



Welcome to the Six Streets Newsletter

September 2014

Arts Trail 2013

Despite the rain, the 2013 Arts Trail had even more visitors than last year - we estimate around 800 people over the weekend. Visitor feedback included, 'something for everyone', and 'fantastic and gorgeous!'

Visitors and participants alike told us the 2013 trail felt 'more inclusive' which was good to hear as organisers worked closely with local groups, schools and residents to create this year's trail.

Artists, makers and musicians taking part in the 2013 trail came from all over the city and beyond.

The trail had 42 visual artists, a history trail, a vintage event in the WI Hall, live music, 'yarn bombing' on every tree on Wheeldon Avenue and pop-up cafés which raised several hundred pounds for a variety of charities.

A huge thank you 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.

Watch this space for news of the next Six Streets Arts Trail, planned for 2015...

Jane Hardstaff



Six Streets Showcase 2014 has Six Streets got talent?

We all know that Christmas time can be a very busy time of year so instead of having our annual Six Streets Christmas Party the Steering Group decided that there was still great enthusiasm for a seasonal get together and have scheduled a talent show to take place in January in preference to squeezing in another party in the Christmas period. Initially I am looking for a few enthusiastic people to help me organise an event on the 25th of January 2014 to showcase Six Streets talent.

We all know Six Streets has some very talented people indeed so I am also calling all budding and accomplished performers to come and help us chase away those winter blues and show us what you've got!

If you would like to help organise this event and/or take part please phone me on: 07910 307779 or email me at: tamsin.albiston@googlemail.com

Volunteers for Six Streets are always very welcome. If you think you could help & support your community please contact: Rachel Clarke at: 6streetsderby@gmail.com

Food Bank

In the last newsletter I asked if there were people in Six Streets who might be prepared to make a small donation of food each month so we could offer some support to the increasing number of people in the city who are relying on food banks.

Since April on the first Sunday in each month contributions have been collected from a number of local residents and since then we have donated 553 tins of food, 54 packets of rice, 71 packets of pasta, 35 litres of long life milk, 8 jars of instant coffee, 8 bottles of cooking oil, 34 packets of cereal and 1605 tea bags to the Red Cross in Derby! (These are approximate numbers in that a packet of rice may be 500g or 1kg and the tins may be small or large.) There have also been sundry other items donated - biscuits, chocolates, jam, sugar, cakes, shampoo.

One resident spotted a supermarket offer of a free pack of disposable nappies.

She thought of the food bank, took advantage of the offer and donated the nappies. Another resident who was clearing her father's house following his death very thoughtfully donated the contents of his well stocked larder.

Guy Freeman, the local Red Cross Co-ordinator says "I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the fantastic support that you are providing from Six Streets. The food supplies make an enormous difference to the vulnerable people that we support."

One of our regular contributors commented "With our contributions being collected on a regular basis it's been a really easy way of giving something back. It's good to feel we may make a difference to some-one else's life."

If you too would like to get involved and make a difference please do get in touch either by putting a note through my door at: 10 Wheeldon Ave or via the website. Jenny Denton

Six Streets Advent Calendar 2013

It's hard to believe that with the end of a wonderful summer only a few weeks behind us that we're starting to talk about this year's Advent Calendar. But because we want to be sure that everyone has an opportunity to take part we need to start talking now!

If you want to take part this year all you need to do is to let us know either by dropping a note through the letterbox at 10 Wheeldon Ave with your name and contact details or by emailing us 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 an Advent Calendar 'tea party' at 53 Park Grove again this year. This will be on Sunday 17 November between 2 and 4pm. 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 some of 2011 and 2012 windows are on the Six Streets website so you can see the wide range of contributions. In 2011 we had 28 windows in the calendar and last year we had 35.

Because the idea has proved so popular we are expecting even more this year. Jane and Paul Johnstone, and Jenny Denton

History Trail

Thank you to all those who gave us such positive feedback about the history trail that formed part of the Arts Trail weekend in June. We had some useful feedback and extra information about the history of the area from residents - including some useful new leads for us to research - more detective work for the group which we always enjoy! We were very pleased with the way the display panels around the area worked and we intend to use them again, with additional information panels added over time.

What's next?

With the 100th anniversary of the First World War approaching the group will be focusing on finding out how many Six Streets residents were involved in active service, 1914-1918. Our research has already started and we would be delighted to hear from anyone who has information and photographs of people who lived in our streets during the First World War.

If you have any information or are interested in getting involved please contact us at: 6streetshistory@gmail.com or get a message to 34 White Street

Snow Patrol

Following the success of last year's snow patrol we are planning to continue with snow clearance if needed this winter.

The group is now the proud possessor of our own grit bin (thanks to some funding from the Darley Neighbourhood Board) located outside the chemists on Kedleston Rd.

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. Snow shovels and grit will be supplied by Six Streets.

Six Streets History wins a national award



Members of the group were pleased and proud to win "Most Innovative" Community and Heritage Group, an annual award made by the Community Archive and Heritage Group.

CAHG is a national group which supports and promotes local and community archives groups like ours. Diane Moss attended the awards ceremony in London in July on behalf of Chris Johnson, Chris Newman, Ruth Sykens and the late Joan O'Higgins-unfortunately news of the award came just a bit too late for us to publicise our success at the Arts trail weekend in June. We were one of four winners, with the judges' comments that all the submissions for this year's award were of a "tremendously high standard".

The group won the award for their project on the 1911 census and taking our own mini-census for 2011 and comparing the then and now results. A copy of our final information booklet can be found on the Six Streets website.



To volunteer please contact: Jon and Becky Hyde on: 01332 720073 or 07732120698 or at: 137 Kedleston Rd

Halloween 2013

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

It's that time of year when the nights gets a little darker and as they do the Six Streets are lit up with creatively creepy pumpkins and spectacularly spooky houses.

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.

As in previous years there will be prizes for best-dressed house and pumpkin and for best child and adult costume. Judging will take place at 7.00 pm at the junction of Bromley Street and Newtons Walk outside Markeaton Primary school 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 at: 6streetsderby@gmail.com

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:

<http://www.derbyshire.police.uk>

Finances

Six Streets currently has £3,500 in the bank. Another Arts Trail success made a profit of £1,700 which included a grant of £500 from the Co-Op Community Fund.

A further Grant of £500 has been received from the Good Neighbour Fund, a partnership between Derby City Council, Public Health Directorate, NHS Derby City, Age UK Derby and Derbyshire and Community Action Derby. This money has been used to fund the snow patrol, printing and to launch the Friends Indeed network.

The Darley Neighbourhood Board have funded the Six Streets grit bin and a further grant of £200 has been received from Rolls-Royce. **Detailed accounts are available from Treasurer Paul Downes at 6streetsderby@gmail.com Treasurer Paul Downes**

Friends Indeed

Launched in February 2013, Friends Indeed was born out of the much appreciated Snow Patrol which started during last years long hard winter.

The aim is to try to help overcome social isolation and build on the many acts of informal neighbourliness which already take place in the area - people putting bins out for each other, collecting newspapers, pet walking or sitting, posting mail, changing light bulbs, or taking people shopping, for example.

It offers a network of contacts and social opportunities to meet from time to time such as meetings for "Tea and Chat" or outings for lunch. So far there have been

about half a dozen of these enjoyable get togethers and a summer car trip to Carsington Water including a lunch stop at Meynell Garden Centre.

We can also take advantage of opportunities offered locally by Broadway Baptist and St Alkmund's church communities, Bank Court coffee mornings and outings, The Leylands and Rycote restaurant/ cafe facilities, and the Derby Museum's community outreach.

There is now a network of around 30 people. If you or anyone you know in the area is interested to find out more please contact:

Chris Newman on: 01332 725568 or Rachel Clarke on: 01332 730589 or email: 6streetsderby@gmail.com