



Welcome to the Six Streets Newsletter

March 2013

Six Streets Arts Trail 22 & 23 June 2013

Last June, the Six Streets area hosted a successful Arts Trail with painters, photographers, ceramicists, sculptors and makers exhibiting in residents' homes and gardens.

Building on this success, preparations for this year's Arts Trail are well under way. This year's Arts Trail will be on the 22 and 23 June and we would like to extend an invitation to anyone who might like to be involved in this exciting event.

We are delighted that Markeaton Primary School will be participating in this year's Arts Trail exhibiting the pupil's art in its new assembly hall

Snow Patrol

It is a great pleasure to report the huge success of the Snow Patrol recently set up in the Six Streets area.

This success is totally due to the wonderful and good humoured nature of the intrepid volunteers who worked very hard to keep our pavements walkable while the snow was here. We wouldn't have been able to start this without a very generous donation from one resident of 20 snow shovels and "Six Streets" purchased the salt.

We now have been given some funding which will allow us to continue Snow Patrol and has helped us to start Friends Indeed.

Last year's trail was run by a small group of volunteers and we would welcome anyone who might like to help this year, either with planning or running the event on the trail weekend. We would also welcome anyone who would like to offer their house as a venue or exhibit in the trail.

If you might be interested in any of the above, please contact tinalhampton@ntlworld.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

Six Streets Arts Trail Group

We have had some very positive comments since being operational and I hope we can carry on the excellent efforts for the rest of the season should we need to.

Thank you Snow Patrollers for the great effort and early mornings!

We are very happy to have more volunteers ready for next year.

To volunteer please contact:

Laura Burnett 384893 or email sixstreetsderby@mail.com

Advent Calendar

Last year twenty eight households took part in our very first Six Streets Advent Calendar. The pleasure and interest generated obviously caught residents' imagination and this year the calendar boasted thirty five decorated windows.

Sadly we heard recently that a relatively newly arrived family in Park Grove had expressed an interest in participating but because they didn't receive a response to their email they had assumed that all the dates were taken. The email must have slipped through the net because the dates are never all taken in that when we reach twenty four we simply double up. Our sincere apologies if there is anyone else who didn't receive a response.

A big thank you to Paul and Jane (53 Park Grove) for the idea and for hosting the Advent Calendar Selection Tea Party where everyone who had offered to design and display a window was allocated a date. Thank you too to Rick (40 Wheeldon Avenue) and Becc (25 Wheeldon Avenue) for the photos on the website.

Friends and relations across the UK were waiting to see the windows on the website and we even had a request from Toronto asking when the photos would be on display!

We are sure this will now be an annual event so if you want to take part this year put your thinking caps on because the first window will be revealed on **Sunday 1 December and that's only about eight and a half months to go!**

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make it such a wonderful event.
Jane and Paul Johnstone and Jenny Denton.

Friends Indeed

Friends Indeed is being warmly received in the area, building on the huge gratitude for the efforts of the Snow Patrol. It is encouraging to hear about all the quiet neighbourliness that already goes on. It is great that so many more people are willing to get involved, keen to get to know others, to share ideas and experiences, and contribute expertise and advice or practical help and support.

Fourteen local residents, spanning a 50 year age range, enjoyed getting to know each other better at the first informal Tea and Chat on February 20th, kindly hosted by Rachel. From little acorns, oak trees grow, and anyone else who would like to know more or get involved please get in touch.

- email 6streetsderby@gmail.com
- drop a note in to **75 or 54 Wheeldon Avenue or 50 White Street**
- ring **01332 725568 or 01332 730589**

Meanwhile, we have definite offers by people willing to shop, offer local lifts, look after pets from time to time, and to host small groups for further social get togethers, so if you want to take up any of these, do get in touch too, using the same methods as above.

The next tea and chat is scheduled for:

Friday 15th March at 11.00am at 50 White Street (Chris on 01332 725568)

There will be a meeting for volunteers on:

Monday 18th March at 7.30 pm at 50 White Street.

Chris Newman

Six Streets and the 1953 Coronation



The history group is taking part in the Arts Trail again this summer and 60 years on from the coronation we are looking at collecting material and information about the area during the year 1953.

If you lived in the area at the time we would love to hear from you! We want information on whether there were street parties during the year, how did the area celebrate - do you have any photos we could borrow to copy. We are not just confining ourselves to the coronation celebrations but we have started to build up a collection of reminiscences and photos of the area in the 1950s and 1960s – for example, Roger, who was brought up in the area remembers that the “modern” houses on Wheeldon Avenue/West Bank Avenue were called “the Noddy Houses” when they were first built.

Roger has given us a fascinating account of living in Park Grove from 1953 (when he was two) until his family moved house in 1964. As well as describing what it was like to live in a house with no inside toilet or central heating he gives an insight into the social life of the area at the time:

“In the early sixties, most of the social life of the area revolved around the churches.; some families went to St Aidan’s, a corrugated iron ‘tin tabernacle’ at the bottom of Cedar Street, others including my family went to Broadway Baptist Church on Broadway. St Aidan’s had a church hall on Newton’s Walk opposite the end of Sherwin Street (now WI Headquarters), while Broadway had a hall and Sunday School building off West Park Road. Both offered a full programme of Scouts, Girl’s Life Brigade, Young Wives Clubs and jumble sales”.

If you can help us in any way please contact us at: **34, 50 or 51 White Street** or email us at **6streetshistory@gmail.com** **We would love to hear from you!**

Chess Player Wanted

Mike from Wheeldon Ave describes himself as experienced but rusty. He would like to hear from any chess players in the area who would be happy to meet up for an occasional game. Please email **6streetsderby@gmail.com** if you would be interested.

Are you interested in volunteering at Derby Local Studies Library?

The Library is looking for volunteers to work behind the scenes, collaborating with other volunteers to carry out research on original manuscripts, documents and photographs from the collections. This is a chance to be part of a high profile and exciting heritage project, with a definite contribution towards Derby’s history.

Volunteers are asked to participate for at least 3 hours a week for 6 months, although the project will run for 3 years. Training on how to handle manuscripts and use scanning equipment will be given.

For further details please contact: Diane Moss at 34 White Street or at **6streetshistory@gmail.com**

Six Streets Food Bank?

Food banks in the UK have reported significant rises in the numbers of people who are in need of their assistance. The Trussell Trust, which runs 250 food banks around the UK, says that three new food banks are opening each week. In December, The Children's Society reported that two thirds of teachers knew of staff providing pupils with food or money to prevent hunger.

I wondered if there were people in Six Streets who might be consider donating a small amount of food each month to support people in the city who were having difficulty buying food.

I have been in touch with the **Red Cross** and they have given me a list of the food which they distribute.

If anyone would like to be a part of a **Six Streets Food Bank** please let me know. Either a note through my door, **10 Wheeldon Ave** or email **6streetsderby@gmail.com**. I could let you have a list of the items to be donated - tins of soup, beans, vegetables, tuna, pasta, rice, tea, UHT milk etc.

I would be happy to receive or collect food from participating residents and would be happy to take our contribution to the **Red Cross** for distribution.

I'll see what interest there might be and then I'll be in touch with those people who express an interest and will also post something on the website.

Jenny Denton



Six Streets Aims and Objectives

As part of a recent funding bid for the Friends Indeed initiative we were asked for the Six Streets Aims and Objectives.

We realised these were first put together in 2007 when the Wheeldon Avenue group began.

Now we've become Six Streets we thought we ought to share them with the wider group. So here are the latest amended Aims and Objectives for the Six Streets group.

Aims:

- To build a spirit of community and reduce isolation by encouraging residents to work together, to support one another and to participate in a range of community events and activities

Objectives:

- To organise appropriate events and activities identified and promoted by the Steering Group or by individual residents
- To promote communication through the production and distribution of a regular newsletter and via a dedicated interactive website
- To manage our finances with transparency and fundraise whenever necessary
- To ensure the group maintains a flexible, informal and inclusive approach

Rachel Clarke

Security Advice

Unfortunately this neighbourhood has recently been suffering a high volume of break-ins from sheds and outbuildings with lefts of bikes, thefts from unlocked cars and potential house break-ins.

The police are currently conducting increased patrols regarding this, however please be aware and heed the following advice from the police:

- Lock cars when parked
- Lock all house doors and shut windows
- Consider investing in a shed alarm
- Don't keep high value property in your shed/outbuilding
- Ensure bikes are locked with a good quality lock and postcode marked.
- Make note of the make, model and frame number
- Ensure you register the frame number for your bike
- Check access routes to gardens and lock gates
- Don't leave garden tools outside your property.
- Consider investing in security lighting.
- Ensure items such as lawnmowers are property marked
- Can the property in your shed be seen from the shed window?
Consider blocking out the window

Please speak to your neighbours and help to raise awareness. Don't hesitate to report any suspicious activity to your local police on 101 or call to ask for advice. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team is:

Sgt Rob Wilson
PC Dalbir Janagal
PC Robin Singleton
PCSO Linda Ball
PCSO Sophie Charles



Six Streets Welcome Pack

You may not be aware but we have a welcome letter which we try to deliver to newcomers when they move into the area.

We have some volunteers who deliver these letters but would be happy to hear from anyone else who is prepared to do this in their street.

Also if you are aware of new neighbours, please let us know so we can ensure they receive a letter.

Please email 6streetsderby@gmail.com or contact **Rachel Clarke 75 Wheeldon Ave.**

EASTER BUNNY TRAIL



www.sixstreetsderby.org.uk

Sunday 31st March - 10.30am

We invite all Six Streets children, grandchildren and friends to meet up with the Easter Bunny on Easter Sunday and take part in a range of Easter activities.

The hunt is for FIVE different Easter picture tokens hidden across the park to exchange for a chocolate egg. There will be egg rolling and jarping* (so bring your own decorated hard-boiled egg) as well as egg and spoon and bunny hopping sack races before heading over to the café for a drink and a chat.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Meet at the gates to Derwent Park on Duffield Rd
(opposite West Bank Avenue) at 10.30 am Sunday 31st March.

Booking is essential.



To take part...

just complete the slip and deliver it to **No. 19 Statham St** with the correct money, £2.50 for first child (then £2 for each brother/sister) by **Friday 22nd March**.

Receipt of money will be acknowledged.

If you have friends in Strutt's Park, then please let them know that the community group there is jointly hosting the event with us. More details from struttparkderby@gmail.com

* Jarping - or tapping/knocking/fighting is when 2 eggs are knocked together with the unbroken one winning

Please find enclosed £



(£2.50 for one child, £4.50 for 2 living at the same address, £6.50

for three children family etc) Cash, or cheque payable to **Six Streets Group**)

**Return to:
19, Statham St by
Friday 23rd March**

Name/s of child/ren:

Age/s: (event suitable for walking age up to 12yrs)

Your Contact Details: (email or address - please give email if you live further away)