



Welcome to the Six Streets Newsletter

Autumn-Winter

2012

Six Streets Arts Trail 2013 - would you like to get involved?

The Six Streets Arts Trail 2012 was successful beyond all our expectations and we were delighted to welcome more than 750 participants over the weekend. Visitor feedback included '*new and fresh*', and '*fantastic - you must do it again*'.



The trail was made up of 43 visual artists, a history trail, face painting, live music and pop-up cafes. It all contributed to a very special weekend, and we would like to **thank everyone**

who took part and everyone who visited.

If you would like to get involved with the organisation for a 2013 Arts Trail, we'd love to hear from you.

We would also welcome any offers of houses for venues – a room or even a window – and pop-up cafes.

Just email Jane or Jenny at 6streetsderby@gmail.com

Daytime Book Group

A new daytime book group is just starting and would welcome more members.

Do you fancy reading something different and meeting to discuss the book with others over a convivial cup of tea?

If so please contact: Vanessa Robshaw at 6streetsderby@gmail.com

Local History Network News - October 2012

Thanks to all of you who came to see our exhibition or took part in the history trail in June. We really enjoyed hearing about your memories of the area and will add any information you gave us into our archives. We've updated the webpage to include pictures of our exhibition. The Air Raid Shelter was a popular attraction!

Were you so busy on the Arts Trail that you missed the History trail?

There will be another chance to the tour! Diane Moss will lead a **guided walk** of the Six Streets area on **Saturday 20 October**. Please meet at the junction of Park Grove and White Street for a 2.30pm start.

The talk is aimed at adults and will take about 45 minutes. There is no charge but it would be useful to know how many to expect. Please email 6streetshistory@gmail.com if you wish to come or require further information.

Are you interested in researching the history of your house or the history of the area?

Always keen to get others involved in research the History Network group have organised an evening at Local Studies Library (off Iron Gate) on Thursday 22 November, 7- 9 pm.

Librarian, Mark Young, will be there to tell us about the resources and documents we might



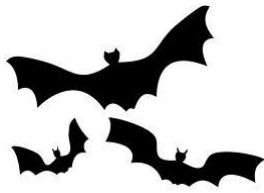
find useful for our research. He will also be able to explain how to make the best use of the library. There will be the chance to look at some original documents relevant to our area.

Please email 6streetshistory@gmail.com to reserve a place or if you require further information. We need 6 to 12 people for the evening to run so if you are interested please contact us by 19 November.

Safeguarding Children – free training

Last year we implemented a Child Protection/Safeguarding policy for Six Streets activities. If you would like to support this policy and become active in its implementation, we would love to hear from you. Free training is available for anyone wishing to take up this role. Please contact Jane at 6streetsderby@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN



This event has been running for the past 4 or 5 years and it has evolved as different people have come forward with their suggestions (hence the refreshments and the prizes for the amazing house makeovers). There might still be time for new ideas this year (especially if they are simple), so get in touch quickly.

Over the years, I have been involved in different ways from buying prizes for those wearing the gruesome costumes, rushing round the streets judging the wonderful pumpkins and am usually one of the people standing behind a table juggling samosa and drink orders! I have enjoyed doing all of these – if you have only ever seen Halloween from your own doorstep, then you have been missing out!

So why not get involved?

Some volunteers from previous years are willing to help out again but your input would be valued. The aim has always been to allow children to trick and treat enjoyably and safely while leaving residents who do not wish to be involved in peace. Halloween falls in the half- term holiday this year which will hopefully make logistics easier for some.



So if you have time to give to this event, please contact Diana at 6streetsderby@gmail.com, get in touch with **dianab** on the Six Streets website or complete the slip at the back of the newsletter and return ASAP.

SNOW PATROL

Icy pavements impair the ability of the elderly and other residents to be able to get out over the winter months.

With this in mind, we are trying to set up a volunteer 'snow patrol', with a couple of snow shovels based in each street. Volunteers would be required to clear a middle path as soon as the snow has settled. Six Streets will provide the shovels.

To volunteer, please contact: **Laura Burnett 384893**

A D V E N T

W I N D O W S

When we suggested the Advent Calendar windows idea to the Six Streets group, we never imagined it would be such a success.

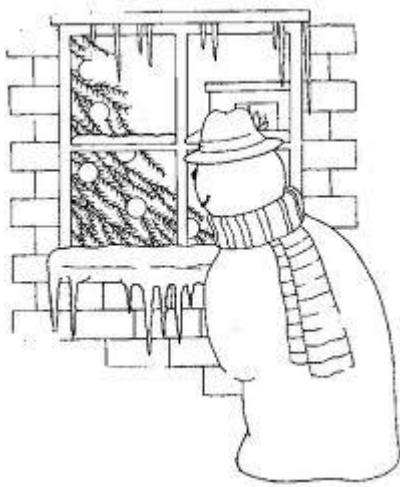
Last year there were 28 host houses. The idea came from a street we lived on in Brighton, the aptly named St Nicholas Road.

I suppose good ideas travel well.

We are lucky to have the school so close by, which gives us the excuse/opportunity to dress up the windows. This gives the children (and adults) a festive scene each day, as a new window is revealed, hopefully adding to the excitement of the countdown to the Big Day.



If you didn't see the windows last year, people did all sorts of different things, some very elaborate, some very simple – you can see them all on the Six Streets website at www.sixstreetsderby.org.uk



If you fancy decorating your window, please email Jenny at 6streetsderby@gmail.com before November 10. Numbers will be allocated, at our house, on Sunday November 18 between 2 and 4.

So get creative and get ready to celebrate the festive season!

Jane and Paul Johnstone

Christmas Party

Sunday 16th December

'Two for one festive fun'

Family afternoon party followed by a whisky
ceilidh

Look out for the flyer

Tickets available November

DVD Swap Scheme

The idea of a DVD swapping scheme has been raised. If anyone would like get together to figure out the logistics or if you have any great ideas then please get in touch with

Jenny at 6streetsderby@gmail.com

CARE OF THE ELDERLY

Are you willing to share your ideas or experience as an older person in the Six Streets area?

We would like to hear from some of our older residents.

- ❖ Do some of our existing groups or events need adapting for you to participate?
- ❖ Do you have suggestions for any other social activities that you would like to organise or participate in?
- ❖ Is there some help that can be offered to you or other older neighbours by residents and the Six Streets Group?
- ❖ What things cause difficulty for you – whether regularly or only occasionally – for example, would you really like some shopping done, your bins put out, or other kinds of practical help?
- ❖ Would you like to meet with some other residents for a cup of tea and a chat from time to time?
- ❖ Are you in a position to help others by sharing some of the organising that might become involved, or sharing other skills?

If you have anything to say or are able to contribute to the discussions about some of these questions, then please get in touch with Chris Newman at 6streetsderby@gmail.com

The Six Streets group will then consider any suggestions or requests and see whether we can offer help, or link people into appropriate existing services.

Finance

The Six Streets Arts Trail was incredibly successful. With more than 700 people attending, the event made a £1100 surplus. In addition to this, with the Darley Neighbourhood Board grant, Six Streets currently have a balance of £2,500

The newsletter is now taking a new format with all articles provided by the volunteers involved.

Therefore a massive thank-you needs to go to Richard for all of his editorial skills on each newsletter since 2008.

Are you prepared to get more involved in the Six Streets Group?

Do you have some time to give to help organise one of the local events or activities?

All the events and activities featured in this newsletter and throughout the year only happen with the help of a willing band of volunteers. It doesn't demand a lot of time and any offers of help are always gratefully received.

If there's a particular event that takes your fancy then please tick the box below or alternatively tick the general box to say you're happy to be called on when required or tick if you'd be prepared to be part of the overall organising group.

- Halloween**
- Steering Group**
- Advent Windows**
- Christmas Party**
- Arts Trail**
- Working with our older residents**

Please return to Diana Bruce - 54 Wheeldon Avenue

Got an opinion about the Six Streets Group? We'd love to hear it.

We are really interested in what people think of the Six Streets Group, the events, activities, newsletter etc., and would love to hear your comments - the positive and the negative. We will consider them carefully and take them into account for the future.

You can respond anonymously by posting this slip with your comments to the address below or by emailing us at www.sixstreetsderby.org.uk/contactus. If you would rather meet and talk, just let us know.

Reply to: Rachel Clarke - 75, Wheeldon Av