



Kabaddi at the Carnival and Mela

For the first time Darnall Carnival and the Baishakhi Mela will take place in the same weekend this year.

The events will take place on 13th and 14th June in High Hazels Park.

At the Mela on Sunday there is going to be a fashion show and we are looking for some volunteers to model in a fusion of East meets West fashion. If you would like to take part, book a stall or have any ideas please get in touch with Anne or Shabana on 0114 249 0099.

Over the weekend we want to stage Darnall's first ever Kabaddi Tournament, but we need your help to make this happen. We need teams of 6 players to enter the tournament (over 18s only). If you are interested get in touch with Darnall Forum or the Bangladeshi Neighbourhood Welfare Centre.



Out and About with Darnall in Bloom

Tuesday 24 February Aaliyah Mosque and Cultural Centre

Members of the Darnall in Bloom Group joined members of the Mosque Committee to plant some fruit trees in their new garden. Darnall in Bloom is also helping by providing fencing for the Garden.



Thursday 26 February Phillimore School

Cllr. Harry Harpham joined pupils and staff of Phillimore Park Community Primary School to celebrate the building of 4 new tree planters in the school playground. These will provide shade in the summer and shelter in the winter.



Friday 13 March Church of Christ

Student Volunteers from Sheffield University Landscape Department joined Darnall in Bloom to clear weeds, prepare the site and sow wildflower seeds. The flowers should start coming through in April/May and will flower through until the Autumn.



Still to Come...

Watch out for Wildflowers at Darnall Children's Centre, an Outdoor Classroom at Greenlands Junior School and this year's batch of planters for the Darnall Shopping Centre. There'll be troughs of flowers on barriers around the junction with Main Road and Staniforth Road, as well as lamp post wraps and floor based planters on Main Road and outside the library.

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Credit Union at Darnall Children's Centre

To support Darnall Community Nursery parents we are starting a Credit Union with pay-in points at the Darnall Children's Centre and the Friday Toddler Group, Starworks, to help people 'beat the credit crunch'.

Darnall Community Nursery will be opening an account for all children who attend the Nursery and Friday Toddler Group, with a start-up donation of £1.00 to each child and a money box.

■ For more information please contact the Nursery on 0114 242 3510.



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News from the Family Development Project ...

Many thanks to all who attended the Grand Fundraising Dinner on the 6th March. We raised over £700 for the charity.

In response to requests & feedback we will host another event in March 2010.



The Family Development Project is 10!!

Come along on Tuesday 28th April 10am till 6pm to celebrate our special birthday – FREE games, craft, food & tours round the project.

This is your chance to come, meet, share and celebrate the project's achievements with funders, Management Committee and Trustees, families, friends and volunteers. The fun starts at 10am and lasts throughout the day. For more information contact us on 0114 244 8497

Easter Open Day

FREE family fun and crafts from 10am till 2pm on Tuesday 14th April

Vacancies

Watch out for details of 2 'new' Family Support Worker Posts in the local press now

Gardening is Childs' Play with Darnall Well Being



Spring is here and it is time for a new start! Darnall Well Being have recently moved to new premises at 214 Main Road and plan to launch new opening times ready for the Summer.

■ Stay active and healthy this Spring on our community garden up at Infield Lane Allotments (access via Catley Road, near the top of High Hazels Park). Grow your own fruit and veg, save money, meet new people and get some fresh air by joining our Darnall Community Allotment Group. Weekly organised drop-in sessions will start Tuesday 21st April at 11am. No experience needed – just come along and join in the fun!

- Look out for our Play Workers in your local street or green space during the Easter holidays – they will be delivering free and fun outreach play in locations across Darnall and Acres Hill. Alternatively join them at the Fire Station, 11.30am – 12.30pm on Saturdays for indoor and outdoor games and creative play!
- Over-50's bike rides start in April – structured routes, advice and support at hand with our friendly Pedal Ready instructors. As well as being better for the environment than a car, cycling is a great way to keep active and is kind to your joints! Our sessions will help you build confidence and give you the skills to ride safely around your local area.

For more information call Lucy on 0114 249 6315.

Fly-Tipping = £3.6 million Worth Dumped Last Year

Sheffield City Council spent £3.6 million on clearing up fly-tipped waste last year.

Fly-tipping is the dumping of rubbish without authorisation on private or Council-owned land, or rubbish dumped on land where the owners do not have a Waste Management Licence.



Sheffield already has a good waste disposal service, but some people can't be bothered to use it for their household waste, or don't want to pay extra for their commercial waste.

We all suffer; rubbish in our parks and green places looks nasty and can be dangerous to people and wildlife.

In Sheffield during 2007-08 there were an average of 165 recorded incidents of fly-tipping each day! Each incident cost an average of £60 to deal with; that's more than £3.6 million of tax payers money.

During the year 2008/09 the council has prosecuted seven people for fly-tipping and cautioned 19 others for waste offences.



If you see someone dumping rubbish you can report it to the Environment Protection Service by calling 0114 203 7410 or 0114 203 7411 or 101 (non-emergency number).

Housing Office to Stay in Darnall

Councillors and local activist have been celebrating after hearing the news that Sheffield Homes would keep the Darnall Housing Office open.

The office had been set to close as part of a cost cutting exercise in spite of the fact that over 800 people use their services every month. Regulars would use the office to: make complaints; report anti-social behaviour; get advice about re-housing; and talk about other concerns they may have.

Tenants and Councillors protested about the planned closure and organised a petition to go to the council, and a consultation that had been planned was put on hold while alternative solutions were explored.

It has now been confirmed that Sheffield Homes intend to keep the service in Darnall, continuing to provide front-line staff to deal with general enquiries and more in depth support.

Councillor Mary Lea said, 'We are all very happy that we have been successful in achieving this reversal and look forward to seeing people in Darnall get the service they deserve and need. A lot of people have been instrumental in making this happen including Mazher Iqbal, Gwen Dean and Ida Smith from Littledale and the Chair and Committee of the SUG Tara.'

The Darnall Housing Office is on Station Road in Darnall and is open 5 days a week.

Why We Should Vote on 4 June 2009

There is a good chance, at the next European Election on 4th June, that a right-wing candidate will be elected to the European Parliament. This is because the election will be conducted by proportional representation, and any party which wins more than 10%, or one in every ten, of the votes cast is likely to get a candidate elected.

To stop this from happening people in places like Darnall – where different faiths and cultures get on well together – need to turn out in large numbers to vote for candidates who don't have a message of hatred or fear. It doesn't matter who you vote for, so long as you don't vote for an extremist candidate, but it is important that you do vote.

There will be a meeting about how we can encourage people to vote, and stop a right-wing extremist from being elected, at the Darnall Forum Offices on Wednesday 15 April at 7pm. Speakers will include Clive Betts MP and representatives from Unite Against Fascism and The Islamic Society of Britain.

This is what local people had to say:

- *We all need to respect and appreciate each other more.*
Saheed Siddique, Sheffield Health Centre
- *Darnall is a richly diverse community, let us look to enjoy the richness of that diversity rather than let others enjoy turning diversity into division.*
Revd Pete Whittingham, Vicar of Darnall
- *We have worked very hard to bring residents together. Let's make sure we all use our votes to maintain this togetherness.*
Sylvia Hamilton, Chair of Darnall Forum
- *Unless you register you have no vote. Unless you vote you have no say. Let's all vote and say we want a community united and working together.*
Clive Betts MP

To register to vote or obtain a postal ballot form please ring Sheffield Town Hall on 0114 273 4093 or log on to www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/elections/contact-us





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Friday-Sunday 5-12pm Open all bank holidays

Clive Betts MP Advice Surgeries

First Saturday monthly: Darnall Library

Third Saturday monthly: Crystal Peaks Library

9:30 – 11:00am

Please call the number below for an appointment.

Email: bettsc@parliament.uk Telephone: 0114 273 4444

2nd Floor, Barkers Pool House, Burgess Street, Sheffield S1 2HF

www.clivebetts.com

Darnall in Bloom Garden Competition

B&Q Vouchers worth £50 prize for the
best Sheffield Homes garden

B&Q Vouchers worth £50 prize for the
best private garden



To enter your garden, patio, window boxes, or balcony
call Anne at Darnall Forum on 0114 249 0099.



Closing date for entries – Friday 10 July
Judging – first week of August



Praise or problem? Let us know about it

Is there anything you want to tell us about, good or bad? If you want to let us know about something we have done well, or something good happening in Darnall, or if there is an issue that we need to act on, you can let us know in confidence.

Name:

Address:

Comments:

Please drop this slip in to Darnall Forum or post it to Darnall Forum,
245 Main Road, Sheffield S9 4QD or call us on 249 0099.

If you need this in another language or format call 0114 249 0099

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Sheffield City Council Has Stopped Our Funding

From 1 April, Sheffield City Council won't be funding us.

What this means for Darnall:

- Darnall Forum staff will be working on short-time until we get more funding and could lose their jobs in November
- The Forum offices will be closed on Fridays from April and will only open 10 till 4 Monday to Thursday
- The Darnall Carnival will be scaled down compared to last year's event
- We will have to spend less time helping people who drop-in for advice in order to meet our other commitments, such as getting people into jobs and training
- We may have to leave our current offices at 245 Main Road and find somewhere smaller
- This may affect the number of lifelong learning classes we can run
- This will be the last Darnall Herald delivered to your door for the foreseeable future.

If you're not happy about this situation, send an email or letter to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Paul Scriven (paul.scriven@sheffield.gov.uk) or the Deputy leader, Cllr David Baker (david.baker@sheffield.gov.uk).

You can still find out what we are doing by visiting our blog at <http://darnallforum.blogspot.com>

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