

Headway

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News on the way we're heading in & around Headingley

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Headway aims to let local residents know which way we're heading in & around Headingley. Local community associations have got together to share & circulate information – Cardigan Triangle, Far Headingley, Headingley Network, Kirkstall Valley, Moor Parks, North Hyde Park, South Headingley & Turnways. We'd be pleased if other associations joined us. Everyone is invited to send us any news that matters to Headingley. **Headway** is an initiative of Leeds HMO Lobby, the collective campaigning for local housing balance.

Here's how it works: Latest news is published on an ongoing basis on the Headingley Community website. The printed version of **Headway** comes out every quarter. Anyone is welcome to send us items for either or both of these. Anyone is welcome to be on the mailing list. Let us know if you are online, and we can deliver **Headway** by email. See back page for contact details.

A HEART for Headingley!

After three years of campaigning, planning and raising money, Headingley Development Trust, a membership organisation of over 800 residents and supporters, has been given the chance to bring a new kind of community facility into being.

On Wednesday 4 March, the Executive Board of Leeds City Council agreed to allow HDT to take over the former Headingley Primary School on Bennett Road in Headingley and develop it into an enterprise, arts and community centre. The centre will be called Headingley Enterprise & Arts Centre, or HEART. It will provide meeting and performance space for residents and organisations, and a new centre for local people wishing to start a business without having to spend a great deal on overheads.

Richard Norton, Chair of HDT, welcomed the news and said "We are grateful to the council for this opportunity. We are determined that this facility will change the nature of life in Headingley by being a meeting point for all its residents, and the beginning of a more sustainable and stable community. We look forward to welcoming recent graduates and long-term residents alike into the HEART of their community."

The upper floor will be the 'Catalyst', in which new businesses will be starting up. On the ground floor, there will be a café, rooms for conference, meeting and training purposes, both for users of the Catalyst and for outside businesses, and also spaces for community purposes, including evening classes, meetings events and exhibitions.

If you would like to be more involved with the project, or invest in HEART shares, please consult the HDT website at www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk or contact the development worker, Kim Johnston (kim@headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk or 07 912 068 300).

Headingley Development Trust

What the YEP said -

People power

Residents in Headingley deserve great credit for putting their money where their mouths are in a genuine show of people power.

The Headingley Development Trust – an organisation of over 800 people – raised £100,000 through a share issue and then managed to secure a further £1 million through grants and a council loan.

It has meant they can now take over a former primary school that has lain empty for nearly

three years and turn it into an enterprise, arts and community centre.

The Trust's members hope that the new centre – to be called HEART – can change the nature of life in Headingley and help create a more sustainable and stable community to replace what has, in many parts, become a student ghetto.

Only time will tell if they are to succeed, but given the faith they clearly have in their community you certainly wouldn't bet against them pulling it off.

Yorkshire Evening Post, 10 March 2009

HMO & UCO

Headingley's major problem is the huge number of privately-rented shared houses (houses in multiple occupation, or HMOs). The number is so great because no planning permission is needed to convert a family home to a HMO - though it is needed to convert to any other residential business, like a hotel or a care home. The relevant regulation is the Use Classes Order (UCO). Concentrations of HMOs, not only in university towns, but also in seaside towns and market towns, cause problems for local communities - mainly because tenants are temporary. We know the consequences only too well. For these reasons, residents in such communities have campaigned for years for a change of planning law. Last year, the government agreed to consider this, and commissioned a report on HMOs and planning. Now they have promised a consultation on changing the UCO, to require planning permission for HMOs. This is supposed to take place this spring - look out for details when it is announced!

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HDT AGM

At the recent packed AGM of Headingley Development Trust the Chair presented the annual report to members. The Board was delighted to report the Council's approval of the Headingley Enterprise and Arts Centre and they thanked the great many volunteers involved in the different HDT activities and the local councillors for their continued support of HDT work. The evening was rounded off by a Dragon's Den event where selected local residents had the opportunity to put forward their enterprising ideas to a panel of Dragons! The winning idea was for a Jazz festival to take place in Headingley in May 2010. Watch this space for more details over the coming year!

Kim Johnston, Headingley Development Trust

Headingley LitFest

For the second year running, Headingley LitFest has proved that not only is there a strong taste locally for listening to people who write, but also a readiness to have a go at actually doing it. Children in local schools were particularly active: dozens of them showed their talents in zestful performances on the stage at Lawnswood during the Poetry Slam in front of hundreds of fellow students, parents and visitors, and many others sent in entries of a very high standard for

the 'Create a Sports Story' competition organised in partnership with Leeds Rugby Foundation, the winners being feted on the pitch in front of 17,000 fans at half time in a big match. At the Stadium, TV presenter and author Ian Clayton presided over an unusually large writer's workshop for adults, and in the Yorkshire College, cafés Bowery, Dare and Lento and the library, local individuals and groups - performers, poets and short story writers - were very much in evidence. The national, perhaps international, dimension was provided by Beryl Bainbridge at the New Headingley Club when she spoke about her work and read from her novel-in-waiting *The Girl in the Polka Dot Dress*. Let's do this again!

Richard Wilcocks, Headingley LitFest

Little Woodhouse Community Association is trying to get St Michael's College listed, to save it from possible demolition. The building is 100 this year. For LWCA, contact 245 9030.

Kirkstall Festivities

I'm sure we are all looking forward to a long hot summer! Remember our 29th annual Kirkstall Festival is on Saturday 11 July. Lots of fun and entertainment for all the family from 11am till 5.30pm. Watch the Parade, it starts from Hesketh Road at 12 noon, along Morris Lane, down Abbey Walk, onto the A65, and turning into the Abbey grounds.

🎭 Another highlight of the summer is the return of Shakespeare in the Abbey Cloisters. We have Robert. J. Williamson's, British Shakespeare Company for three weeks of performances, 29 July to 4 August. (Robert Williamson went to Kirkstall Valley Primary school.) Look on their web site for details regarding bookings, at www.britishshakespearecompany.com

🎭 Then there will be Fantasia later in the year!

John Liversedge, Kirkstall Valley Community Association

Headingley Farmers' Market

Headingley Farmers' Market has now been independently certified to the standards defined by the National Farmers' Retail and Markets Association (FARMA) under a scheme developed by the National Association of Farmers' Markets. At the last market, on Saturday 14 March, local MP Greg Mulholland presented the award to Headingley Development Trust which runs the market. Certified Farmers Markets are for local farmers, growers, bakers, brewers and processors who use locally grown and reared ingredients – ideally within a 30 mile radius. The producer sells direct to the customers, so cutting out 'middlemen', enabling customers to ask questions about the produce or give feedback. This also ensures that the producer gets a realistic price for the goods and customers know and understand the origin of their food. "We set the market up so that the Headingley community had access to high quality local food – and to provide a focus for the regeneration of Headingley", said the Trust. "We're delighted to get certification as it recognises that we have a well-run market offering customers fresh, wholesome food direct from the producers. The FARMA logo will help us get this message across to customers." The Market takes place on the second Saturday of each month: see back page for dates. For more info, contact: Helen Seymour on 07 788 190 589 or Rachel Harkess on 275 6652, or visit www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk.

Helen Seymour, Headingley Development Trust

Neighbourhood Design Statements

A Neighbourhood Design Statement is a community-based document, formally adopted by the Council, providing guidance for the future development of a neighbourhood. A programme of NDSs is under way in Inner NW Leeds, funded by the Area Committee.

🏠 Far Headingley Village Society has already produced a NDS for Far Headingley & West Park, from Shaw Lane to the Ring Road.

🏠 Headingley Development Trust has been commissioned to prepare the NDS for Headingley & Hyde Park. Last year was spent gathering the basic info - surveying the area, noting its strengths and weaknesses, drafting appraisals. Many local residents took part, as we worked our way round the neighbourhood, between Woodhouse Moor and Shaw Lane. The second stage of resident involvement was a NDS Exhibition in June, with displays on each of

the main character areas we have identified. We are now working on the third stage, a draft of the Statement, which will be circulated for public consultation later this year. Contact Richard Tyler, at richardt@headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk

🏠 Little Woodhouse Community Association is working on a NDS for the area from Hanover Square to the Kirkstall Viaduct. The draft NDS Exhibition has visited several venues and the final version is now being prepared. Contact 245 9030

For both, write to Freepost RRLS-ZZLB-REXS, Planning Services, 2 Rossington St, Leeds LS2 8HD (no stamp needed).

Glassworks Again

Developers are still putting pressure on our neighbourhood. Last year, an application for a 256-bed student residence at the old Glassworks factory on Cardigan Road (now at last demolished) was rejected, first by Leeds City Council, and then at a Public Inquiry by a Planning Inspector. But the developer has come back again with another application (a bit smaller). Many residents and associations are objecting again - not only because of the impact of such a development, but also because of the precedent it sets for developments in the Area of Housing Mix (which is meant to keep our area mixed). For this is not the only application - plans have also been submitted for student accommodation at Tetley Hall and on Westfield Road and on Victoria Road, all in the Area.

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Celebrate Headingley

Plans for the September weekend are under way. The usual programme is planned - ceilidh, barbecue, library events, art and craft events, music, etc. If you have an idea for an event which brings the residents of Headingley together, old, young, in-between, permanent and temporary, to take place around 12-13 September, or indeed at any time of the year, please contact 275 6652. Get in touch also if you would like to be involved in making these events happen, in however small a way.

Rachel Harkess, Headingley Network

Neighbourhood News

Inner NW Area Committee All your local councillors, meeting locally, open to the public, all at 7pm, on Thursdays, 2 April, 2 July and throughout the year, venues to be announced.

Area Delivery Plan consultations:

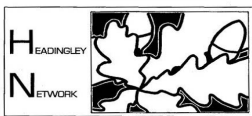
📍 Headingley Ward, 3.30- 6.30pm, 6 April, Headingley Community Centre.

📍 Weetwood Ward, 3.30-7.30pm, 30 April, Iveson Primary School.

(Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Kirkstall consultations were in March.)

Café Scientifique 📍 Monday 6 April, Dr. Larry Brownstein, *The 21st Century's First Perfect Storm: A View From Outside Economics*
 📍 Tuesday 5 May, Dr Jennifer Smillie, University of Durham, *Back to Creation: the Large Hadron Collider Project* (please note, the evening is a Tuesday) All at 7.45-9.30pm, New Headingley Club, 56 St. Michael's Road, admission £2. Hosted by HDT. For details & mailing list, contact ann.clarke17@yahoo.co.uk

Little Woodhouse Community Forum 7pm Tuesday 21 April, Civic Hall. At the January meeting Councillor Smith discussed new ideas for Streetscene with us, which we are circulating to members for comments. Contact 245 9030



Headingley Network
 AGM 2 - 4pm, Sunday 26 April, Headingley Community Centre.

Headingley Farmers' Market is at 9.00-12.30 on the second Saturday of each month, 11 April (Easter Saturday), 11 May and 13 June,

in the Rose Garden, North Lane (opposite the Community Centre). Organic vegetables, smoothies, cheese, bread, free-range eggs, home-baking, jams, honey, fish, meat (farm reared and organic), along with seasonal stalls selling chutneys, deli, apples, potatoes, ewes cheese, and so on. All are local and sold by the producer.

South Headingley Community Association SHCA AGM

7.30pm, Tuesday 19 May, Cardigan Centre

Far Headingley Village Society will be holding their annual Summer Wine Walk in aid of charity, from 2 - 6 pm, on Sunday, 14 June. Wander around three local gardens sampling wine from three different countries and a bite to eat. Children are welcome and catered for. Tickets will be £8 to include 3 glasses of wine and light food, extra glasses of wine can be provided for a donation of £2 per glass. For further information about tickets and venues please contact 275 7651 or 278 5319.

Buying or Selling in Headingley? To find a family buyer, go to *HeadingleyHomes!* Ring Manning Stainton in Headingley on 274 8646.

Planning Applications New planning applications in the area are circulated by the Community Planner on the Activists eMail List.

Planning Problems? Just ask Jade! For advice, contact Jade Corcoran, Community Planner, 247 8027 or jade.corcoran@leeds.gov.uk

Kirkstall Festival 29th Annual Festival, 11.00am-5.30pm, Saturday 11 July, in the beautiful grounds of Kirkstall Abbey.

Contact **Headway** by email at hmolobby@hotmail.com. To join your local association, for Headingley Network (central Headingley) contact Lesley Jeffries (tel: 274 1011), for South Headingley contact Sue Buckle (tel: 278 2296), for North Hyde Park contact Martin Staniforth (tel: 274 7837), for Far Headingley contact Donald Hood (tel: 275 5575), for Kirkstall contact John Liversedge (tel: 278 5987), for Moor Parks contact Kate Henshall (tel: 274 1550), for Cardigan Triangle contact Peter Spafford (tel: 275 4199), for Turnways contact Lee Davidson (turnways@headingley.org).

Keep up-to-date by checking the Headingley Community website at www.headingley.org. Anyone can post content on the website once they have registered and got a password. Internet access is provided free at Headingley Library, where help is available if needed.

Headway is also available online at www.headingley.org/headway

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