



Welcome to the Six Streets Newsletter

September 2014

Six Streets Arts Trail 27 & 28 June 2015

In June 2013 the Six Streets area hosted an Arts Trail with artists and makers exhibiting in residents' homes and gardens. Building on this success, preparations for the next Arts Trail have begun and we would like to extend an invitation to anyone who might like to be involved in any way in 2015.

We would particularly welcome anyone who would like to offer their house as a venue for the trail.

If you might be interested or would like more information, please contact tinalhampton@ntlworld.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

Six Streets Arts Trail Group

Halloween 2014



Friday 31 October, 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm (Refreshments and judging at 7.00 pm)

The leaves are turning red and there are apples on the ground, the nights are getting darker which can mean only one thing, it's nearly Halloween again. In Six Streets as in previous years there will be prizes for best dressed house and pumpkin and for best child and adult costume.

In respect of those who do and don't want to be involved, we ask that all houses who are happy to give out small treats to the neighbourhood children display the enclosed flyer in their window and that people stick to the trick or treating times of 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm and only knock on doors where the flyer is displayed.

Judging will take place at 7.00 pm at the corner of Bromley Street and Newton's Walk and refreshments will be available for a small donation.

This year we need volunteer judges and people to help set up and serve refreshments. If you can help please contact Lyndsey via the Six Streets website: www.sixstreetsderby.org.uk

Please note if you don't want any trick or treaters you can also telephone Derbyshire Police on: 101 and ask for a No Trick or Treaters poster, they are also available on their website: www.derbyshire.police.uk

Lyndsey Ramsden



Advent Windows 2014

It's that time of year again when we need to start talking about this year's Advent Calendar.

If you would like to take part either drop a note through the letterbox at 19 Statham Street with your name and contact details or email via the website. There is no limit to the number of windows. When we have allocated all the dates from 1 – 24 December we simply start doubling up.

Jane and Paul Johnstone have kindly agreed to host the Advent Calendar 'tea party' at 53 Park Grove again this year. This will be on Sunday 16 November between 2 and 4pm.

Snow Patrol

Following the previous success of snow patrol we are planning to continue with snow clearance if needed this winter.

We hope the existing snow patrollers will be happy to carry on this year but would welcome extra volunteers. Volunteers would be required to clear a path in the middle of the pavement as soon as possible once any snow settles.

Carol Singing

Join us for festive cheer and carol singing round the streets on Monday 22nd December .

Meet at 6.00pm outside Bank Court (Wheeldon Avenue) .

Mulled wine and mince pies later courtesy of Jon and Becky Hyde at: 137 Kedleston Rd

All participants will be invited for tea and cakes and will be allocated a date at the party and given a number to display in their window.

The only 'rules' are that you display your number from Sunday 24 November, you reveal your display first thing in the morning on your allocated date and we ask that windows be left up until the end of the week after Christmas.

Pictures of 2013 windows are on the Six Streets website so you can see the wide range of contributions. This the idea has proved so popular we are hoping for even more windows to be decorated this year.

Jane and Paul Johnstone and Lyndsey Ramsden

Snow shovels and grit will be supplied by Six Streets.

To volunteer please contact:

Jon and Becky Hyde 01332 720073 or 07732120698 or at 137 Kedleston Road

There will be a meeting for all Snow Patrollers on Thursday 20th November at 7.30 pm at 137 Kedleston Road

Pub Meet Ups

Want a chance to catch up with old friends, meet new neighbours or find out more about Six Streets then join us at one of our "pub meet ups" at the Jonty Farmer.

Look out for dates on the calendar.



Rebecca Morledge

Six Streets Cards and Prints

It's not too late to get a print of Rebecca Morledge's fantastic Six Streets painting. To take a look at the painting visit the Six Streets website: www.sixstreetsderby.org.uk

Rebecca exhibited at the first two Six Streets Arts Trails-and her lively scenes prompted the idea of commissioning a Six Streets painting.

Limited Edition Prints are available to order from **19 Statham Street (Cheques made payable to Rebecca Morledge)**

40cm x 50cm (16 x 20 inches) for £80.00
28cm x 35cm (11 x 14 inches) for £50.00

Rebecca has kindly agreed to Six Streets receiving a donation for each print sold.

If your house is not featured but you still fancy a print then for an extra £15.00, Rebecca will personalise your print by drawing in the margin - so far, people have had a Guide dog puppy, a portrait of themselves and a tree from their garden.

Greetings Cards are also available (Would make great Christmas cards!)

They can be bought for 75p each or 6 for £4

Email: 6streetsderby@gmail.com or drop a note into **54 or 75 Wheeldon Ave or 112 Kedleston Rd or 19 Statham Street.**

Payment by cash or cheque is fine – (Cheques for cards made payable to Six Streets Group).

Picnic in Park

This is held each year on the first Sunday in June, Big Lunch Day, and it is very simple; Six Street people go along to Derwent Park with friends and family taking food, drink, something to sit on and, if they want, games & instruments. What happens next all depends on who has come along

Welcome to Our Students

We would like to extend a warm welcome to any students renting in the area. You maybe don't know that we have a local residents group the "**Six Streets Group**".

Find out more by looking on the website www.sixstreetsderby.org.uk or contact us on: 6streetsderby@gmail.com

We'd love to see you at one of our events.

Food Bank

A big thank you to everyone who contributes to our monthly collection of food for the Red Cross. A big thank you to Seanna McGirr who is now helping with the collection.

If you would like to make a contribution please contact Jenny, 10 Wheeldon Ave.

Friends Indeed

Friends Indeed extends the good neighbourliness promoted by Six Streets to offer regular (rather than frequent) social meetings over a cuppa.

If you feel that this would be of benefit to you, or a neighbour in the area / their family supporters please keep or pass on the enclosed Friends Indeed contact detail card. Cards are also available from Markeaton Pharmacy, on an ongoing basis.

this year, den building made an appearance with many hands making light work moving branches and decorating the shelter was very popular. There was a mix of new faces and familiar ones and everyone had the opportunity to chat and relax. It was a lovely afternoon and I certainly relaxed – so much so that I forgot to organise any sack races! **Diana Bruce**

Playing Out

The first Six Streets Playing Out session on Friday 5th September was a big hit with young and old alike. The police arrived unexpectedly just before we closed the road at 4pm from half way up White Street to the Park Grove/Statham Street junction. They were on hand to help us with any difficulties with diverting traffic, but the event went smoothly and there was a great community atmosphere.

Children played with chinks, skipping ropes, scooters and softballs and parents had the choice of joining in or could just observe while chatting to other residents.

Refreshments for the youngsters went down well as they worked up quite a thirst charging around! (cost is 10p for squash with biscuit, so please bring change)

Residents without children are welcome to come along and chat to neighbours as we feel that the sessions are a great way of everyone getting to know each other.

We enjoyed letting the kids reclaim the streets even just for an hour. When we did re-open the road it felt strange to have cars racing along as usual, so hopefully these sessions will help to remind everyone to slow down a little! We are very grateful to residents who parked in different places

to normal, either to give children more space or because they arrived home with 5 minutes of play still to go and decided not to disturb the fun.

Those who stayed to clear up were unanimous in wanting to repeat the event. Diana and Lyndsey are organizing a list of dates for further Playing Out sessions over the next 12 months, with the next provisionally arranged for Friday 10 October 2014 between 4-5pm.

We do need more stewards: we can't count on the police coming to staff our temporary barriers at the next session and we really need a rota so that the job doesn't fall to the same people. If you have children, you can still steward by arranging for someone else to look out for your children.

If you feel able to commit to just 30 minutes standing at the road closure points at the next session, please email nikola.guthrie@gmail.com or or6streetsderby@gmail.com or drop a note to: Diana at 54 Wheeldon Ave. We also need volunteers to run the squash & biscuit stall.

Please help us keep this initiative going!

Niki

Ground Rules for Playing Out

- there will be a briefing session for parents 10 minutes before the start of the next session
- please do not bring any balls from home, there is a soft Six Street ball provided
- all children have to be accompanied by an adult throughout the session
- that adult is responsible for their children in terms of behaviour and in the unlikely event of an accident or damage
- children have to be on pavement until session starts and return there as soon as session ends - listen for long whistle blows
- Six Streets provides water free of charge and makes a first aid kit available for parents to use
- stewards wear high visibility vests so you can find one easily if you wish to move your parked car
- stewards will blow whistles to prevent a child being injured so drivers are asked to wait until after this happens before driving/ manoeuvring

Neighbourhood Sale Saturday 17th May

There were nearly 50 stalls across the area offering an incredible range of items in this the second mass tabletop sale. Cakes, crafted goods, face painting and just about every kind of preloved item were all on offer. About 16 stalls were raising money for various charities which was very good of the people who decided to put all that effort in.

As it was very hot, many people found that all that shopping made them want to sit to have some tea and cake. And that was

exactly what was on offer at Rachel's which together with the £5 table fee raised about an amazing £500 for Six Streets. The Six Streets painting by Rebecca Morledge was on display there and after people had a chance to buy a ticket, the draw was held at the end of the day. A relative newcomer to the area, Olly, was very excited to take the original artwork home with him.

White Street seemed a particular hotspot both for stalls and customers but every street had something happening – with many stall holders reporting that their takings were above expected level and saying they would do it again.

Diana Bruce

Bike Doctor – Saturday August 30th

The idea came from Dave Clasby who volunteered his time and expertise to advise people on whether their bikes were safe and to carry out basic repairs to encourage people to cycle. All he needed was some money to buy brake blocks and other useful parts which is where Six Streets came in.

The next input came from PC Russ Davey at his first Neighbourhood Forum when he offered to use the police engraving kit to postcode bikes. The intention was that Six Streets would take orders for shed alarms, bulk buy them and make them available at discount but Neighbourhood Watch got involved late in the day and offered to sell shed alarms at much less than retail price along with a much more high tech way of identifying bikes – the SmartWater national register.

The venue was a new one for us – Dave lives on Cowley St so it seemed a good idea to set up outside the shops on Kedleston Rd. The shops were fine about us using the space and Tony Scattergood (some people will remember his butcher's shop) kindly agreed to provide electricity for the police equipment.

Nick & Matt Arran came along to help Dave – which was just as well as all three were kept busy – in fact it was 5.10pm before they called it a day! About 25 bikes were repaired.

If your bike is not SmartWater registered or postcoded, turn it upside down and check the bottom bracket (near pedals) – there is probably a unique frame number on the base. Make a note of this and take a photo of your bike in case it is stolen.

Diana Bruce



Six Streets and World War One

The History group's project to research the history of our streets during World War One started in June with a sell-out performance of the Second Minute, a play from Nottingham Playhouse specially written around a series of letter written home from the Western Front by a soldier from the Sherwood Foresters. Over 120 people came to the performance at Broadway Baptist Church, which in many ways was a challenging venue with lots of echo and too much glorious early evening sunshine to do full justice to an intimate performance by just three actors. The plot interwove stories of a World War One soldier, with a mother who had lost her son in a recent conflict, and a retired soldier missing the camaraderie and structure of an army life. We were very privileged to have the author, Andy Barrett attend the performance with his family.

Just a few days before the performance the History group learned that their bid for a Heritage Lottery fund grant of £7,400 towards a two year project under "The First World War: Then and Now" funding project had been successful. This grant subsidised the performance of the Second Minute, with another performance at Landau Forte College the same week. We also received a grant from the Darley Neighbourhood Board towards the performance.



Finances

Six Streets currently have £3500 in the bank.

The table top sale raised over £800. Continued commissions on sales of Six Streets prints/cards have made over £300 this year.

The Easter Bunny event just about broke event, The Bike Doctor session cost just over £100, Playing Out package/expenses £150 (hopefully to be used again).

We will use some of the money to fund the Arts Trail in 2015

Paul Downes -Treasurer

Our HLF funded project will cover the following:

- Researching the stories of 6 Street people who were involved in world War One, both fighting away and on the home front.
- A talk by local historian Mike Galer on Derby at War planned for March 2015 in the Six Streets area
- A subsidised coach trip to Imperial War Museum North in Manchester to see the exhibition "From Street to Trench". Spring 2015
- Exhibition and trail on Six Streets in World War One as part of the Arts Trail, 27-28 June 2015
- A trail leaflet on Six Streets & World War One will be sent to every house in the area.
- Working with Landau Forte to provide resources for students to use.

A flyer in the new year to sign up for the bus trip and to give details of the date of the talk will be delivered in the New year, but in the meantime to find out more about our events and to follow our ongoing historical research you can sign up to our e-newsletter – please email your contact details to 6streetshistory@gmail.com or to request a print version please post a note to 34 White Street. If you are interested in getting involved in the local research project please let us know.

