights will be merging with another media company, bringing a new advertising concept to Chapel-

town. (Community Mobile Media). So watch this space!

The next issue will be out the 1st week in August (The early Carnival bumper issue) therefore the deadline for any adverts or articles is July 18th, PROMPT.

Things you didn't know about Community Highlights:

1 Did you know Community Highlights has been running voluntarily for 10 years?

2 Did you know Community Highlights has received 13 awards?

3 Did you know Community Highlights is one of the first voluntary Newsletters promoting Chapeltown and Harehills?

4 Did you know Community Highlights has a 10 years archive?

5 Did you know that Community Highlights was started through frustration of not being able to get a publisher for my poetry books.

More about Community Highlights
Community Highlights has been running 10 years voluntarily, and we need your support.

10 years has been a bit stressful, not knowing when funds are coming in, over head costs, stamps envelopes, telephone bills, if you are a big company out there, why not show your support by sponsoring us, advertising, or donating, just pick up the phone, or email us and let us know you're here for us.



Local Talent (on the night)



John talks about Link newsletter



Denzil Browne talks about Newton Cars



Scabba & Michael Brown



Patricia



Impressed youth looking on



Guest from The Emporium



Baxton — is he the new Michael Jackson?



Natalie St John talks about Fostering & Adoption



Tim from Friends of Potternewton Park



Supporters looking on



Dwane & Glen



Gary Grant — Promotes Leeds West Indian Centre Charitable Trust



Jean Wilson tells all about Neighbourhood Learning Project.



Don't you dare with this compere — he made it a night to remember



Councillor Sharon Hamilton shows her support



Carl & Judah (all smiles)

Chapeltown My Life Interview with John Collier (Kooler Bar)

"I bought a van off an Italian and his son thought up the name 'Kooler Bar'."

Not seen Kooler in a while, I was excited about seeing him again. I was so used to seeing him driving around locally in Chapeltown, in his well-known ice cream van. We finally met up and he looked so well, same moustache and rosy looking face. He started out by telling me, "I got into the ice cream trade by mistake and this is how it all began..."

"I was a builder and a joiner, back in the day when we left school at 15 years old. I started as an apprentice doing building work until the age of 19. My friend and I grew up together and worked for the same firm. My friend got sacked and I told the boss that I'm leaving too! My boss told me that 'I'm stupid for wanting to follow his footsteps'."

"My friend's brother said that he had a job for us both, so I went along to pick up my friend for the new job but when I got to his house I was told he had already left. So I wasn't too happy. I went about scouring newspapers to see what jobs were going. I was over 17 when I passed my driving test and I came across a job advert saying, 'a young man wanted in sales to drive a vehicle', so I went along for an interview and got the job."

"It was working for an ice cream firm run by an Italian man, then times all ice cream men were Italians. I went into working for the company for 2 years. Eventually I bought my own van off an Italian."

"When I was married I took my kids to school in the ice cream van. My daughter was embarrassed and hid her face and was always worried about what her friends would say, but my son loved it. I also took them to the seaside in the van."

"I found the job very satisfactory, meeting and talking to people, although during the winter time I took 3 months out to work on building sites. This is where I picked up asbestos, whilst turning old mills into offices and flats. They were ripped inside and out, but obviously at this point I had no idea the work would affect me in the long run."

"I had gathered a little bit of dust on my lungs and eventually it turned nasty. The sad thing is there is no cure."

I tend to cough a lot and I have scar tissues on my lungs. Parts of my lungs have hardened where asbestos has grown, right in the lining. I have been told that this can become cancerous but because I'm a non-smoker I will be OK. One of my special moments was receiving a Dean Rowe award for Outstanding Achievements from Leeds Black Awards. I was so nervous and embarrassed going up but it was a real honor, a white man getting a Black achievers award!"

"Chapeltown is my life, not only for business, I've grown up with Chapeltown people and made lots of friends. It's not about money for me, it's about health and happiness, money doesn't matter. The loyalty of people is fantastic. I know what it's like to struggle, my mum was a hard worker and my father was mostly ill all the time. I found it hard turning kids away, some try take advantage but I'd get to know who was who."

"In my spare time I now go for walks, exercise and take up to 6 herbal remedies a day. I also take pineapples and papayas, as this is supposed to ease scar tissues in my body."

"After 50 years, coming up April 2015, the business has now been taken over by Ann Marie, however we still hit the same areas and locations. I take this opportunity in sending a big thanks, out to all my visitors and people who have remembered me in their thoughts. It's nice knowing that I have people looking out for me. Chapeltown people have taken me in like a family and fed me curry goat. I truly will miss all that."



Beeston & Holbeck Communities Aspire to Learn

Aspire is the name of a project linking a number of groups providing training, learning and employment related activities for people living in Beeston and Holbeck.

On Thursday 26th January 2006, multi-cultural communities from Beeston & Holbeck came together to explore the free opportunities available to them locally at the first Aspire to Learn event held at the Hamara Healthy Liv-

ing Centre & Building Blocks Centre on Tempest Road, Beeston, Leeds 11.

Over 230 local residents enjoyed an information day which hosted over 15 local training providers showcasing a wide range of training courses available in the heart of the South Leeds community.

Two of the Leeds City Council ward councillors for the area, Councillor Adam Ogilvie and Councillor David Congreve, attended the event and have jointly commented: "There is obviously a great need within this community to address the issue of training and learning opportunities available to residents. Having a range of local training providers here on one day all under one roof where residents can find out what is available to them is such an exciting project to be involved in."

As part of the campaign a website has been created which is packed with information on courses and how to ac-

cess them along with a comprehensive database of local training providers in the area. The website can be found at www.aspiretolearn.net

Maggie Bellwood from Leeds City Council Beeston Hill and Holbeck Neighbourhood Renewal Team explained why this initiative is important for the local community: "Through Aspire we're able to give people that little extra bit of information, encouragement and help they need to take up the wide range of learning and training programmes that are on offer. It's great that five of the local organisations offering these programmes have committed themselves to working more effectively together under the Aspire banner. I was very pleased to see how many people from all walks of life, all ages, families and young people too came to see what was happening last Thursday. I hope that they'll now feel able to take the plunge into some of the activities we were able

to promote, so that they can have a fairer crack at all the jobs on offer in Leeds' thriving economy."

For more information on Aspire and the programme of courses over the next 12 months, please contact Alison Garthwaite by email: info@aspiretolearn.net or ring her at Vera Media on 0113 242 8646.



Councillor Adam Ogilvie (Leeds City Council) with Ms Alison Garthwaite (Aspire Partnership) and local Beeston resident Ms Nadia Hussain.

Street Pastors Launched in Leeds



Street Pastors will become a regular sight at weekends in the Chapeltown and Harehills areas of Leeds following the official launch of the programme this weekend. The Street Pastors, all volunteers from churches in Leeds, will provide support and a listening ear as they visit clubs, pubs and places where young people gather. The aim of this innovative scheme is to reduce criminal activity and improve safety. The launch at St Aidan's Church, Roundhay will hear messages of support from local church leaders, the police and community leaders.

The Leeds Street Pastors programme was initiated by the local churches eager to extend the positive contribution to their communities beyond the nursery care, lunch clubs, youth clubs and training already on offer. A partnership of the Churches Regional Commission for Yorkshire and the Humber (CRC), the West Yorkshire African Caribbean Council of Churches (WYACCC) and Churches Together in Chapeltown and Harehills and consultation with local police, voluntary services and community safety agencies have enabled the launch this weekend.

Trainee street pastors Andy Myers (curate at St Aidan's Church, Roundhay Leeds) and Jackie Brown of Shekinay Glory Fellowship, Leeds.

This first group of Street Pastors have undertaken a training programme including youth culture, drug awareness, listening and counselling skills and knowledge of Council and voluntary services available in the area. As people of faith, Street Pastors will share their faith if asked, but a primarily there to listen, care and respond with help where appropriate.

The inner cities of London, Manchester and Birmingham have already reported a positive response from young people and there has been a marked reduction in criminal activity during

the times that the Street Pastor patrol. It is hoped that as more volunteers come forward, the number of teams patrolling in Leeds can increase.

Les Isaac, who introduced the Street Pastors programme to the UK from Jamaica, comments, "The Street Pastors initiative has caught the imagination of the church across the country, with over 350 street pastors on the streets of Britain. The project in Leeds is part of this growing trend demonstrating a passion to see a safer community."

Gloria Hanley Chair of WYACCC and local church leader comments, "The Street Pastor's initiative can be seen as the Church's response to having an intermediary role between the young people in the community and the church. We are seeking to communicate to them that we are listening and that we care. If we can make a difference to one person then it would be deemed to be successful."

"CRC are committed to enabling the church to take a lead role on this issue," comments Liz Carnelley, Acting Chief Executive for CRC. "This is an example of where churches in this region are taking a lead on tackling issues of concern in our communities and taking direct action which builds on their presence and distinct contribution in all communities. Our shared aim is to include the whole diversity of the Christian church to deliver a transformation in local communities."

...NOW CHAPELTOWN COMMUNITY ART DISPLAY GETS REPAINTED

Local Councillors Mohammed Rafique, Eileen Taylor and Jane Dowson (Labour, Chapel Allerton) were out with contractors from Groundwork Leeds and Shea Tiling to repaint the Chapeltown Road community wall.

The community wall, built 18 months ago, features tiling made by a huge number of community groups and helps to showcase the creative talents of the Chapeltown community.

The wall was in need of a tidy up and Councillors Rafique, Taylor and Dowson joined Brian Childers, from contractors Shea Tiling, to help complete the painting.

Many local residents have commented that the artwork on the wall makes a great contribution to the attractiveness of Chapeltown.

Councillor Mohammed Rafique (Labour, Chapel Allerton) said:

“It’s great that the wall has had a repainting which makes it look much better and we would like to thank Brian Childers, a local resident, for his work.

We wanted to use what would otherwise be a regular wall as a place for the community to showcase its artistic and creative talents, and avoid the wall becoming a magnet for graffiti and vandalism. We would like to thank our partners for repainting the wall and the wider Chapeltown community for contributing to the artistic tiling.”



THEN...



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media release

New joint service centre in Leeds gets its official name as two local residents win naming competition

Leeds' newest state-of-the-art health and council service centre in Chapeltown has been given its official name following a competition organised by Leeds City Council and NHS Leeds.

The new centre will be called The Reginald Centre. This name was chosen by two local residents, Maxine Nichols and Barrington Riggon beating off over 100 other suggestions. Maxine and Barrington will be invited to attend the official opening of the centre later this year where a plaque bearing the name of the centre will be displayed.

The Reginald Centre opens to the public on 18th October. It will transform access to local services by providing a range of health and council services for local people in modern facilities and all under one roof.

Councillor Keith Wakefield, Leeds City Council Leader, says: **"This centre is an excellent example of what can be achieved by working in partnership. It will be a landmark building for the community and revolutionise the way council and health services are provided, through face-to-face contact and all under one roof. It is a fantastic way of addressing the needs of local people."**

John Lawlor, Chief Executive for NHS Leeds, adds: **"The naming competition proved to be very popular with over 100 suggestions being made by the local community."**



This shows that there is a real buzz among people in Chapeltown for the new centre which will bring so many services closer to where they live. This centre will benefit the whole community and we look forward to presenting it to local people later this month."

When fully operational the centre will be home to a new Leeds City Council state of the art library, Environmental Action Team and a new Customer Services team, offering a one-stop service. People will be able to get help with housing services, benefits advice, council tax, social care and environment issues, plus advice and information on Leeds City Credit Union products and services and East North East Homes Leeds housing services.

In addition, a Jobshop will be located at the centre providing advice on training and help with getting back to work. Local residents will also be able to access a range of health services, including health visiting, community midwifery and contraception and sexual health. Local GP services provided by Westfield Medical Practice will relocate to the new centre and a pharmacy is planned to be on site in the future.

The Reginald Centre is a joint venture between Leeds City Council, NHS Leeds and Community Ventures Leeds Ltd.



BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR BOOSTS SUPPORT FOR WOMEN IN LEEDS

It was in May 2010 when Isola Blair found out the news that no woman wants to hear. She was diagnosed with breast cancer, and was then advised to get a mastectomy the following month in order to prevent it spreading.

But rather than giving up, she became determined to raise awareness about the disease and in doing so became an inspiration to hundreds of women in Leeds.

Around the same time, she discovered that some of her friends were also hit with the bad news that they too, had breast cancer.

Together, they set up a charity called Beyond Cancer in a bid to offer more support to other women with the disease.

In fact, so many people were moved by the resolve of Isola and the other five committee members in the charity that their first event - a ball held at the Hilton in 2011 - attracted over 250 people by word-of-mouth alone.

Fast forward to 2012 and the charity is still going strong and helping to assist other cancer and health-related charities in the area.

Statistically, black women are less likely to develop breast cancer than their white counterparts, according to the World Health Organisation, however of the black women that do develop cancer, it is twice as fatal than it is for women of other ethnicities.

Isola believes that part of the reason for this may stem from a reluctance, sometimes seen within the black community to reach out and ask for help for symptoms that may at first be

perceived as little more than 'aches and pains'.

She also said that she has noticed a growing number of black women in the community being diagnosed with the disease.

"I think a lot of support is out there but what is needed is direction, some people are very quiet, they don't want anybody to know and may not want to use the support systems available. Cancer comes to us all you don't know at what point you could find out that you have breast cancer.

"There are a lot of black women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer over the last 2 or 3 years and these are people we know.

"Having breast cancer has made me realise that more needs to be done to raise awareness in the community. So that is what we have done and people really appreciate it and support us 100 per cent."

Over the years, Isola and her small team of committed volunteers have helped to support a lot of other local charities in the area, including the Black Health Initiative, Haven in Leeds, Pink Lilly foundation, Robert Ogden Centre, the Terrence Higgins Trust and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

They also offer a support service to local women in the community who have been diagnosed with the disease, by sending them flowers, and helping to give them advice and guidance.

By Janine Griffiths



Launch Pad

Coordinator's Report

It's spring time again and the world seems a brighter place already. We love this time of the year because it means our very tiny one window office is a lot brighter and as we drive into the car park the colourful landscape welcomes us to another busy day of phone calls and paperwork.

Don't let anyone tell you that nothing ever happens here at the West Indian Centre because that surely is not the case. We have groups rehearsing for performances and theatre shows, organisations holding regular meetings and more than the odd party and celebration.

You are welcome to come down and pay us a visit. We don't bite and will be happy to show you around and tell you about the changes already in place and those planned for the future.

Until next time...

Christine Clarke
Trust Coordinator

Did You Know...?
That the Leeds West Indian Centre Charitable Trust was set up in April 2000 and the West Indian Centre was founded in 1982.

Events

Leeds Involvement Project

BME services for the disabled consultation

Monday

12th & 26th June 2006

10.00am - 2.00pm

Leeds West Indian Centre

Tenants in the City — Public consultation

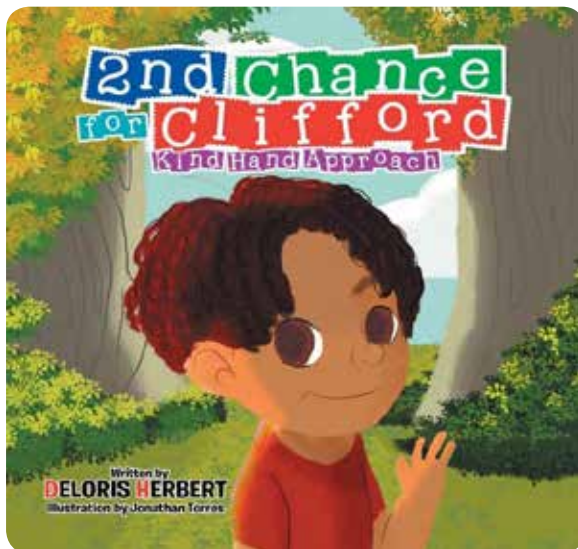
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Leeds West Indian Centre

...NOW

DELORIS HERBERT, LOCAL AUTHOR



My ethos in life is to bring change, educate children when they are young enough to understand about values and feelings. Most recently I became an author, my fiction book is based on diversity but with a depth that leaves a long lasting impression that every child is important no matter their race. There is a need for change and also to make a difference in this world. Showing a kind hand approach reinforces those structures, setting a president that all children can learn from, and take them in to adulthood.

Society judges a person on the image they see, but each person has a special quality that is unique a blue print of themselves. All Children are wonderfully made, they just need the right information to be able to make informed decisions for themselves. My book 2nd Chance For Clifford embraces the challenges children may

face at school, but it's how they push past adversities and find their own potential, a blueprint of themselves.

Great book to have in your libraries, it's those little things we do now that help children to grow further, but most importantly how we leave this world a much better place. I am doing an interview with Raffia on Peoples Radio this coming Sunday 10/7/2016 between 11am to 1pm promoting my book, and the local school that are supporting me with that is Hillcrest Primary school, who have asked me to do circle time with the children in Autumn, which is exciting to say the least. I am also doing a stall event this coming Saturday at Lidgett Lane Community Centre LS17 6QP 12-5pm on the 9/7/2016. Book is now available on Amazon, online bookshops and through my publishers company Xlibris.

THEN...

(HOME GROWN TALENT EXHIBITION)



*"Good Exhibition and chance to mingle.
It is good to see what the community is
up to "*

H Morris

QUOTES FROM THE DAY

Dear Patricia

*"I really enjoyed last
night at The Garden of
Eden. It was a
wonderful, celebratory
evening.*

*I really enjoyed the
performances.*

*Well done for all your
hard work and
inspiration."*

Siobhan MacMahon

*"Great event!! Lots of
community talent"*

S Brown



All pictures taken by Mr
Sagoo of the Leeds Voice



...NOW



Councillor Sharon Hamilton and Joanne Richards laid the Black Poppy wreath today. The First in Leeds.



THEN...

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Community Highlights exhibition took place down at the Garden of Eden on 18th December 2002. The event was well attended and an artist took part on the day.

Everything from speakers, poets, rappers and artists selling their wares. What incredible talent all under one roof!

If anyone is interested in booking the exhibition, please do not hesitate to give us a call.



CHAPELTOWN / NEVIS



Putting Nevis and Chapeltown on the Map
Shelagh James, Communications Officer for the Ministry of Tourism in Nevis. Shelagh was born and raised in Chapeltown she is of Nevisian and Antiguan descent and resides in Nevis. During a recent interview Shelagh expressed a strong determination to put Nevis on the map at the Leeds West Indian Carnival 50th Celebration 2017.

Shelagh noted that the Government of Nevis have recognized the symbolic importance of this event and want to pay homage to a son of their soil Arthur France MBE one of the founders of the Leeds West Indian Carnival he like so many homesick Caribbean's transported his heritage and culture in 1957 to the city of Leeds West Yorkshire England.

Arthur, along with other founder members crafted and helped develop the Leeds West Indian Carnival into the remarkable event that it is today. Shelagh excitedly explained, "We will be bringing 4000 miles together. It's all about heritage culture, diversity and unity. It's a celebration! We feel we need to be part of that.

We are associated with local organisations Leeds City Council have agreed to unveil a plaque with our dignitaries from Nevis in recognition of Arthur and his colleagues efforts in bringing heritage and culture to Chapeltown Leeds. We are delighted to be working in partnership with Leeds City Council for this momentous event. We are in talks with the Black Health Initiative, they are absolutely ecstatic! The Leeds West Indian carnival committee are also offering their support and we have assistance for our homestay programme from the St. Kitts and

Nevis Association.

We are having continued dialogue with The West Yorkshire Playhouse in organizing an exhibition for a month leading up to the 50th Anniversary of carnival we have an amazing opportunity to showcase Nevis art Culturama costumes, stoneware, photography, and footage of Culturama. We will be plugging Culturama and the Nevis Blues Festival 2018.

We are hopeful that many people young and old will enjoy this exhibition to be held in the foyer at the West Yorkshire playhouse and familiarize themselves with the origins of Caribbean culture which has secured a place in the communities of Leeds namely Chapeltown.

Shelagh reflected, "I do question whether Carnival in Leeds would have lasted as long as it has if Arthur and Colleagues were not involved? I dare say it wouldn't have. Which is why we have to take our hats off in celebration for the magnificent tireless efforts of these wonderful people. Many elders know who Arthur France is he is a son of the Caribbean but importantly he is a son of Nevis. Arthur has received all his accolades from the City of Leeds it's high time that he receives his accolades from his birth place Nevis.

We are bringing a delegation of fifty persons to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Leeds West Indian Carnival our ambassadors will pay tribute to Arthur by means of performances to be showcased at the various shows during the Leeds carnival season 2017. You can expect to see Soca Monarchs, Moka Jumbies, String Band the original music from Nevis. Masquerades. A troupe and band.

We will of course bring a film and camera crew to record this momentous occasion."

Shelagh's enthusiasm for the Leeds West Indian Carnival 50th Anniversary is infectious and we cannot wait to see what the people of Nevis have to show us!

Poetry Corner

Jackie Kay - Biography

Jackie Kay was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1961 to a Scottish mother and a Nigerian father. She was adopted by a white couple at birth and was brought up in Glasgow, studying at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, and Stirling University where she read English.

The experience of being adopted by and growing up within a white family inspired her first collection of poetry -- *The Adoption Papers* (1991). The poems deal with an adopted child's search for a cultural identity and are told through three different voices: an adoptive mother, a birth mother and a daughter. The collection won a Scottish Arts Council book Award, the Saltire First Book of the Year Award and a commendation by the Forward Poetry Prize judges in 1992. The poems in *Other Lovers* (1993) explore the role and power of language, inspired and influenced by the history of Afro-Caribbean people: the story of a search for identity grounded in the experience of slavery.

The collection includes a sequence of poems about the blues-singer Bessie Smith. *Off Colour* (1998) explores themes of sickness, health and disease through personal experience and metaphor. Her poems have appeared in many anthologies, and she has written widely for stage and television.

Her first novel, *'Trumpet'*, published in 1998, was awarded the Guardian Fiction Prize and was shortlisted for the International IMPAC literary Award. Inspired by the life of musician Billy Tipton, the novel tells the story of Scottish jazz trumpeter Joss Moody whose death revealed that he was, in fact, a woman. Kay develops the narrative through the voices of Moody's wife, his adopted son and a journalist from a tabloid newspaper. Her recent book, *Why don't you Stop Talking* (2002) is a collection of short stories and she has also published a novel for children, *Strawgirl* (2002).

Jackie Kay lives in Manchester.

ALREADY LISTENING

Poems by Dale Stanford

Where In? Africa?

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Where In? Africa?

This is a message to all black men who when,
 Their women are trying to speak, won't listen,
 My friend,
 You see, she lets us know what she feels, she wants,
 She needs,
 What she likes, dislikes, overall what she believe
 Individually, these things differ from one day
 To another
 So make sure you're **really, really** listening my brothers
 Most of us are "**already listening**," thinking we know
 Where she's at.
 But most likely our woman is much further than that
 When she says "black is black" and we misinterpret
 And feels "black is blue," we just haven't heard it
 Her explanations of matters, we should't **reword** it,
 Whatever ills that there are, **not listening will hurt it**
 Understand that she **needs** us to **understand**
 what she says
 Andy yes, we **may** listen but in the wrong ways
 When she speaks, listen not with just your ears
 But with your heart and soul, feel her joys, her
 Triumphs and fears
 'Cause as she speaks she feels
 And to her it's so real
 Never consider it to be worthless spiel
 So when she speaks from now on, please
 Listen in
 And stop "**Already listening**"

I wonder where in Africa, today, I would've been?

If those slave ships hadn't come, way back then?

Taking up women and men

Manipulating and altering the future of their
 children.

I wonder what my name is, what should I be
 called?

Seems that evil intervention has erased it from
 the wall

Leaving me feeling so small
 A non entity, with no identity at all

I wonder, what is the name of my tribe?

To which set of customs, laws and rituals should I
 subscribe?

Reluctantly taken on an unwilling ride
 Truth swept away by the turbulent tide
 So I know in Africa I would be
 I would be free, I would be free

Leeds City Council Labour Group

Press Release



Date: 4th August 2014

Councillor Jane Dowson (Labour, Chapel Allerton)

Chapel Allerton school children honoured at mini-Oscars

A local version of the Oscars has taken place honouring the work of primary school pupils in Chapel Allerton.

Councillor Jane Dowson (Labour, Chapel Allerton) helped to organise the award ceremony for the films made by school children at Bracken Edge and Bankside Primary School.

The event recognised the hard work of each school's film club. Children in the clubs were able to make use of video cameras to put together their own films over the course of the past year. The children were nominated for the recent Golden Owl awards, which honoured the work of children throughout the city and took part at Leeds Town Hall.

While the children just missed out in the Golden Owl Awards, Councillor Dowson, school teachers and Children's Services staff were keen to recognise the achievements of the children and a special awards ceremony was held at the Cottage Road Cinema in Headingley.

Children from the Bracken Edge Film Club have had a great year, not only producing some superb films and, but also visiting ITV Yorkshire and BBC Leeds, to see some film sets and to meet some of the actors, crew and newsreaders. They have also been invited by Radio Aire to make a short film and are looking forward to next year's Golden Owl Awards.

Councillor Jane Dowson (Labour, Chapel Allerton & Deputy Executive Member for Children & Families) said:

"This was a brilliant event which recognised the hard work and creativity of our local school children. It really was a local version of the Oscars with black tie dress and trophies handed out to the best actors, directors, editors and other children who worked on the productions. It was great to be able to showcase such fantastic work and I look forward to seeing the film clubs develop over the next year."

Harry Shires (Teacher at Bracken Edge Primary School) said:

"It was great to see all our footage on the big screen and the children and guests really enjoyed themselves. A few people have already been in touch offering further help to our growing desire to put Bracken Edge Primary School firmly on the map and champion film making for young people in Leeds. It was so rewarding seeing our pupils being recognised for such a great year's work."

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COMMUNITY CHAMPION

LOUISE REID



Originally from Jamaica, Louise has been living in England since 1955 and has brought up her children, her grandchildren and now her great grandchildren. She came from a large family of 19 children. Her father was a large landowner and farmer, with live-stock and crops. Louise however married a poor, though educated and well-spoken, man. Family differences propelled her across the waters. She later sent for her husband and five children. The children came little by little, but her husband never made the trip, though they were in touch right up to his death. She is a woman who does a lot of different things. A talented singer, dramatist, seamstress and baker, she has also done fostering, child-minding and has even helped to take care of battered wives through the council. She has volunteered for the meals-on-wheels scheme and served the community, being very active in the Harehills Baptist Church since 1962.

She had always done a little dress-making, but in 1991 somebody gave a lecture at Jamaica House, Chapel-town Road, the theme being that there is no age limit on what you can do. She advised retired people to wake up and do something - to try to do it gracefully but to do something. Louise picked up on the message and decided to do dress-making. There was £50 on offer for any lady who wanted to do something so she did a fashion show in July 1991 with the help of that £50 and it was so successful that she had another one the following year in July 1992.

It is important to show older women that even at 70 they can wake up and make good use of their lives because life is as good as you make it. In 1992, the year of her 2nd fashion show, she was so sure of herself that she wrote to the newspapers. Luckily she was in all the papers - the Leeds Weekly News, the Yorkshire Post and Evening Post and there was a special feature in the women's supplement of the Yorkshire Post. The Fashion Show was so successful that, after paying all her expenses, she paid £100 to Children in Need, £50 to the Tear Fund and £120 to Jamaica House, a charitable concern. People from all over came to the fashion show. Sizes ranged from size 10 to size 51" waist. It is so hard for anyone of that size to get anything in the shops to fit them. The demand was so high that she arranged to have another fashion show in 1993. While designing and making all the clothes for the 1993 show she called the Yorkshire Television Calendar team to come and see her work and they came and televised her in her sewing room. On the night of the show the cameras were there from the television. It was most graceful and wonderful.

She has links with Age Concern and was asked by them to speak at the International Women's Day conference at the West Yorkshire Playhouse. She spoke on Radio 4 about the 60+ age group - on how there is no age limit on what you can do, and on how a little exercise each day can keep you fit. Generosity of spirit best describes Louise Reid. Louise will be celebrating her 80th birthday in August this year. Her motto is "Living is Giving - what will you do if you only receive - GIVE!"

Rest In Peace, Louise

NICOLA ADAMS



Adams was born in Leeds, West Yorkshire. She was educated at Agnes Stewart Church of England High School, Ebor Gardens, Leeds. She also went to Hopwood Hall College in Rochdale. In November 2012, she topped the list of The Independent's 101 most influential LGBT people in Britain for 2012.

Adams fought (and won) her first bout at the age of 13, but it was four years before she found a second opponent. In 2001, she became the first woman boxer ever to represent England, in a fight against an Irish boxer. In 2003, she became English amateur champion for the first time, and she retained the title at the next 3 championships.

In 2007, Adams was the first English female to win a medal in a major tournament, taking Silver in the bantamweight (54kg) division at the European Championships in Denmark. She won Silver again at the world championships in Ningbo, China, in 2008. The following year she had to abstain from the sport for several months due to a back injury, but she returned to success at the 2010 world championships in Bridgetown, Barbados, taking Silver again, competing now at flyweight

(51kg). Adams struggled to continue her boxing career due to lack of funds. She worked as an acting extra on soap operas such as Coronation Street, Emmerdale, and EastEnders, and worked as a builder before the International Olympic Committee backed funding for women's boxing in 2009.

In November 2010, Adams was victorious in the first ever GB Amateur Boxing Championship at the Echo Arena Liverpool. In 2011, she won Gold at the European Union Amateur Boxing Championships in Katowice. In July 2011, the BBC included Adams in a feature on "6 Promising Britons to watch in the Olympics."

In the 2012 Summer Olympics, Adams defeated Mary Kom from India in the Flyweight semi-final. She went on to defeat Chinese boxer and world number one Ren Cancan in the final to claim the first Olympic women's boxing Gold medal in history.

At the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Adams beat Michaela Walsh of Northern Ireland to take the gold medal in the women's flyweight division on a split decision.

At the 2016 Rio Olympic games Adams successfully defended her Olympic title against Sarah Ourahmoune of France on 20 August, becoming the first ever female boxer to defend an Olympic title in two consecutive games and the first British boxer to defend an Olympic title in 92 years; the last to do so being Harry Mallin in 1924.

...NOW



A New Credit Union Development Worker for Chapeltown and Harehills

Rachel Downing has just been appointed to help develop the Leeds City Credit Union services in Chapeltown and Harehills.

Rachel said **"I am really looking forward to this job. The credit union has so much to offer people who live in Chapeltown and Harehills and it's a great community to work in"**

Rachel will be based at the new Reginald Community centre in Chapeltown and the Compton Centre in Harehills. There she will work with the staff at those centres to let people know about the credit union and will actively help people become members and apply for loans. Rachel will also be happy to meet groups elsewhere in the community who may be interested in starting their own credit union groups or 'collection points'; so please get in touch with Rachel if you would like her to come and visit your club or group.

Chris Smyth, Chief Executive of Leeds City Credit Union, said **"I am very pleased that the credit union has been able to place a development worker into the Chapeltown and Harehills area"** **"Credit Unions are very strong in providing financial services in countries throughout the Caribbean and also in Ireland and I hope that being able to provide credit union services will be of particular interest in the West Indian and Irish communities in Leeds."**

Leeds City Credit Union is a 'mutual' cooperative. This means it is owned by its members and has no rich shareholders to pay. A credit union is a simple form of bank that enables its members to save money and then when they need to they can borrow too. Leeds City Credit Union is just for Leeds people so it only works for Leeds communities.

The Credit Union has a number of savings schemes and you can start saving from as little as £1 per week. Making some savings now will help to protect you from all the bleak stories in the newspapers. The Christmas club account is very popular and now is the time to start saving for next year.

A number of employers will also let you save by payroll deduction. These include the Council and the Leeds hospitals and a number of others. An agreed amount will be taken straight out of your wage and paid directly into your Credit Union account, so you don't even notice that you are saving.

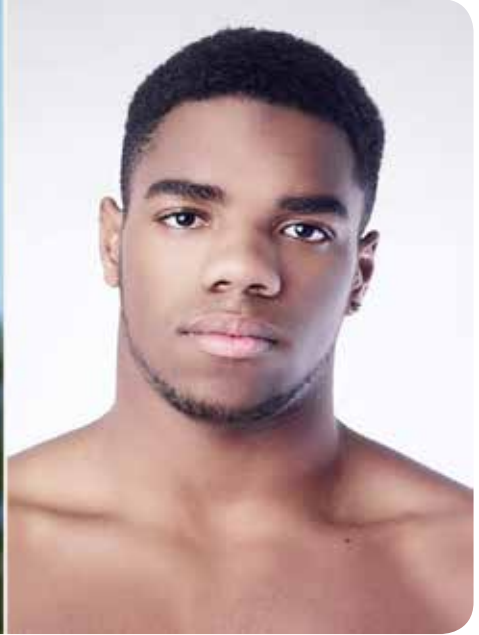
Leeds City Credit Union also provides affordable loans. Unlike other lenders, including the ones that visit you in your home, a Credit Union charges much less interest which means that you have more money to spend. Leeds City Credit Union's 'Handiload' is great for small loans up to £750 and the 'Regular Loan' is available for larger amounts. Whether you need a small or larger loan there is still time to apply before Christmas. Don't forget that VAT is set to go up in January so if you needed a loan to buy something then now is the time to do it.

Leeds City Credit Union has branches in the City centre and Rachel Downing will be pleased to welcome new members at the Reginald and Compton centres.

Or you can call the Credit Union on 0113 214 5252 or visit www.leeds-loans.co.uk or www.leedscreditunion.co.uk



YONA KNIGHT WISDOM



Yona Knight-Wisdom's diving career began in 2004; he has said that he took up the sport after seeing it at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. Knight-Wisdom has said of himself that "I am a 190 cm tall, 90 kg heavy, black diver... Watch a diving event and that is not something you will see very often." In 2012, Knight-Wisdom decided to represent Jamaica; he had been eligible to compete for Barbados or Great Britain, but had struggled to get in the British team. Knight-Wisdom competed at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, making him Jamaica's first-ever male Commonwealth diving competitor; Knight-Wisdom finished fifth in the 1 metre springboard event, and eleventh in the 3 metre springboard event. Knight-Wisdom competed in the 2016 FINA Diving

World Cup; after qualifying for the semi-finals by finishing seventeenth, he qualified for the 2016 Summer Olympics, becoming the first male Jamaican diver at the Olympics, as well as the first male diver from any Caribbean nation. Knight-Wisdom finished second in the Diving World Cup final. After qualifying for Rio 2016, Knight-Wisdom was named Leeds Beckett University Sportsman of the Year for 2016.

...NOW

KADEENA COX



Kadeena Cox (born 10 March 1991) is a British parasport athlete competing in T37 sprint and para-cycling events. She was part of the 2015 IPC Athletics World Championships and the 2016 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships, in which she won world titles in the T37 100m and C4 500m time trial respectively.

Competing for Great Britain at the 2016 Summer Paralympics, in both athletics and cycling, she won a bronze medal in the Women's 100m T38 sprint, before winning a gold medal in the Women's C4-5 cycling time trial, and another gold in the T38 400m sprint, becoming the first British Paralympian to win golds in multiple sports at the same Games since Isabel Barr in 1984 Summer Paralympics.

Cox was born in Leeds, England in 1991 to Jamaican immigrants.

Her first school was Bracken Edge Primary in Chapeltown, Leeds. She attended Wetherby High School before matriculating to Manchester Metropolitan University where she studied physiotherapy.

Cox began sprinting competitively at the age of 15 after her hockey coach suggested she try the sport. Over the next three years she competed at regional under-17 meets gaining several podium finishes in the 100m events. In 2007 she added the 60m and 200m to her repertoire, taking bronze in the U17 events at both the Manchester Open and the England Athletics Open Championships in the 60m that year. By 2009 Cox was competing throughout the athletics season, recording personal bests of 12.60s in the 100m and 25.58s in the 200m, both at the Yorkshire & Humberside County Championships. In 2012 Cox was entering national events and recorded a new personal best in the 200m in the BUCS Championships held at the Olympic Park, a result which saw her take bronze. In 2013 she broke the 12 second barrier in the 100m for the first time, recording a time of 11.97 at the Northern Athletics Championships. She subsequently set a personal best of 11.93s for the 100m the same year. In addition to running, before her illness Cox was vying for a place on the British skeleton team.

On the 18 May 2014, Cox entered the Loughborough International: two days later she was rushed to hospital after showing odd symptoms and was diagnosed as having suffered

a stroke. After two months of physiotherapy she recovered back to normal health and began training again. Then on 15 September 2014 she experienced burning sensations in her right arm, which over the following few days worsened to numbness in her arm and right leg and she was again taken to hospital with suspicions of a stroke. After extensive tests she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

Intent on making the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio, Cox was classified as both a T37 track and field athlete, to continuing her sprinting career, and a C2 track cyclist.

A month later Cox was selected for the Great Britain athletics team, where she entered the T37 100m and 200m sprints. In the heats leading up to the final of the 100m sprint, Cox posted a time of 13.59s to beat the world record set by France's Mandy Francois-Elie. Later that day she ran in the 100m T37 final, taking the gold medal in a time of 13:60, beating team mate Georgina Hermitage into second place. Her final event of the championship, the T37 200m sprint, ended in controversy after she missed registration by a minute and was disqualified from the race. In June 2016, after securing a place at the 2016 Summer Paralympics as a T37 athlete, Cox was reclassified as a T38 category athlete, a classification for less-disabled athletes. This threw her hopes to race at Rio into jeopardy as Britain already fielded two other athletes, Sophie Hahn and Olivia Breen, who had posted faster

times as T38 sprinters. Despite the classification change, Cox was selected for the Rio Paralympics in July 2016. At the Games she took a gold in the T38 400m, a silver in the T35-38 4x100m relay and a bronze in the T38 100m. She also set a new world record for the T38 400m. She was subsequently selected as the flag-bearer for the British team at the closing ceremony.

In September 2015 Cox entered the British National Track Championships where she took the gold medal in the C1-5 Mixed Gender Sprint Time Trial.

In March 2016, Cox represented Great Britain at the UCI Paracycling Track World Championships in Montichiari. Despite being reclassified as a C4 cyclist the day before the event, she still went on to win gold in the 500m time trial with a world record of 37.456s. On 1 August, Cox was named in the Great Britain team to compete at the Rio Paralympics with the potential to race in the 500m time trial (C4/C5) and the road race (C4/C5). Cox won gold in the 500m time trial in the 2016 Paralympics: her time of 34.598 seconds also set a new world record.

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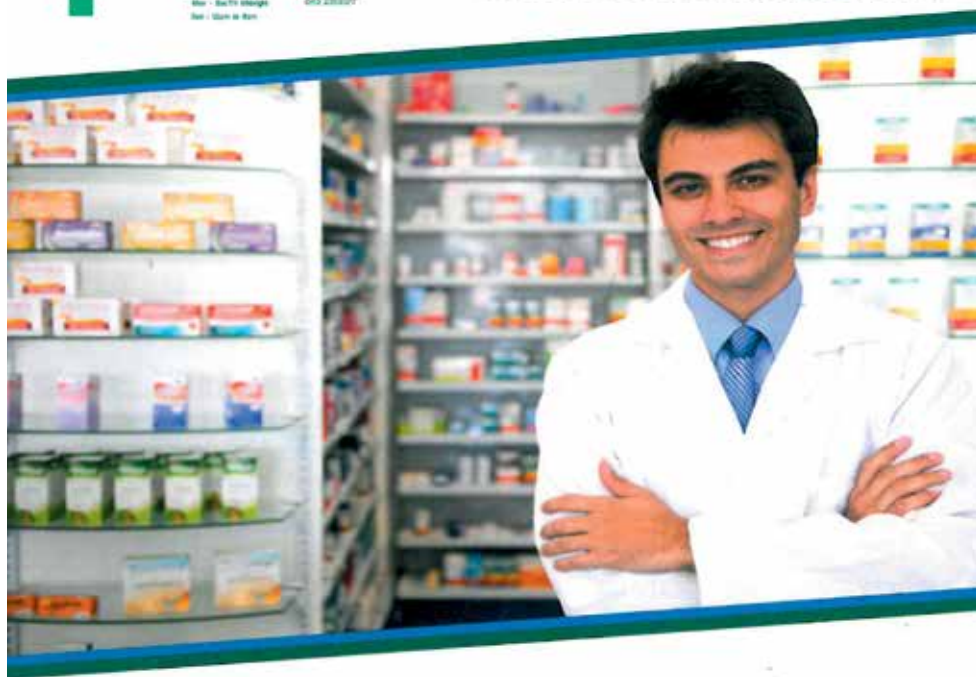
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Link Universal Charity, UK.

Congratulations Patricia on the 21 year anniversary of Community Highlights. Your tireless dedication in promoting Leeds and Chapeltown in such a good light is an inspiration to us all. Keep up the good work! Ann Marie Broadhead-Palmisano Link Universal Charity, UK.

Congratulations to you on this great achievement

21 years and still going strong!

It's time for recognition, 'well done' only ever look back to see how far community highlights has come.

May you keep climbing new heights of success for now and a bright future, your success could only be achieved by hard work and dedication.

I am proud of you as you have to ability to make the impossible possible supporting the community's news.

Chester

Congratulations Patricia. After twenty one years of community highlights. Such consistence is to be acknowledged.....

Chester

Hugh Gooding Funeral Services

Hugh Gooding Funeral Services would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Community Highlights on reaching twenty one.

Happy 21st Anniversary!

Well done to Patricia and the team, for promoting all things positive in Chapeltown and in Leeds as a whole. Thank you for your invaluable contribution and may your publication continue to enrich local lives, for many more years to come.

Best Hope

Once again, thank you for your support in advertising our project in your magazine. Your community involvement in promoting relevant projects in your magazine is highly appreciated.

Congratulation on your 21 years anniversary.

Paradise Sunset Bar & Grill

Congratulations & well done Community Highlights on reaching such a big milestone!

Continue the great work on keeping our community supported, informed & connected during many more years to come.

Wishing you all the best for the future.

Latch

On behalf of LATCH I would like to say that; "It has been a pleasure to support a magazine that has the community at its heart; we wish them luck for the next 21 years."

Kind Regards

Simone

Judy Browne

To community highlights a beacon of light and positivity in an environment full of negativity.

Congratulations on your 21 years of service to the community, and your efforts to see the good things in ourselves and each other.

Wishing you all the very best for the next 21 years.

Judy Browne

RJC Dance Studio

Thank you Patricia, would like to congratulate Community Highlightson their forthcoming birthday celebrations in October and thank you for your ongoing support and connecting the community & Community issues, continue the great work.

YLD Online

Congratulating you on your 21st Anniversary coming in October. May you have many more years of keeping the community informed and up to date.

YLD Online

Cafe Bliss

A big congratulations from Cafe Bliss Team to Patricia in her 21 years service with Community Highlights. You have made it possible for us to read the success stories of others in our community, Advertised businesses in our community big or small for the services they provide to us locally. As you continue along on your journey we wish you every success in the future with God's Blessing.

The Team

Yes Computers

Would like to congratulate community highlights on reaching 21 years of excellent work to providing the community with quality and reliable Information within our chapletown and Harehills community. We have worked with you for the past 16 years and many business communities in Chapletown & Harehills have benefited from your professional services to our local community. Well Done and Keep it up. The community needs you!

Richard Alker

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Show Time: **7.30pm Prompt**



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