



welcome to the **Six Streets** newsletter March 2016

Six Streets Table Top Sale

Saturday June 18th - 1pm till 4pm

Six Streets is holding another Table Top Sale giving people the opportunity to make space by selling their unwanted stuff, for the crafters amongst us to sell handiwork with gardeners selling on surplus plants etc.

Six Streets will be publicising the event widely - if you can help with this, please get in touch by emailing 6streetsderby@gmail.com. Also if you would like to help sell refreshments for an hour or so on the day, please let us know.

Perhaps you'd like to raise money for a charity? Perhaps family or friends would like to have a stall at your house? **If you are having a stall, it will be £5 with a cake donation.**

Watch out for bookings opening with the delivery of a slip in May, this will also be online.

Diana Bruce

Thank you

There are a number of thank yous to include in this newsletter

Snow Patrollers

thanks for wielding their shovels on the one day of snow. Let's hope we don't have to mobilise them again!

Advent Windows

thank you to all those who took part by decorating their windows, gates and front gardens.

Picnic in the Park

Sunday 12th June 12.30pm onwards.

Join us in Derwent Park (the top of Darley Park) as we celebrate the **Big Lunch**. The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours annually on the first Sunday in June in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

Bring a picnic, something to sit on, games to play, musical instruments or just the paper and join us for an informal social gathering.

Rachel Clarke



We had a record number of participants this year. Thank you to Lyndsey for organising, to Jane and Paul for hosting the launch tea party and to Tim Cooper and Katie Gibson for their photographs.

Without all you wonderful volunteers and participants Six Streets events would not happen.

Rachel Clarke

Friends Indeed

With this newsletter you will also find a 'business card' with contact details for the local Friends Indeed network, which provides regular opportunities for tea and chat sessions, links to other local initiatives including the University of Derby Students Union's Age Exchange project, and responds to request for contact and information, or to occasional support needs.

Please pass this card on to any neighbours who might be interested in getting involved, or their families.

For more information please contact us using the phone or email details on the card.

New hosts for teas and chats are always welcome too!

Six Streets Food Bank in partnership with Red Cross

On the first Sunday of each month a dedicated group of Six Streets residents contribute to the Food Bank which has been running for nearly three years.

Guy Freeman, the local Red Cross Co-ordinator, has told us that the organisation has recently completed a review of the organisation's achievements during last year, and the food donations have made a massive difference to the help it has been able to provide. The Red Cross works very closely with many other voluntary sector organisations in Derby so that between them all they provide support to all vulnerable people in the area.

Guy said "The food you donate is an essential part of the support package that we offer and we are so grateful to you and your team for the quality, volume, and regularity of your donations. So thanks again for your fantastic support - it's wonderful to be working with organisations such as Six Streets".

Knitted Squares

I am currently knitting squares to create blankets for causes including the Night-shelter. So if anyone would like to join me or has any knitted squares or wool that they no longer have a use for please contact me at tinalhampton@ntlworld.com or on **01332 740805**.

If you are relatively new to knitting squares are an ideal project - and can even be done while watching T.V!

Thank you, Tina.



Anyone interested in getting involved please contact Jenny Denton at 10 Wheeldon Avenue.

Democracy - Registering to Vote

Some Derby University students live in the Six Streets area and students are less likely to be on the electoral register under the new rules. Rather than one person in household registering everyone, each person now needs to do it for themselves.

Searching for **About My Vote** will get you to the Electoral Commission website and you can then register online. **You can also ring the commission on 020 7271 0500 or contact the council on 01332 293111.**

Of course this is not just for students, other people who have moved recently or otherwise fallen off the register will only be able to vote in May or in the EU referendum if they register in time.

For those reading this online:
www.aboutmyvote.co.uk/register-to-vote/how-to-register-to-vote

Six Streets Trees

The future for the six street trees is not looking good at present.

You may have seen this topic on our Facebook page or on Discussions on the website. From those kind enough to comment it seems there is overwhelming support for the trees which it was agreed improve air quality, aesthetic and house prices!

In recent years we have lost 2 trees which have been felled but not replaced. The latest of these was one on Statham Street.

Discussions so far with **Councillor Martin Repton** regarding the replacement of this tree have proved unsuccessful. Martin and **Derby City Council Tree Department** have estimated replacement costs at £200 for the tree and £3-5k for excavation and installing of a tree pit. Additionally, Martin says approval from utilities is also an issue. With Council budget cuts the council has no plans to replace trees going forward.

So what can we do? We really need suggestions on how to proceed.

If you would like to offer any advice, volunteer/help to try to preserve these beautiful trees please contact us via the six streets website or Facebook page.



Playing Out is Back!

With the lighter afternoons comes the return of...



Playing Out on White Street.

We have the dates for 2016 confirmed from March through to the Summer holidays and they are:

Friday 1st April Friday 6th May
Friday 3rd June Friday 1st July Friday 5th August

All sessions will run from 4-5pm at the top half of White Street.

Please come along at 3.45 to help set up and let the children hear the safety briefing.

It has been very special watching all ages come out to relax and enjoy the communal space and we looking forward to welcoming new faces to the sessions this year.

The premise is simple: the road is closed to traffic so that children can play safely in the street. We ask the children not to play with hard or heavy balls due to the risk of damage to property, but we have a sponge ball, chalks, skipping ropes and plenty of imagination. Bring your toys, your friends or just yourselves! Parents are reminded that they remain responsible for their children and are asked to come along to supervise and socialise.

Spare hands are always needed for manning the road closure points and assisting with refreshments so if you are able to help, please contact Diana (54 Wheeldon Ave) or Chris (50 White St).

Parked cars can be left on the street, although it's nicer for everyone if the street is free of vehicles during the Playing Out session. There will be escorted access to and from properties within the road closure area but no right of way for through traffic. If you need to get to or from your property please let a steward know so that we can escort your car without putting the children in danger.

Niki Guthrie

Refugees arrive in Derby

No, not 2016, but October 1914.

Looking through old church magazines in the Derbyshire Archives I was amazed to learn that in the autumn of 1914 as the battle lines of Northern Europe drawn up Belgian refugees flooded into this country.

One of our local churches - **St Anne's** - supported a family throughout the war renting a house and raising money to pay for their food and living expenses. In June 1918 Mr and Mrs Lintermans moved to Birmingham for work and were sent off to start their new life with the surplus from the fund - £1 and 8 shillings. In total the church raised more than £268 for their fund (that's worth £27,895 in today's money) – for a parish in a deprived area this was a considerable weekly commitment. **Mr Hamp at 22 Statham Street was the treasurer of the fund.**

Intrigued by this story I started to look at old newspapers. **The Derby Daily Telegraph** records that the Mayor of Derby set up a “**shilling fund**” and within a week almost £240 had been raised with contributions from companies, trade unions and individuals. **Mr Edward Hulse of Parkfields House gave 100 shillings (£5).**

110 refugees arrived in the first month and were welcomed and housed locally.

The Derby Daily Telegraph published a regular column in French to update the new Belgian residents on the progress of the war.

late news just in...

The history group are delighted to let you know that we have recently been awarded a grant from the Centre for Hidden Histories (of WW1) Community Development Fund

<http://hiddenhistorieswwi.ac.uk/events/>

This will enable us to offer subsidised places on a coach to visit the **National Railway Museum's exhibition, in York**, about Ambulance Trains. This is relevant to our project because so many people locally belonged to “**railway families**” ie where at least one person

The Congregational Church on Victoria Street supported 19 Belgian refugees for 4 ½ years renting two houses and letting out their school room for the Belgian children to be educated. Broadway Baptist Church still uses a visitors' book given to them as a leaving gift by Olivier Platteau and family from Antwerp who had been befriended by the church whilst in exile. At that time the church was on St Mary's Gate.

At the end of the war 90% of the 250,000 refugees returned home. It is believed that Agatha Christie, who helped with the Belgian refugee appeal was inspired from her experience to create her detective Hercule Poirot.

Six Streets History are in the final phase of their Lottery funded World War One project.

We will be involved in the Street Sale in June. Look out for the free information leaflet that will be distributed in June to all houses in Six Streets.

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My dear Friends,

I am glad to say we have obtained a house for a Belgian family, in the parish. It is at the corner of Walter and Leyland Streets. I am also glad to know how well you have responded to the appeal. We can still do with a little more help. Can anyone give any furniture, pictures, table linen, knives and forks, etc.? Anything will be welcome. Just drop me a line saying you can offer some article, and I will see that it is fetched, no matter how big or how small.

worked for the Midland Railway (or London and Great Northern which also had a base in Derby), as well as because many local soldiers would have travelled on ambulance trains (9 of which were made here in Derby).

We hope that the visit will take place on Saturday September 3rd 2016, so if you would like to go, please pencil this date in, and further information to book will be available soon.

Arrangements for Easter Event

please read if you are coming. Large print version available on request to 54 Wheeldon Ave or find it on the website calendar page.

1. Please get your money in a.s.a.p. Places are limited and even if we don't get booked up, the shops run out of eggs so we can't buy after the deadline.
2. When your money is acknowledged, you will get a booking number for each child (children are welcome to memorise their number as we need it on the day!)
3. Remember to prepare a hard boiled egg if you're going to be rolling or jarping.
4. If the weather is extreme, please check Six Street website and Facebook page in case we have to cancel.
5. If you choose to bring a dog (not advised), then it should be on lead, supervised and happy with crowd of excited children(!)
6. Please do not leave litter during the event – there are bins nearby.
7. Please be aware there are dogs being walked in the park, their owners will not be aware of the event so dogs maybe off lead and unused to big groups of children, so please keep an eye out and make sure children don't approach unfamiliar dogs.
8. All children must be accompanied by responsible adult.
9. Your child may possibly be out of your sight for short intervals, so please remind them about staying in area and stranger danger issue.
10. Vehicles are restricted in the park but there may be Streetpride ones. Please tell nearby children if there is a vehicle close by.
11. Before everyone arrives, volunteers will clear the area of broken glass, dog mess and other hazards but in case we miss something, please just keep an eye out.
12. The volunteers will also set out the picture and letter clues. These will not be in any nettle or bramble patches so you can steer clear of those.
13. At 10.30am, two Six Streets volunteers will be on the grass down from Duffield Rd ready to sign the children in. Please be on time and have booking number ready to speed things up.
14. Children get a sticker to help identify them – blue stickers collect eggs from one table, green from the other.
15. We hope to have everyone signed in by 10.50am when it will be time for the Easter Bunny - he may need some encouragement to appear!
16. The hunt takes place in the section of Derwent Park uphill from meeting place towards gate leading to Belper Rd.
17. Age categories are just guidelines, you can decide the activity for your child/ren e.g. might be easier for you if child near age boundary does same activity as sibling
18. Children under 7 years old will be looking for 5 different picture clues on different coloured cards: PINK Bonnet, GREEN Lamb , RED Bunny, Orange Egg and YELLOW Chick.
19. When they have collected all 5, they can return cards and collect an Easter Egg from the table.
20. Children aged 7 and over should bring a pencil and when signing in collect an answer form. They need to look for the multicoloured egg signs around area - dangling from branches etc.
21. There will be a letter and number attached to each sign, write the letter down in that numbered box on answer form.
22. 7 years olds can collect their egg when they have 7 letters, 8 year olds need 8 letters, if you're 9 you need 9 letter and everyone else needs 10 letters. Any child is welcome to collect all 10 if they wish (still get just the one egg!)
23. Once you have completed the hunt, you can go back to the meeting place and take part in the egg & spoon and sack races as well as the egg rolling and jarping up on the slope.

Easter Sunday Bunny Trail



27th March 10.30am

Six Streets children, grandchildren and friends are invited to take part in this year's *eggsciting Easter* event where they will meet the Easter Bunny!

There is picture card hunt activity for younger children and a letter one for 7's and over - details in '**Easter Arrangements**'. Afterwards there are egg and spoon and bunny hopping sack races, along with egg rolling and jarping*.

As the event is very popular, it is too difficult to tell everyone the necessary information on the day so all the details are in the '**Easter Arrangements**' section. You should read this before booking. **Please note numbers are limited and it will be first come, first served.**

To take part...

complete the slip below (can be printed out from website calendar page) and deliver it to: 19 Statham St with correct money (£2.50 for first child then £2 for each brother/ sister) by **Wednesday 23rd March**. Receipt of money will be acknowledged. Please do not deliver money if notice there says event is full.

*Jarping is when 2 eggs are knocked together with the unbroken one winning.



Please Enclosed £



(£2.50 for one child, £4.50 for 2 siblings, £6.50 for three brothers & sisters etc) cash or cheque payable to '**Six Streets Group**'

Your contact details:

(preferably email – if your address is outside of core area has to be email)

I have read and agree with the Easter Arrangements

Signed

Name

★ Please return to:

19, Statham St

by Wednesday 23rd March

(Check for Event Full notice when delivering.

Sorry - no late money can be accepted)

★ Activity:

please circle which activity you'd like to take part in:

*Collect 5 picture cards

*Write letters on answer form

Name/s of child/ren: (event is suitable for walking age up to 12 yrs)