

Headway

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

July 2008

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. Any one 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.

Summer in the City, 2008

Local residents celebrate their communities!

July: KIRKSTALL FESTIVAL, Kirkstall Abbey, Saturday 12 July 2008

Kirkstall Festival Committee invites you all to our 28th annual Festival in the grounds of Kirkstall Abbey. Everything is set for a wonderful fun-packed day of entertainment for all the family. We have the 33rd Regiment of Foot, kite flyers, music on the main stage, on the youth stage, in the cloisters, Bassa Bassa, barbershop, South African singers, climbing wall, canoes on the river, fairground, Morris Men, parachute games, girls football, majorettes, dance groups, belly dancers, tennis competition, tag rugby competition, all types of food to eat, Older Active People doing a Tea Dance, and so on. See how the old Kirkstall Forge site is progressing. We are also launching our "Vision for Kirkstall". The festival service is in the Nave at 4.15pm, Very Rev Keith Jukes Dean of Ripon Cathedral in charge. More than 80 stalls for you to browse; buy a programme, it helps fund the festival and you'll know what's going on & where. Free car park on the field opposite the Abbey grounds. Our Parade departs Hesketh Road, 12 noon, arrives at the main stage around 12.45, come and watch the children and give them your support.

John Liversedge, Kirkstall Festival

August: UNITY DAY, Woodhouse Moor, Saturday 16 August 2008

Our annual community event takes place 12 noon to 11pm, on Saturday 16 August. This is a chance for the residents of Hyde Park to work together as volunteers and pool their skills and ideas to produce an event which showcases the talent of our varied and vibrant community. There will be the usual wide variety of music, performance, competitions and stalls including information and community stalls. For the first time, we are making several areas of the event alcohol free; the children's area, theatre tent and the one-world tent. Also new this year, the tennis courts near the bowling green will be transformed into a garden for the day to demonstrate how permaculture works. But the final programme depends on the number of local people willing to get involved - come to a team meeting, held 7.30pm, every Wednesday, in Wrangthorn Church Hall, Hyde Park Terrace, to join in. For more information, contact Amit Roy on 293 3698. This year's event is dedicated to the memory of three members of the team who exemplified the spirit of giving freely of their talents to their community and beyond, Pat Regan, Kath, and Paul Sweeney (McSporran).

Liz Boyd, Hyde Park Unity Day

September: CELEBRATE HEADINGLEY, Central Headingley, Fri-Sun 12-14 September 2008

Residents of Headingley will get together again on 13 and 14 September to celebrate the fact that we live here. You can meet friends, make new ones, enjoy the good things about our lovely but threatened neighbourhood. We kick off in style on Friday with poetry and music. On Saturday we have a brass band playing at the Farmers Market in the morning, cream teas and stalls in the Methodist Hall in the afternoon, and a ceilidh in St Michael's Hall in the evening. And on Sunday there will be a barbecue at the New Headingley Club with live music. Other events will be added, look out for the programme.

Rachel Harkess, Celebrate Headingley

Heading Home





For the past decade, Headingley has been subject to one of the biggest demographic upheavals ever seen in the history of Leeds, as first homes for families have been turned into second homes for students. A once diverse and balanced community is now overwhelmingly lopsided. But now the community is beginning to reclaim houses for families. As promised in the last **Headway**, the great news is that on mid-summer's day, the first house owned by the community was let by Headingley Homes to a new family in Headingley, through the Council's Homelessness Advice & Prevention service. The house will be managed by Leeds & Yorkshire Housing Association (LYHA). At a stroke, this letting not only helps re-balance the community in Headingley, but it also helps the overall housing shortage in Leeds. HDT intends it to be the little acorn from which a great oak will grow.

Richard Tyler, Headingley Development Trust

Progress on Parking in Headingley

In a recent survey, Headingley topped the list as the worst district centre for parking problems in Leeds - so LCC's Executive Board has approved plans to improve parking in the centre. Survey work on parking provision around central Headingley, extending to Wood Lane, Headingley Mount and Spring Road, will begin around October. The surveys will examine provision around retail and residential areas as well as near schools and visitor attractions. This will be followed by consultation with residents and community groups. This information will then be used to better model future parking and pedestrian provision. Councillors hope that radical improvements will be identified to ease parking problems in the area and support local shops. For further details, contact Lib Dem councillor James Monaghan at: james.monaghan@leeds.gov.uk.

Cardigan Triangle Art Day, 21 September

On their third Art Day, residents in the Cardigan Triangle celebrate local creativity by opening their houses to local and national artists as part of Celebrate Headingley. This year the event includes  almost twenty artists exhibiting in more than a dozen homes and venues  the garden café with live music and homemade cakes  craft stalls  interactive activities for adults and children alike. If you would like to host or exhibit, contact Cathy Cammegh on 278 5134 or cammeghs@btinternet.com

Community & Housing Forum

Leeds University launched its Inner North-West Community Strategy and Housing Strategy update last year. At the Forum, key staff will be presenting latest achievements and will be available to discuss key issues and concerns about University policy and procedures. 9.30-1pm, Tuesday 29 July, in the Centenary Gallery. Contact Amanda Jackson on 343 4109 or email A.M.Jackson@adm.leeds.ac.uk

Neighbourhood Design Statement

In the first half of 2008, local residents surveyed eight areas within the Headingley & Hyde Park Neighbourhood. On 14 June, the NDS Team mounted an Exhibition of their observations at Headingley St Columba. The core of the Exhibition was a series of displays for each of the areas, with maps, photos and analysis. There was also a history of the Neighbourhood, an analysis of Neighbourhood Questionnaires, a video of the Neighbourhood, a slide show of more photos, and of course, refreshments. 84 local residents visited the Exhibition, and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The next step is the preparation of a Draft NDS, leading to the Final NDS.

Richard Tyler, Headingley Development Trust

Think Global, Shop Local!

Headingley Development Trust (HDT) is launching its latest venture to build a greener, more family friendly Headingley. It has produced a "Headingley Bag", a natural fibre, ethically sourced, reusable shopping bag, one side promotes the monthly Headingley Farmers Market and the other the community-owned Natural Food Store on North Lane. Helen Seymour, HDT Director responsible, said "Using these beautiful and stylish 'Bags for Life' saves plastic going to landfill, promotes local shops and raises money for our drive to regenerate and improve Headingley. The green bags are only £5, the red ones are £4, from the Market or NFS. Now we can all do our bit for the environment, help save local shops and build a better Headingley."

Helen Seymour, Headingley Development Trust

Headingley Farmers' Market

On Saturday 13th September, it will be two years since the first farmers' market was held in the Rose Garden on North Lane Headingley. Originally a "Yorkshire deli market", it has now changed its name to Headingley Farmers' Market - mainly to associate itself directly with the growing farmers' markets movement in the UK. Like these other markets it aims to source its products mainly from within a radius of 50 miles (the Whitby fish is an obvious exception!) and the produce is sold by the producer - rather than a middleman. It aims to provide the community with access to high quality seasonal food whose provenance the consumer can trust. It has a core of stallholders who appear each second Saturday of the month, with guest stalls to provide variety, and which are directly seasonal, such as strawberries, apples and ewes milk cheese. An up to date list of the guest stalls at each market is on the HDT website:

www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk

Helen Seymour, Headingley Development Trust

Union Community Rep (UCR) Scheme

The scheme's first year has gone well, with nine UCRs making positive contacts in the community, speaking to fellow students, long-term residents, schools, charities, organisations and community groups. Some interesting projects are underway as a result of this, and will be developed next year. The scheme is to be expanded; next year there will be ten UCRs, one covering the city centre to reflect the increasing number of students now choosing to live there. Contact:

k.m.hughes@luu.leeds.ac.uk.

HEART

Headingley Development Trust (HDT) has been delighted with the response to the second issue of shares for the Headingley Enterprise & Arts Centre (HEART). With community support, the total has reached £91,000, a fantastic achievement, just £9,000 below the target of £100,000 by the end of June. HDT will be reporting the total raised to the executive members at Leeds City Council. HDT have also secured £1 for £1 match funding by the Adventure Capital Fund – so an investment of £500 in HEART means the project receives £1000. The minimum share investment is £100 and you can still buy shares after June. Applications are available from the HDT website www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk/ or from the Natural Food Store.

Kim Johnston, Headingley Development Trust

Headingley in Bloom

Our main flowerbed at Alma Cottages is in its summer glory. In May, children from Shire Oak Primary School worked very hard on a special plot of their own design. They planted over two hundred brightly coloured bedding plants, which are settling in nicely and provide a blaze of colour. They are already much admired by passers-by heading for the bus stop. The children will be looking after the flowers as part of their Thursday afternoon gardening sessions. We are now working towards brightening up North Lane with large planters and hanging baskets. If you would like to get involved with Headingley in Bloom, contact Brenda Frater b.frater@leeds.ac.uk or Sue and John Griffiths s.e.griffiths@tiscali.co.uk

Headingley LitFest

All of the events during the first Headingley LitFest, back in March, were well-attended, some packed out, from the fascinating talk on the great Victorian Samuel Plimsoll, through to the Theatre of the Dales with plays on Arthur Ransome and the Abyssinian prince of Hollin Lane. Two cafes (Lento and Dare) gave space to local poets, and Lawnswood School contributed with a superbly successful Poetry Slam attended by three hundred students, parents and visitors. For more, see back page.

Richard Willcocks, Headingley LitFest

When Leeds Met a Trojan Horse

Headingley Stadium is proposing a new pavilion in place of the Winter Shed on Kirkstall Lane. A replacement for this eyesore is overdue. But what we are getting is in fact a new Leeds Met campus (in addition to the City Centre and Beckett's Park campuses), with a thousand students (a small college!), right in the heart of Headingley (and not in a park a mile away) - disguised as a pavilion! This new 'pavilion' is really a Trojan Horse.

Leeds HMO Lobby

Correction and Clarification The last issue of **Headway** reported that Leeds University was selling the playing fields at Bodington. This is not the case: the sale proposed is only the footprint of the existing buildings, and the University retains ownership of all the green space. Further information on University developments is at www.leeds.ac.uk/ace

Neighbourhood News

Little Woodhouse Community Forum

7pm, Tuesday, 1 July, Civic Hall. Chaired by Cllr Penny Ewens, open to all residents between Clarendon Road and Hyde Park Road, reporting on the progress of Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Design Statement and the proposed DPPO for Little Woodhouse. Contact: 245 9030

Inner NW Area Committee Meetings open to the public, all at 7pm, on Thursdays, 3 July (Little London Primary School), 31 July (Civic Hall), and 25 September (venue to be confirmed)

Café Scientifique ☎ Monday 7 July, Peter Cowling (Bradford University), 'Artificial Intelligence in Games 1945-2045' ☎ Monday 4 August, Catherine Rhodes, 'Biofuels: Global Challenge, International Response' All at 7.45–9.30pm, New Headingley Club, 56 St. Michael's Road, Leeds LS6 3BG. All welcome, admission £2. Contact ann.clarke17@yahoo.co.uk.

The Rosebank Millennium Green Trust

AGM 7pm Monday 7 July, Swarthmore Centre. All welcome. Ten years old this year, this Trust composed of local people is totally responsible for the management and upkeep of this five and a half acre green space, created as a Millennium Green in perpetuity. If you are interested, please come along and bring your ideas. Learn more about joining as a Friend of the Rosebank Millennium Green. Contact tel 244 9680

Planning Surgery sessions: Weds 9 July, Tues 12 August and Tues 9 September, all at 4:45-6:45pm, Headingley Library, with Andrew Crates, Community Planner, tel: 247 8027

Farmers Market 9.00-12.30, second Saturday of each month, 12 July, 9 August and 13 September, in the Rose Garden, North Lane (opposite the Community Centre). Local organic veg, fish, cheese, mushrooms, meat (farm reared and organic), honey, bread, free-range eggs, cakes and baked goods. Guest stalls every month.

Kirkstall Festival Saturday 12 July, Kirkstall Abbey [see front page]

Cardigan Triangle Meetings: 16 July, 4 Sept; contact www.triangle.org.uk

Headingley LitFest 'Big Summer: a short story evening' Ted Marriott, Richard Willcocks, 7pm, Wednesday 16 July, Cafe Lento, North Lane. Free! Info at www.headingleylitfest.blogspot.com

Community & Housing Forum 9.30-1.00, Tuesday 29 July, Leeds University 9.30-1pm

Unity Day Saturday 16 August, Woodhouse Moor [see front page]

Mini-Breeze Festival returns! 1.00-5.00pm, Monday, 18 August, Tinshill Recreation Ground. Bring your family and friends to enjoy bouncy castles, face painting, a Techno bus and other activities.

Cllr Sue Bentley, Weetwood Ward

Whitby Trip SHCA's annual outing to Whitby is on Sat 30 August. Contact Sue Buckle 278 2296

Celebrate Headingley Fri-Sun 12-14 September, Central Headingley [see front page]

Cardigan Triangle Art Day, 11am-5pm, Sunday 21 September, Cardigan Triangle

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

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 Annie Faulder (tel: 2758738), 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).

Keep up-to-date by checking the Headingley Community website at www.healheadingley.org.uk. 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.healheadingley.org.uk/node/45

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