

Welcome to the Six Streets

Newsletter September 2015

Hallowe'en 2015

We hope that Hallowe'en will again be an enjoyable evening for all.

Please remember that this includes those residents who choose not to take part, so only go to houses where you can **see the orange sign** and please don't disturb people outside of the given times.

To allow young children to go trick and treating around Six Streets, the opt in system will be running. By placing the orange flier in your window you are inviting costumed children, accompanied by an adult, to come a-knocking. Please don't feel bad when you run out of treats, simply take the sign down and come along to Newton's Walk for refreshments, admiring the decorated houses and carved pumpkins on display along the way.

The trick'n'treating interval starts at 6pm and finishes at 6.45pm so is a little shorter this year, as some parents have been concerned about the effects of the amazing generosity of residents on their children's teeth! The later start gives a little more time

for those finishing touches to costumes, pumpkins and houses.

Refreshments are from 6.45pm at the end of Newton's Walk where the prizes for the two most Stand-Out Costumes (under 12s and 12 to 99 years), most Amazing House and most Original Pumpkin will be announced from 7pm.

If you would like to be a judge (adults and children needed) or love to serve mulled wine and samosas, **please email: 6streetsderby@gmail.com or pop a note into: 54 Wheeldon Ave.**

Note: Derbyshire Police produce a **No Trick or Treating Here** poster, ring 101 to find out more. It is also available via www.derbyshire.police.uk

Diana Bruce



A quick look ahead to 2016...

... there will be another **Neighbourhood Sale** either in May or June. Details will be in the Spring Newsletter.

Six Streets - Spreading the Word

Hello. My name is Elke and I volunteered to take over the reins as Six Streets Press Officer at the beginning of the year. Since then I have worked on expanding Six Streets social media with the introduction of a community Facebook page.

The Facebook page 'Six Streets Derby' has been well received (already 179 likes as I write) and complements the website in keeping Six Streets people in touch as well as letting ever more people know what is going on.

Please let me know if you'd like any relevant events posting or if you have any comments on the page. For those of you are concerned about privacy issues on Facebook, "liking" the page safeguards your private details from page administrator as it's not the same as being 'friends'.

My next project is concerned with press and publicity coverage - this is good news for our group for many reasons. Apart from being fun for the people involved and those who spot them on TV or in the paper, it is evidence of the group's activities, which we can use in our funding bids. It also makes other communities aware of what we do, hopefully helping them start their own groups.

I am asking for your help as press enquiries are usually short notice with the media usually having specific ideas about who they want to interview. In the past, this has meant frantic last minute messaging to find suitable candidates which is not ideal. So if you would be happy to be interviewed by a newspaper/TV/radio, please get in touch as I am starting a database of people to contact. You would be given any necessary support and, of course, you would be able to say no if request was inconvenient. If you are interested and would like a chat about it, please use one of the contact routes below.

Finally, Six Streets is on the look out of any photos of past events to add to ours so if you have some to share please get in touch. If your photo is an actual photograph, we could scan and return it to you.

Thanks for reading and hope to hear from you soon - to follow up on anything in this article contact me via the website Six Streets Facebook page, 6streetsderby@gmail.com or pop a note into 54, Wheeldon Ave.



Welcome to Our Students

We would like to extend a warm welcome to any students renting in the area.

This may well be the first time that you have heard of this local residents group and we hope that it may be useful to you. If you have any questions, such as which day is bin day, are there any local pub quizzes or why does next door have an orange notice in their window.

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.

Rachel Clarke

Arts Trail 2015

This year's event built on the success of the previous two trails and we estimate more than 700 people visited venues over the weekend back in June. Visitors and participants alike gave very positive feedback:

- we thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a fantastic weekend - fantastic venue - well organised and well promoted, thank you - most enlightening, some marvellous work - lovely atmosphere -

These were good to hear to hear as organisers had worked closely with local groups, schools and residents in the lead up to this now biennial event.

Artists, makers and musicians taking part came from all over the city and beyond. The trail had 42 visual artists, a history exhibition in a local church hall as well as across the streets, live music and 'yarn bombing' on every tree on Wheeldon Avenue, as well as pop-up cafés - many of which raised money for charities.

A huge thank you is due to all the volunteers, venues and exhibitors who made the trail possible - and of course to everyone who visited and made it such great weekend. Thank You.

Rachel Clarke



Playing Out

The Playing Out initiative has gathered steam over the year and is now a very popular fixture. The sessions are held for an hour once a month after school, from spring through to autumn.

To allow children to play, White Street is closed to through traffic from the corner with Park Grove down to number 34. Residents, their visitors and the occasional workman still have access as the stewards make sure all the children leave the road to allow a parked vehicle to exit or an entering one to park safely. We very much appreciate those residents who choose to park outside the area if they arrive home while the children are playing and then move their cars later.

It is not obligatory for residents to move their cars away from the area before a session starts, though many prefer to and having that clear space adds to the fun. Notes are delivered to residents in White St at intervals giving details of dates and times.

We have several regular volunteers but are always on the look out for more people who are willing to staff a road closure point - you do not have to have young children to become involved and it is a great chance to meet the neighbours. If it ever happens that there aren't the 4 stewards we need, a session would have to be cancelled. Some parents, carers and grandparents have found that splitting a duty session between them works very well.

Everyone enjoys coming out into the street whether it's to socialize with other adults or watch - or even join in - the childrens' games. Traditional games such as skipping and hopscotch have been passed down as different generations mix but broken windows belong in the past as children only use the sponge ball provided! Parents remain responsible for their own children throughout the sessions, so times have changed since 1912, Diane!

Why not come along and join us next time? Watch out for the posters on White Street advertising the next session. **Niki Guthrie**

Advent Windows & Advent Tea Party

The Advent Windows have become a lovely part of Christmas in Six Streets with people decorating a window to bring a little lift to dark December mornings with home made designs, quirky ideas and seasonal images.

If you live in the Six Streets area and would like to decorate an advent window this year, drop a note through the letterbox at: 19 Statham Street with your name and contact details or email: 6streetsderby@gmail.com

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. The more the merrier!**

Jane and Paul Johnstone have again kindly agreed to host the Advent Calendar Tea

Party at 53 Park Grove again this year on Sunday 15 November from 2pm to 4pm where dates are decided and the advent numbers given out. Don't worry if you can't attend on the 15th, you can still take part.

The only 'rules' are that you display your number in your window from Sunday 22 November, you reveal your display first thing in the morning on your allocated date and we ask that windows stay open until the end of the week after Christmas.

Pictures of previous years' windows are on the Six Streets website: www.sixstreetsderby.org.uk, so you can see the wide variety and maybe pick up an idea or two. There are no prizes as artistic talent is not a prerequisite.

**Lyndsey Ramsden with
Jane & Paul Johnstone**



Carol Singing

Six Streets and St Alkmund's Church are joining forces again this year to sing our way around the local streets. All ages and abilities are very welcome, word sheets are provided.

Our aim is to spread a little festive cheer amongst friends and neighbours with our singing (!) and have a fun time together (we don't door knock or collect money).

We would be especially glad to receive requests to sing for those who are unable to get out to attend other carol singing events.

Please email 6streetsderby@gmail.com or drop a note into 137 Kedleston Rd. Mulled wine and mince pies are served afterwards at Jon and Becky's house. Meet at 6pm at the bottom of Wheeldon Avenue on Mon 21st Dec. Becky Hyde

Snow Patrol

As winter draws nearer, our Six Streets Snow Patrollers will be dusting off their shovels and collecting the grit in readiness to clear the paths again.

We would welcome new helpers – it's a great way to meet the neighbours and have snowball fights!

Helping people to get out safely in the snow makes a big difference to our community.

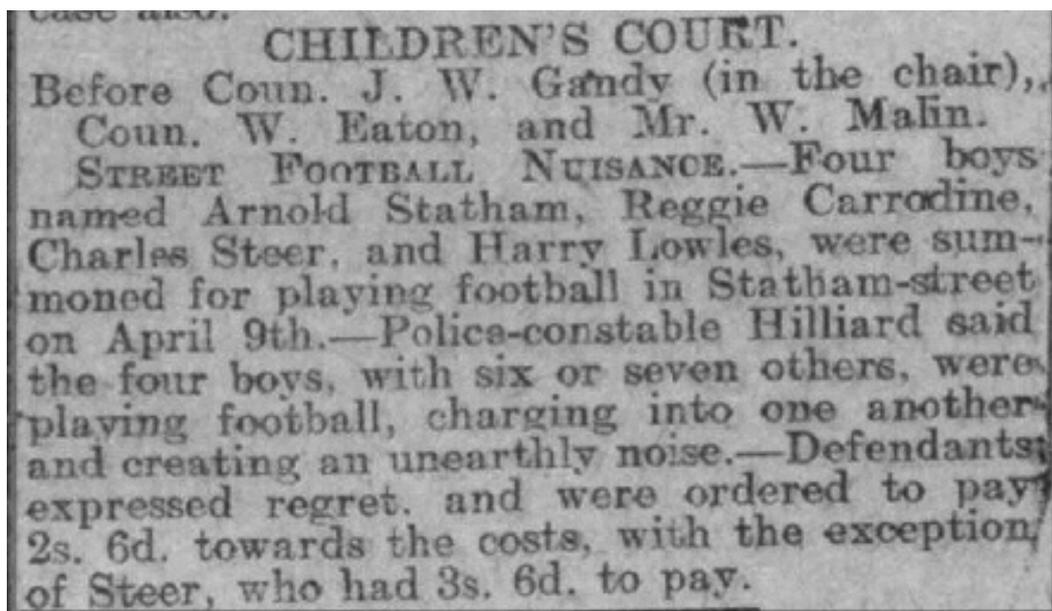
If you can help out, please contact:

**Becky Hyde:
rebekah.hyde@hotmail.co.uk
137, Kedleston Road.**

(Urban myth busting -clearing snow away does not make the Patrollers liable for any falls. As always, Six Streets will provide the shovels and grit).

Becky Hyde

History doesn't always repeat itself!



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Living half way up White Street, I enjoy looking out on the children playing in the street during the regular “play outdoor” sessions while the adults enjoy a chat together and catch up on local news.

Back in the early days of “Six Streets” when White Street organised their 2002 Jubilee celebrations, one of the things that struck most people was how amazing it was to see the street free of cars as it would have been 100 years ago.

We have several murky photographs of the streets in days gone-by in our archives and when I was talking to a former resident of Statham Street, he recalled a time in the 1950s when bylaws meant that cars couldn't be parked on these streets at night. This meant, after a trip out, his father dropped the family off in Statham Street and then parked the car at grandparents' house on Allestree Lane before catching a bus home. He remembers that his father got special dispensation to park on Kedleston Road when his mother was expecting his younger sister and due to go to hospital. We think this parking restriction might be related to a rule that when parking on a road you had to display lights -

but if you can provide us with more information please get in touch – contact: Diane at 34 White Street.

Recently, as part of our Six Streets and World War One project, one of our team found a newspaper reference to boys playing rowdy football in Statham Street in 1912 (Derby Daily Telegraph 16 April). She was researching the military career of Charles Steer who lived at 92 Kedleston Road. Charles turned out to be an interesting character – he enlisted in March 1916 aged only 17. The army tended to turn a blind eye to underage age volunteers and some served abroad on the front line much younger than the official minimum age of 19.

More of Charles' story can be found in “Six Streets & World War One” section of the History pages on the Six Streets website - on the page “Lest we Forget” where you will find details of the people who went away to fight. We are gradually adding information about local people as our research progresses.

As for those other boys fined for “creating an unearthly noise”: Arnold Statham lived at 48 Statham Street; Reggie Carrodine at 31 Statham Street and Harry Lowles at 5 Statham Street.

Diane Moss

Six Streets Meals

A team of volunteers has continued to provide meals for Six Streets residents mainly during a period of ill-health, the arrival of a new baby or significant building work which makes cooking almost impossible.

The number of requests for meals is currently relatively low so please publicise this service within the Six Streets community. If you, or a neighbour of yours, would appreciate some home cooked meals, get in touch with **Cathy who coordinates the meals on 07773206136 or at cathy@albertthedog.co.uk**

We are also looking for more volunteers to join the team providing meals in the Six Streets area. We aim to provide an inexpensive, home-cooked meal and volunteers are under no obligation to cook a meal every time a request is received.

Please contact Cathy if you would like to help out on the team.

This is how the meals service works:

1. Cathy receives a request for a few meals for a local resident(s).
2. She contacts the resident(s) and obtains detailed information e.g. dates on which meals are required, dietary requirements & food allergies, numbers to feed, etc.
3. She gets in touch with the volunteer cooks.
4. Volunteers select their preferred date(s), cook the meal(s) and then ensure it is delivered to the recipient's address.
5. Recipients ensure any dishes, etc are returned to the volunteers.

Many thanks to the team of volunteers who provide a much appreciated service in our neighbourhood.

Cathy Travis

Give a Six Streets Gift

After the second Arts Trail, Rebecca Morledge was commissioned to paint our area – celebrating the people and atmosphere of Six Streets.

Limited edition prints (unframed) of her work can be bought by dropping a note into 19, Statham St or emailing: 6streetsderby@gmail.com.

The smaller size costs £50 while the larger (40cm x 50cm) is £80. Rebecca donates a sum from each sale to Six Streets funds.

She can personalise your print by adding painted detail to the surround after discussing what you would like, this is an additional £15.

Greeting cards featuring the painting (blank inside for your own message) can also be bought from 19, Statham St, 75 Wheeldon Ave, 54 Wheeldon Ave or 112 Kedleston Rd. They cost 75p each or 6 for £4.

Diana Bruce



Six Streets Social

New to the area, want to find out about Six Streets, want to meet your neighbours or just want to be social?

Come along to The Broadway on Friday **20th November from 7.30pm**. It's a chance to catch up, make new friends and just spend an evening together. Hope to see you there.

Rachel Clarke