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Pupils have designs on their future

As school pupils across Rotherham return to their desks, work is continuing to transform Rotherham's learning for the future.

The first stage of the education transformation has been given the green light by the Government, and now additional work has been completed to submit more detailed plans showing how Rotherham will actually deliver the major changes. Over the remainder of the academic year, a range of projects will be underway, working with schools and local communities to develop the proposals.

The work is all part of the efforts underway to bring £100m in funding to

the borough through the national Building Schools for the Future programme. Overall, Rotherham expects to receive around £200m in total for learning projects from the Government.

The initial stage of the BSF programme will see new school buildings created for five Rotherham secondary schools – Aston; Maltby; Oakwood; Swinton and St Pius. As part of the Maltby project, Hilltop Special School and the new school created out of the amalgamation of Maltby Hall Infants and Lilly Hall Juniors will move to new school buildings

on the same site as the newly-built secondary school.

Work on all the new buildings is due to begin in 2011 and be completed in 2013. Other secondary schools will benefit from new facilities in later years as the scheme rolls out.

During this term, pupils at the five schools and others around the borough will work with building design experts to discuss what they would like to see in their new school buildings. There will also

be an assessment of the technology requirements in the new schools.

Parents and others from the local community will then have the chance to look at and comment on those ideas and others generated

during the process to inform discussions with construction contractors further down the line.

Building Schools for the Future is just one element of the Transforming Rotherham Learning project which is looking to use a range of bids for funding and new initiatives to boost achievement levels and opportunities for children in all the borough's schools.

Other projects include the Primary Capital Programme which Rotherham is using to fund the primary school element of the Maltby co-location.

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Cllr Shaun Wright, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, said: “Creating state-of-the-art new facilities in schools is a major boost both to the school community and the local community. However, it is only one element of creating a learning environment that will raise achievement levels.

“By taking this wide-ranging approach to developing learning we can involve every school in the benefits that projects

like BSF can bring.

“We are absolutely determined to provide Rotherham children and families with the best schools we can and this investment will lead to great facilities. Children and young people are trying harder than ever to learn and teachers are using their skills to provide our children with the best education.

Providing the most modern learning environment for this work will greatly assist that.”

Sue says a fond farewell



BYE BYE LOLLIPOP: Broom Valley Community School said a fond farewell to school crossing patrol Sue Holford this summer. Sue (60) retired after 24 years in the role where she helped children safely cross the busy road outside the school and became a valued member of the team. Sue is pictured with Rotherham Borough Council Customer Services Manager Jane Muffett and Customer Services Officer Robert Walker.



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Where Everyone Matters

Put bikeability to the test

Pupils across Rotherham are being urged to put their biking ability and safety to the test as they head back to school this term.

Rotherham Borough Council is encouraging children and young people who cycle to school or for fun to be safe riders and to take advantage of the free Bikeability training for schools.

Primary school students in years five and six and secondary schools across the borough are offered the approved National Bikeability Standard for cycle training through the Cycle Experience.

Pupils who take advantage of the free lessons will learn how to ride their bikes to the Bikeability standard, giving them the skills and confidence required to cycle on today's busy roads.

It is hoped that by next April around 2,000 pupils in the area will have received Bikeability training.

Cllr Gerald Smith from Rotherham Borough Council said: "Cycle training is not just about teaching children to ride a bike but equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to ride a bike safely throughout the rest of their life.

"It's also about introducing them to cycling as an everyday activity, an alternative mode of transport and an enjoyable pastime which brings a healthier lifestyle and ultimately lots of fun."

Cycle training in Rotherham is part-funded by a Cycle Training Grant from the Department of Transport and is available throughout the year.

Initial requests for cycle training should be made through the school, where the numbers of pupils involved will be determined and liaison will take place with the council and Cycle Experience to organise a training session.



ON YER BIKE: Schoolchildren ensure they are ready to ride with Bikeability training

Grant to inspire young people in Rawmarsh

Young people and their families in Rawmarsh won't have to look far for inspiration as a new scheme comes to the town.

Around £400,000 is to be spent in Rawmarsh on a range of projects as part of the Government's Inspiring Communities Grant Programme, after the council was successful in bidding for the funding.

Schools, local organisations and businesses will work with parents, students and the Rawmarsh community to set up a campaign aimed at raising the aspirations of children aged between 11 and 14 to create new opportunities for them, broaden their horizons and build their own self-esteem.

Agencies already involved include Rawmarsh Comprehensive School, Inspire Rotherham, Rotherham Borough Council, South Yorkshire Police, 2010 Rotherham Ltd, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

Service, the High Street Centre and the Rotherham and Parkgate Learning Partnership.

Councillor Shaun Wright, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services and the campaign leader, said: "This funding will make a major difference to our efforts to improve education standards and help young people in Rawmarsh reach their potential.

"Education and young people's development isn't just about what happens in the classroom. By getting existing projects and services working together and using this funding to stimulate some new ideas we are confident we can achieve a huge amount with our young people."

Work will now begin to plan in detail what projects and schemes can be supported by the funding in Rawmarsh and what new initiatives could be launched in the area. The project is due to run until March 2011.

Horse enthusiasts wanted for bridleways group



BEST FOOT FORWARD: Members of Rother Valley Bridleways Group pictured during their first outdoor event - a walk round Ulley

Calling all horse owners and riders! Horse enthusiasts have got together and formed a group with the aim of improving bridleways across the area.

Rother Valley Bridleways Group (RVBG) aims to bring together and support horse owners and riders in and around Rother Valley. The group also hopes to enable members to develop contacts and join together in taking action to improve safety and develop the bridleways in the local community.

RVBG invites owners and riders from across North Nottinghamshire, North East Derbyshire and Rotherham to join the group and take part in its forthcoming meetings and events. The group is affiliated to the British Horse Society which is a registered charity.

Last month the group held its first outdoor event - a walk round tracks and bridleways in and around Ulley which was followed by a barbecue.

The group holds meetings on the first Thursday of every month and new members are welcome. October's meeting will take place at Killamarsh Leisure Centre at 8.15pm on October 1.

The group is already having a positive effect on local bridleways by passing on information that has led to action and improvement. This process was possible thanks to the group's links with Rotherham's Countryside and Rights of Way Officer and the Rights of Way Technician.

For more information about Rother Valley Bridleways Group visit www.rvbg.org.uk or contact group Secretary Jill Aston on 07919 107490.

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Retail grants boost town centre

The first three businesses to receive Business Vitality Grants will soon be opening within the newly-restored Imperial Buildings shopping arcade.

Business Vitality Grants are given by Rotherham Borough Council to encourage independent retailers to set up shop in the town centre.

The three successful applicants are Mark Fitzgerald of coffee shop chain Prego, Michelle Black of Boo Boutiques in Mexborough and Lisa Middlemiss of Bridal Affairs on Wellgate, who is planning to open a second unit in Imperial Buildings.

Cllr Gerald Smith of Rotherham Borough Council said: "I'm pleased to be welcoming these new businesses to the town centre and especially pleased to see that they are taking up units in one of our flagship Rotherham Renaissance developments.

"The coffee house and boutiques have

been awarded these grants as they are exactly the sort of high-quality niche businesses that add to the Rotherham town centre offer."

Rotherham Borough Council launched the grants scheme in March to support and attract new independent businesses to the town centre during this difficult economic climate.

The initiative has been developed as part of a major drive to improve the range of shops and reduce the number of empty units.

Its key focus is to appeal to new retailers, although the scheme is also open to existing independent retailers who are looking to expand into an additional shop.

The scheme provides contributions to rent for two years, support towards shopfitting costs and specialist business advice at the application stage and in the first years of trading.

A British Retail Consortium report on

tackling the decline of high streets across the UK praised the Rotherham scheme, holding the town up as an exemplar of best practice.

Town Centre Manager Julie Roberts commented: "Interest in the scheme has been extremely encouraging with over 80 enquiries received to date.

"Along with the three applicants who have just received grants there are several more entrepreneurs working through the application process, which includes developing a comprehensive business plan with the support of specialist business advisers."

Michelle Black of Boo Boutique is

delighted with the support.

"I am thrilled that my business will receive this grant assistance," she said. "I've always wanted to expand my business and another unit in Rotherham town centre is just what I needed. The grant gives small business owners like me the chance to achieve that."

As well as grants to cover rent, seven grant offers have been made to cafés to help cover the cost of street café furniture, canopies and outside areas.

It is also intended that the initiative will later be extended to include shop front improvement grants for existing retailers in priority areas.



DELIGHTED: Michelle Black of Boo Boutiques, Mexborough

Brand new GP practice

NHS Rotherham has unveiled a brand new GP practice in the Brampton area of Rotherham with the help of local MP John Healey.

The £175,000 state-of-the-art practice was built after local people said that extra housing developments and an increasing population meant additional local health services were needed.

The surgery, situated on Brampton Road, is known as Brampton Primary Medical Centre. It offers the full range of GP services and will give patients easier access to local health services with its extended opening times, including Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The medical centre has been refurbished to a high clinical standard and includes a clean room for minor surgical procedures. It can accommodate up to 6,000 patients and has a choice of experienced GPs and practice nurses and a dedicated pharmacy service.

John Healey MP said: "The NHS is one of our country's greatest achievements and at 60 years old it is in great shape

with more staff and new hospitals.

"We need an NHS which is fit for modern life and one of the first steps in making this happen is in changing GP services. Delivering the best possible services to patients that fits with their lives is a key government priority.

"That's why we're investing £250 million in new, additional services including over 150 GP-led health centres around the country, like this one in Brampton, and more than 100 extra GP practices in the areas that need them most."

Andy Buck, Chief Executive of NHS Rotherham, said: "This is great news for the people of Brampton. We are committed to listening to patients and investing in services which meet a local need.

"A big plus point is that the practice will be an accredited training practice for GPs and other health professionals which means that they will be adopting the very latest in clinical practice so patients receive excellent standards of care."

Record breaking results for GCSE students

Rotherham students are top of the class with this year's GCSE exam results above the national average for the first time.

A total of 3,610 students took GCSEs this year in the borough and 67.8 per cent got 5 A* to C grades, up by an amazing 9.1 per cent on last year.

That compares to the national figures which saw a 1.4 per cent rise in those obtaining 5 A* to C, overall reaching 67.1 per cent.

Winterhill School saw the biggest jump in individual results with students achieving 5 A* to C being up by 21.3 per cent to 69.4 per cent followed closely by Wingfield Comprehensive School up 18 per cent to 64 per cent.

In addition, the highest performing school in Rotherham at 5 A* to C was St Bernards with a rate of 86.2 per cent (up 10.2 per cent on last year), while Wickersley hit the top for 5 A* to C including English and Maths at 61.8 per cent. Wath also achieved its best ever

results at 70.2 per cent for 5 A* to C.

Councillor Shaun Wright said: "This is an amazing achievement by our schools as although the numbers have risen steadily for the past three years we have never seen such a big rise in just one year.

"This year I've personally shared all the anxiety as results day has approached and the joy of good news today as my son has been among those Rotherham students taking their GCSEs this year.

"So, I must congratulate all students, parents, teachers, staff, governors and everyone else involved in education in Rotherham for their hard work in achieving these results.

"It is clear that we are heading in the right direction with education in Rotherham. The combination of hard work, new initiatives and better facilities in many of our secondary schools, with more to come, is having a real benefit for students as they look to their future in education or employment."



UNVEILING THE PLAQUE FOR BRAMPTON PRIMARY MEDICAL CENTRE: Wentworth MP John Healey and Brampton GP Dr David Polkinghorn

Freedom salute for Yorkshire Regiment

Flags were flying and drums were beaten as the people of Rotherham paid their own special tribute to the soldiers of the Yorkshire Regiment last month.

One hundred and forty men from the regiment paraded through the town centre with a military band, drummers and escorts to receive the Freedom of the Borough from the town's Mayor, Cllr Shaukat Ali.

Hundreds of local people turned out to show their support for the regiment – formerly the Duke of Wellington's

Regiment – which recruits locally and includes a number of men from the Rotherham area.

The parade followed an inspection by Cllr Ali and a ceremony at which the Roll of Honorary Freemen was bestowed on Colonel Simon Newton on behalf of the Yorkshire Regiment.

Men of the Third Battalion, who are currently on pre-deployment training, were escorted by a colour parade of nine men, five drummers and five escorts together with a 30-strong military band.

The whole contingent was escorted by four mounted officers from South Yorkshire Police.

Thousands of onlookers waved and cheered as the parade marched through the town centre, beginning at Rotherham Town Hall and passing through All Saints' Square before the troops took the final salute from the Mayor of Rotherham and the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, David Moody.

"We are proud in this borough of our armed forces and our veterans and as

Mayor of Rotherham I felt humble and privileged to be part of the event," said Cllr Ali.

"It was something historic which I will never forget. The town centre was choc-a-bloc. I've never seen so many people in the square and in front of the Town Hall. I would estimate that thousands of people came that day, which is fantastic."

The Yorkshire Regiment also used the occasion to show off two of its armoured vehicles - a Warrior and a CVRT Scimitar - at a special display in All Saints' Square.



ROTHERHAM'S PRIDE: Thousands of people turned out to salute the soldiers of the Yorkshire Regiment



Men of the Third Battalion on parade



A 30-strong marching band added colour and music to the occasion



A patriotic onlooker enjoying the parade



Deputy Commander Colonel Simon Newton addresses the spectators



Rotherham's Mayor, Cllr Shaukat Ali, inspects the troops

Solaglas recognised for training and development

A local company has found that showing commitment to its employees and undertaking positive training and development gives it a competitive advantage for the future.

The training and development programme at Rotherham-based Solaglas has been



COMMITMENT: Ian Davy, Managing Director of Solaglas Windowcare

successful in developing skilled managers and it has now been recognised by a national award scheme that celebrates the best in human resource practice.

The market leader in glass, frame, door and conservatory repair, replacement and refurbishment was a finalist in the Best Talent Management of the HR Excellence Awards held in London.

Other shortlisted companies included McDonalds, Barratts Developments and the eventual category winner Zenith Optimedia.

The judges were impressed by the commitment Solaglas has shown towards its employees by implementing its innovative Development Management Potential (DMP) scheme.

The successful scheme provides support and training, enabling the company to talent spot its future managers.

Ian Davy, Managing Director of Solaglas Windowcare, said: "It was great to be recognised for our achievements and be placed alongside such high-profile businesses in this national award scheme.

"It also underlines our strategy of having well-trained, motivated employees with access to development programmes. This is essential to sustaining our growth and creating a competitive advantage."

Solaglas currently employs over 340 people across its head office in Hellaby and its branches in Dartford, Kingston-upon-Thames, Preston and Portsmouth.

Bright future for offshore specialists

A leading catering and engineering firm supplying offshore oil and gas rigs has opened its first northern office in Rotherham.

IDL Engineering Services are specialist designers, suppliers and installers of commercial catering equipment to customers in the hospitality, food equipment and service sectors.

The firm supplies a range of organisations and businesses including schools, although the majority of its contracts are with offshore businesses.

IDL now has a new base in one of South Yorkshire's latest purpose-built business centres at Fusion@Magna which is run by Rotherham Investment & Development Office (RiDO).

Fusion is built on the site of the former Templeborough rolling mill and IDL chose

to relocate to the facility after supplying catering equipment for the neighbouring Magna Science Adventure Centre.

Sue Hammond, Customer Service Manager at IDL Engineering Services, said: "Despite the economic gloom out there at the moment, we thought Rotherham – with its industrial history and reputation for hard-working people – was the perfect place for our company's first northern office."

During 2009 IDL expects to increase sales in its onshore business as many Britons take 'staycations' during the recession and holiday in the UK.

"With more Britons staying in the UK this year we're anticipating that the demand for our catering equipment here in the UK is only going to get bigger," said IDL Sales Director John Thresh.

Mr Thresh is pictured during a visit to Takula Field off the west African coast.



Local theatre stars emerge

Young performers from Rotherham are landing coveted entertainment jobs across the globe thanks to professional training from the Gillian Banks Theatre School.

Several students from the school have been spotted by top UK entertainment agent, TED, and have taken up exciting work opportunities this summer in the UK and abroad, with some travelling as far as Malta and Madeira.

Dave Knight (24) is the most recent talent to be snapped up and is currently working for Thomson Holidays in 5-star Platinum hotels in Benidorm.

The opportunity came at the perfect time for Dave, who was made redundant only a few months prior to being offered a season in Alicante before heading to Benidorm.

Alex Hans (22), originally from Parkgate, is also working for Thomson Holidays in the exclusive Hilton Hotel in Madeira.

Another student, Megan Louch (18), also caught the eye of another agent and spent her summer performing in Malta, earning funds to support her imminent university course.

Megan gained four A grades in her A Levels this summer and secured two scholarship nominations for her outstanding dancing and performance abilities.

She has been awarded a £45,000 bursary to support her through her three-year studies at Laines Theatre Arts in London and has dreams to appear in the West End.

Gillian Banks, principal of the 30-year-old Maltby-based school, is delighted that her students' high standards are attracting top agents and landing them sought after acting, singing and dancing roles.

"We're so pleased to see our students being snapped up for professional roles across the world, especially during a time when young people are finding it difficult to gain employment," said Gillian.

"We work hard to train them to a professional standard and it's fantastic that we now have the support of TED through our links with Doncaster agent Simon Quarmby Presents."

The school's first success story was Gary Jackman, who is an experienced professional choreographer and has travelled worldwide performing in and producing shows for a string high-profile companies.

Gary (36) began training with Gillian 30 years ago and is currently working with her to pass on his knowledge to students at the school.

Visit www.gillianbankstheatreschool.co.uk to find out more about the Gillian Banks Theatre School and where its students are now.

Apply now for business awards

BBC television presenter Harry Gration will return to Rotherham next month to help local businesses celebrate their achievements at the Rotherham Business Awards.

Harry, who presents the BBC's Look North news programme, has compered the event for four years in a row.

This year's awards, which are hosted by the Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce, will take place at Magna on Friday October 23.

"We are delighted that Harry will be back in Rotherham once more to help us celebrate the superb achievements of our businesses," said John Lewis, Chief Executive of Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce.

"In addition to the overall award we have ten award categories open to companies so there is something for every business.

"The evening will provide a fantastic stage for local businesses to enjoy a night of success stories aplenty and the chance to get involved is one that should not be missed!"

The awards are open to companies in the Rotherham area and all members of Barnsley and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce. The awards on offer are:

- New Start Award (sponsored by RiDO)
- Business Growth Award (sponsored by Business Link Yorkshire)
- Invest in Skills Award (sponsored by Rotherham Work & Skills Board)
- Business in Partnership with the Community Award (sponsored by Rotherham Partnership)
- ATHENA Inspiring Women Award (sponsored by Local Strategic Partnership)
- Excellence In Manufacturing Award (sponsored by Made In Sheffield)
- Excellence In Retail Award (sponsored by Rotherham Renaissance)
- Innovation in Business Award (sponsored by Sheffield Hallam University)
- Employee of the Year Award (sponsored by Morthyng)
- Environmental Award (sponsored by ASD Lighting)

Entry forms are available online at www.brchamber.co.uk or businesses can contact the Chamber of Commerce events team on 0844 414 5100.

The closing date for entries is Friday September 18.

Footballer runs in memory of baby Giorgina



Rotherham United footballer Andy Liddell

New Rotherham United signing Andy Liddell will tackle the Great North Run this month to raise funds for the Martin House Children's Hospice where his 11-day-old daughter Giorgina spent her much of her short life.

Andy (36) and wife Charlotte were left devastated in June by the death of baby Giorgina, who was born with gastroschisis,

The condition meant her bowel was on the outside of her abdomen and, because of twisting in the womb, was inoperable leaving her unable to digest foods and liquids.

For Andy and Charlotte it was the worst moment of their lives when doctors told them their daughter would not survive. They made the decision to take Giorgina to the Martin House Children's Hospice, who cared for her until her death.

Andy said: "The hospice literally changed our lives and the care and support that the staff gave to us and all our family and friends was totally amazing. We couldn't have asked for more.

"They made the 11 wonderful days we spent with Giorgina as special as they could be and we will be forever in their debt. It was such a difficult time."

Andy, who played for Oldham and Wigan before joining the Millers, hopes to raise as much money as possible for the Leeds-based hospice which cares for children and young people with progressive life-limiting illnesses.

He added: "I will be doing as much for them as I can and running in the Great North Run is just the start of my fundraising efforts.

"Any donations I receive will go towards helping them care for families and children going through difficult and

upsetting times."

Andy, who has also played for Sheffield United and Barnsley, has raised over £7,500 for the hospice so far but is keen to keep pushing this figure upwards.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Andy should visit <http://www.justgiving.com/Andy-Liddell>

Forum launched for older people

Older People's Day on October 1 will be celebrated in Rotherham with the launch of the new Rotherham Older People's Forum.

Those aged over 50 and living in the borough are invited to attend the special event, Bringing People Together, at Silverwood Miners Welfare in Dalton from 10am to 2pm.

The forum will provide opportunity for people to voice their opinions or concerns and have their say about issues relating to the Rotherham area.

This year Older People's Day is about bringing older and younger residents together to build better understanding and respect within the community. The day will also celebrate later life and the huge contribution made by older people to the area.

There will be a range of activities happening on the day of the launch including information stalls about health and social care, housing, transport and employment among others.

Liz Booth, Chair of the Older People's Forum, commented: "It's a very exciting concept and we're hoping to speak to and for older people across Rotherham."

Zulfiqar Aslam of Rotherham Borough Council added: "We would like to encourage older people to come to the event and learn about the forum so they can have their say about our local community and any concerns they may have."

For more information about the event please call 01709 823939.

Flower power



BLOOMIN' LOVELY: Tiered floral displays and hanging baskets are brightening up Rotherham town centre, making it a welcoming place for locals and visitors. The colourful blooms were planted by Streetpride, along with those put in place in earlier in the year, after shoppers said they would like to see more greenery in the town. It is hoped that next year even more flowers will feature in the centre and that the Rotherham in Bloom competition will be resurrected.



FUND RUN: Dearne Valley College presented cheques to the two beneficiaries of this year's Blue Bridge Fun Run. The proceeds of the annual 5k run, which took place in May, were shared between Macmillan Cancer Support and PACT (Parents Association of Children with Cancer and Leukaemia). Each charity received £1,000 while the British Heart Foundation received a donation of over £400. Pictured from left to right are Sarah Teale of Macmillan Cancer Support, Dearne Valley College Principal Sue Ransom, staff members Dave Cosgrove and Linda Hughes and Beryl Welburn of PACT.

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NHS Rotherham

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01709 836161

Macmillan Cancer Support Benefits Advice -

01709 823645

Stop Hate Crime 24 hour help line -

0800 138 1625

LGBT Rotherham Ltd. help line - 01709 871 858

Rotherham Borough Council

Housing Solutions - 01709 382121

Children's Social Care - 01709 823987

Vulnerable Adults - 01709 382121

Money Advice Service - 01709 822329

Household Waste Recycling Centres

Carr Hill – Greasbrough

Lidget Lane – Bramley

Warren Lane – Rawmarsh

Magilla, Common Road, North Anston

Waste Helpline: 01709 823054

National Domestic Violence Helpline

Freephone - 0808 2000 247

Male Helpline

Freephone - 0808 8010 327

Roscars glitz for talented media youngsters

Full of glitz and glamour, Rotherham's very own version of the Oscars – the Roscars – proved a night to remember in Rotherham as young people waited with bated breath to see if they clinched a top prize at the awards.

The Roscars are designed to celebrate and reward the creative media work of young people attending primary, secondary and special schools and colleges across the borough.

Held in a circus-style big top at St Bernard's Catholic High School, it is believed to be the biggest competition of its type nationally with an audience of 950 guests.

Children's television presenter Dave Benson Phillips was host for the evening, awarding the lucky winners with their Roscars trophies and the runners-up and highly commended entries with certificates.

There were nine categories in this year's competition, including Film in a Foreign Language, Film – Fact or Fiction, Still Image, Print, Podcast, Animation, and this year's special guest category: TV News, supported by BBC Look North.

Winners of the new TV News category were chosen by BBC Look North, with the Key Stage 3 category going to Newman Special School with an entry on Jamie Oliver.

The Key Stage 4 prize went to Clifton Detached Media Group who covered the experiences of up-and-coming Rotherham boxer Kash Ali.

Both winners will receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the BBC Look North studio as their prize.

Fiona Radford, of Rotherham Borough Council's Rotherham School Effectiveness Service, who co-ordinates the Roscars, said: "All this year's entries showed a real flair and talent for film and media work that presented us with a real challenge choosing the winners!"

"We were so impressed with the way young people integrated positive messages into their work, including messages around safety and helping the environment."

The awards received 160 entries and the following schools claimed prizes on the night: Newman School, Aston Comprehensive, Clifton Detached Media

Group, West Melton Junior and Infants, Anston Park Junior, Anston Brook Primary, Anston Greenlands, Loughton All Saints, Rawmarsh CLC, Brinsworth Comprehensive, Rawmarsh Ashwood, Winterhill School, Rawmarsh Community School, Sitwell Juniors, Herringthorpe Juniors, The Willows, Roughwood Primary, Aston Lodge, Ferham Primary, Swinton Community School, Dinnington Comprehensive, Wath Comprehensive, Hilltop, Todwick Junior and Infants, Kiveton Park Meadows Junior, Clifton CAS, Maltby Comprehensive, and Wickersley Northfield.



Children from Sitwell Junior School with Headteacher Mrs Surtees arriving at the Roscars



Winners of TV News Key stage 3 category from Newman Special School presented with their award by compere Dave Benson Phillips and BBC Look North presenter Christa Ackroyd



Winners of the TV News Key Stage 4 category from Clifton Detached Media Group presented with their award by compere Dave Benson Phillips and BBC Look North presenter Christa Ackroyd

Rotherham Public Health Annual Report

This is the sixth of a 12-part series from Rotherham's Director of Public Health, and the first time the Public Health report has been produced directly for the public. For more information, or if you have any comments, please contact the Rotherham Director of Public Health, Dr John Radford, on john.radford@rotherham.nhs.uk

Teenage Pregnancy

The local Teenage Pregnancy Strategy has successfully reduced the under 16s conception rate by 30%. Sustained efforts through partnership working will ensure continued downward trends in the under 18s conception rate.

Background

NHS Rotherham and its partners are responsible for two targets relating to teenage pregnancy:

- To reduce by 50% the under 18 conception rate by 2010 from the 1998 baseline
- To increase to 60% the percentage of teenage mothers in education, employment and training

Why is it an issue for Rotherham?

Local teenage pregnancy rates are slightly higher than the national average, with almost 10% of girls aged 15-17 in the most deprived areas of Rotherham becoming pregnant. 80% of all under-18 conceptions occur in the 20% most deprived areas of the borough. There are a range of negative outcomes associated with pregnancy at a young age including higher rates of post-natal depression, lower rates of breastfeeding, more dependence on benefits and increased risk of the baby becoming a teenage parent. Teenage parents are at high risk of social exclusion and make up approximately 10% of all 16-18 year olds that are not in education, employment or training in Rotherham.

The reasons for teenage pregnancy are varied; from lack of knowledge about sex and where to access contraception, to low aspirations and low educational attainment. Teenage pregnancy is also linked to a range of other issues for young people including substance misuse, family problems, youth offending and sexual exploitation.

What is NHS Rotherham doing?

The NHS in Rotherham works in partnership with the Local Authority and voluntary and community agencies in the development and delivery of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy. Key priorities within the Strategy are:

- Increasing opportunities to access contraception and other support services
- Delivery of high quality, imaginative and inspiring sex and relationships education in schools
- Targeted work in areas with higher levels of teenage pregnancies to deliver preventative work with those at risk of teenage pregnancy
- Provide intensive support for vulnerable groups
- Supporting parents of young people to talk to their children about sex and relationships
- Effective links with strategies which deal with the wider determinants of teenage pregnancy
- Multi-agency networks providing individualised support to teenage parents
- Raising aspirations for all young people in Rotherham

Further information and support

Public Health Projects - Training for front line staff working with young people around a wide range of sexual health issues is available through the annual Sexual Health Training Programme. The Hardwear Condom Distribution Scheme is also available for the distribution of free condoms to young people through a wide range of services across the Borough. Visit www.myhardwear.co.uk for a full list of Hardwear venues.

All Teenage Pregnancy and Sexual Health work for young people will operate under the new brand of "The S Word Rotherham – We need to talk about sex." This will include promoting the network of contraception and sexual health youth clinics available across the Borough. Visit www.s-wordrotherham.co.uk

The Teenage Pregnancy and Sexual Health Team are also supporting help72, the free local Emergency Contraception Scheme operating through pharmacies and other accessible services. Visit www.help72.co.uk for more information and a complete list of venues. For more information on any of these areas of work contact the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Support Worker on 01709 302792

Youth Start: a free and confidential Rotherham service that offers advice and support and counselling to young people aged 11-25 years around any issue that may be affecting their life.

Tel: 01709 820100 Txt: 0778 148 6367
Website: www.youthstart.org.uk

Pregnancy Advisory Service: A self referral service providing support and information around pregnancy and terminations. Contacting this service early in a pregnancy increases a woman's choices and options.

Tel: 01709 304542 Email: pregnancyadvisoryservice@rothgen.nhs.uk

National: The Department of Health's "You're Welcome – Quality criteria for making health services young people friendly" is available to all organisations who offer a health service to young people. Accreditation will mean that young people can be assured that services have met the minimum quality standards on service delivery including staff attitudes, environment and access. For further information see www.dh.gov.uk or contact Rachel Hogg, Health Equity Audit Development Worker on 01709 302732

For further information about all aspects of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy contact the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Coordinator, Keri Duffy, on 01709 302087.





Cabinet Member Councillor Jahangir Akhtar: An introduction

As Cabinet Member for Housing and Neighbourhoods I am delighted to welcome you to the Area Assemblies Annual Report.

In 2008 I was pleased and honoured to take up the position of Cabinet Member and to chair the Area Assemblies chairs' meetings. The council's commitment to Area Assemblies is evidenced by the council devolving £1.4m over a two-year period to be spent on priorities identified by local people in

their respective Area Assemblies.

Area Assemblies are a crucial part of the council's engagement with Rotherham residents, along with officers, partners and local community groups. Area Assemblies are a way of working together to tackle local issues and improve quality of life.

I am proud of what has been achieved so far, but I appreciate that more needs to be done to get maximum public participation in the Area Assemblies.

This Annual Report will give you a flavour of what Area Assemblies have been doing over the last year and what we will be doing in the coming year to address priorities raised by you.

What difference does it make? Representing and supporting local communities

The priorities of the local community and partners and the actions taken to address them are reflected in Local Area Plans for each Area Assembly. These plans also take into account the plans of partners such as NHS Rotherham and South Yorkshire Police and Parish Plans to reflect community issues and to provide an overview of what is happening in the area in an easy-to-read booklet.

We use many different ways to consult with people: the intranet, local community events and meetings with local voluntary and community sector as well as face-to-face in local shopping and leisure areas.

This year, as well as asking people what their local priorities are, we also asked:

- Do you feel you can influence local decisions?
- Do you feel informed about your area?
- Do you know about the work of the Area Assembly?
- Do you want to get involved in the work of the Area Assembly?

The response rate varied across the seven areas. However, it was clear that people do want to be involved to make things better in their communities but in different ways.

This year we will work even harder to find ways to really engage with people, not just to have a say but also to make them feel they can really influence decisions.

What are the Area Assemblies?

The Area Assembly is not just a meeting – it is a partnership of individuals, agencies and organisations working together to tackle local issues and to listen to local people.

There has never been a better time or opportunity for communities and individuals to be involved in local decision-making.

The Area Assemblies have been developed across Rotherham giving access to the council's democratic process. Other borough-wide initiatives and local initiatives such as RotherFed, Tenants and Residents Associations, Voluntary Action Rotherham, Rotherham Older People's Experiences of Services and Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance also give the public an opportunity to see how the council and its partners work.

2008/09 Achievements

Devolved Budget

The Government White Paper Communities in Control, Real People, Real Power recommends that "citizens should have a greater say in how local budgets are spent."

Rotherham is ahead of the game in many respects. The Area Assemblies Devolved Budget provided an opportunity to work with partners and communities in a practical way, encouraging and supporting groups to apply and working with the community to get their views on projects. This gave Rotherham people the opportunity to decide which local projects they wished to see delivered in their area.

As a result projects linked to the borough's Community Strategy and Local Area Plan priorities will be delivered across Rotherham.

Area Assemblies have delivered more than 200 local projects, enabling people to have a say about where money should be spent. The Members Community Leadership Fund also supported more than 150 projects.

“The Devolved Budget has enabled better targeting of services to address local issues. Residents told the police and partners that they wanted more activities for young people so the Area Assembly Devolved Budget was used to fund detached youth work projects and diversionary sports activities across the area and in local parks.”

Sergeant Mark Worrall

“It was a great opportunity to see other activities ongoing within the area and also to give interested members of the public the opportunity to allocate their vote to funding projects they agreed were worthwhile. The funding will hopefully provide the kick-start and set an example to other funders to help us towards funding our village hall for which the Harley Village Partnership is most grateful.”

James Morley, Director of the Harley Village Partnership

Partners and Communities Together (PACTS)

From spring 2008 PACTS have been introduced into Area Assembly meetings, enabling the police and partners to feed back to the local community about what is happening in their area in relation to crime, antisocial behaviour and other environmental issues such as flytipping or noise nuisance and to look at how this compares with other parts of the borough.

How does the Area Assembly get things done?

Neighbourhood Management

The Area Assemblies are part of Neighbourhoods and Adult Services neighbourhood management arrangements and are led by a co-ordinating group in each of the seven areas made up of elected members, partner agencies such as South Yorkshire Police, 2010 Rotherham Ltd, community representatives and parish councillors. Their job is to make sure the actions in the Area Plans are delivered so that Rotherham is a better place to live, learn and work.

The Area Assemblies work with South Yorkshire Police, Rotherham Wardens, 2010, Streetpride, the Environmental Enforcement Team, the Antisocial Behaviour Unit and other partner agencies to make up the multi-agency Safer Neighbourhood Teams which tackle local crime, grime and disorder issues.

Using information from council and police data, local intelligence and listening to the local community and partners, concerns and issues are dealt with at the Neighbourhood Action Group.



From left to right: Neighbourhood Partnership Manager for Wentworth North and Wentworth South Ness Bryan, Neighbourhood Partnership Manager for Rother Valley West, Rother Valley South and Wentworth Valley Jan Leyland and Neighbourhood Partnership Manager for Rotherham North and Rotherham South Janet Greenwood

Feeding back to local communities



Attendance at Area Assembly meetings in 2008/9 has increased across Rotherham, particularly since the introduction of devolved budgets. Local people and partners have welcomed the opportunity to have a say about where money is spent in their local communities.

In the last year we have continued to develop the Area Assemblies websites, making them easier to use. More than 25,000 people have used the websites since we began counting in May 2008.

If you want to get involved in your Area Assembly please drop us a line or an email, or give the team a call (see details at the end of the Annual Report).

“Working with the Rother Valley West Area Assembly has been an excellent way to raise issues affecting residents of Thurcroft by giving them the opportunity to have their say.”

Kevin Booth, Thurcroft resident

Welcome to our Annual Report



Welcome to the second Annual Report of the Rother Valley South Area Assembly. During the past 12 months we have tried to make the Rother Valley South area a better place to live, learn and work.

This year Area Assemblies have benefited from an increased Devolved Budget which we have spent wisely and in accordance with the priorities suggested by you, the residents of the area.

We spent the money throughout the whole area and allocated it to projects and initiatives for younger and older people, the active, the

less active, the environment and to improve personal security.

We set aside a Community Chest to establish and support small groups to undertake projects, by applying for grants up to £500. The area has many thriving voluntary groups and we will use this fund to keep up the excellent work they do.

We will also continue to work with our partners including the police, Streetpride, NHS Rotherham, 2010 Rotherham Ltd and Environmental Health to do our best to make Rother Valley South a cleaner, healthier and safer place to live.

Jenny Whysall

Chair of Rother Valley South Area Assembly

Working with local communities to tackle issues that matter most to them



The Rother Valley South Area Assembly Team is committed to tackling issues which affect the lives of local people. Throughout 2008/9 we worked with partners on numerous projects tackling issues you said were important, including reducing crime and antisocial behaviour and improving the local environment.

Some of the projects we have been involved in include:

- Waste Impact Days – the Area Assembly team worked together with partners to carry out waste impact days
- Smart Water - Smart Water kits which are used to security mark an individual's property and help in deterring and detecting crime have been distributed in communities identified as most in need

When we talked to local people we found that providing more activities for children and young people was frequently raised as a concern.

The Area Assembly worked with partners to map current provision, identify gaps and increase the activities available. Two of the projects we ran this year were:

- Detached Youth Work – the Area Assembly funded a Detached Youth Work Project enabling youth workers to talk to young people, build relationships with them and try to engage them in local clubs and activities, including the JADE project. This project had a real impact on youth nuisance

calls and successfully engaged with around 30 young people

- The JADE project - the 2008/9 Devolved Budget paid for two additional weekly sessions at the JADE project, which runs a drop-in and trains young people in DJ and IT skills. The project has had a significant impact on youth nuisance and antisocial behaviour in the Kiveton area and the police are extremely supportive of the work the project undertakes.

Consultation in Rother Valley South by the Area Assembly team and partners and through feedback to elected members identified a number of key community priorities.

In order to address these issues further during 2009/10 we are supporting a range of activities.



Community Priority: Activities and facilities for children and young people

- We will continue to support effective partnership working through the Rother Valley South Children and Young People's Task Group, including joint working and bidding for funds to increase the number and range of available activities
- We will encourage young people to become involved in active citizenship and local democracy
- We will support the delivery of the

Play Pathfinder scheme which will see a number of new play areas built in the area

- We are delivering a range of projects funded by the Devolved Budget, with a total value of £101,200, which address these key priorities including:
 - the Detached Youth Work Project
 - the Junior Warden Scheme
 - the JADE Project
 - Play Safe
 - the provision of sports equipment to enable young people of both sexes and various ages to take part in a range of sports

Community Priority: Antisocial behaviour, criminal damage, vandalism and fear of crime

Community consultation also indicated that people felt more could be done to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour and the fear of crime. As a result of what you told us we:

- work with partners to develop and strengthen multi-agency responses to crime and community safety through Safer Neighbourhood Team briefings and Neighbourhood Action Groups
- developed action plans to tackle hot spots in partnership with communities
- increased the level of awareness in the community of the work of the Safer Neighbourhood Team and the Neighbourhood Action Group
- delivered a range of projects funded by the Devolved Budget, with a total value of £44,465, which address these key priorities
- Support monthly Partners and Community Together meetings to allow residents to have their say on crime and community safety issues and receive feedback on the work carried out to deal with the issues they have reported.

What difference does it make? Encouraging active citizenship and community involvement

Supporting local people to play an active role in their community is at the heart of what we do in Rother Valley South. Our recent survey shows that 24 per cent of people in Rother Valley South feel they can influence local decision making and we would like to work with you to increase that number.

The Area Assembly team is committed to tackling issues which affect the lives of local people. Here are just a few of the projects we have supported over the past 12 months:

Local Democracy Week 2008

The Area Assembly team worked with elected members, partners and young people to organise events in schools engaging young people in issues of citizenship, influencing decision-making, democratic processes and how local government works. Work is under way to make sure Local Democracy Week 2009 is just as successful!

Mobile CCTV project

The project was set up so that local people can help decide where two Area Assembly-owned CCTV cameras should be located. In 2008 the Area Assembly secured £3,000 to keep this project running throughout 2008/9 and further funding has recently been secured to make sure that the project can run until 2010.

Waste Impact Days

The Area Assembly team worked together with partners to carry out waste impact days, giving out information and talking to local residents about managing their waste and recycling.

Youngsters spend summer at fit camp

A group of youngsters from Rotherham have spent the summer holidays at a residential weight management camp as part of NHS Rotherham's innovative obesity strategy.

Fifty-three youngsters from the borough were selected to attend the six-week Carnegie International Camp, run by leading childhood obesity experts Carnegie Weight Management, based at Leeds Metropolitan University.

The camp, designed for children aged eight to 17 years who struggle with their weight, is a pioneering weight loss programme. It has a proven track record of supporting children and families to lose weight and maintain weight loss, improve diet and fitness, increase confidence and have fun meeting new friends at the same time.

This is the second year NHS Rotherham has funded places on the camp thanks to the success of last year's programme, where the 38 children who attended lost nearly 30 stones between them.

NHS Rotherham Public Health Specialist Gill Harrison said: "Tackling childhood obesity is a major priority for NHS Rotherham, which is why we are investing £3.5m over the next three years to begin to tackle this very serious problem.

"Obesity is our most serious long-term health challenge and with one in three children in Rotherham classified as overweight or obese, if we do not succeed in reversing the growing tide of obesity amongst children and adults, by 2050 three-fifths of Rotherham people are likely to be

obese. The consequences for their health, and for the NHS, are extreme."

NHS Rotherham's obesity strategy was recently recognised nationally after winning the award for Excellence in Commissioning at the prestigious NHS Health and Social Care awards in London.

When camp is finished, children and their families can go on to the Carnegie Clubs, a 12-week weight loss community programme delivered by DC Leisure. The clubs, which start in September, are aimed at young people aged between eight to 17, who are overweight, and their families, and are free to those registered with a Rotherham GP.

The programme takes the same approach as the camp, offering a practical and realistic approach to weight loss, as well as lots of fun. Graduates from the course will be encouraged to continue their healthy lifestyle and will be given opportunities to participate in further activities within Rotherham.

Rotherham Leisure Complex and Aston-cum-Aughton Leisure Centre have places available after school and at weekends. A parent or guardian is encouraged to attend the weekly sessions to help support their child's weight management.

More information about Carnegie Clubs is available from the Programme Manager at Rotherham Leisure Complex on 01709 722555. Registrations of interest can also be taken on this number.



Carter Dobson and Levi Forman were two of the 53 children NHS Rotherham funded to go to the summer weight-loss camp



HELPING TO SPREAD THE WORD: Councillor Mahroof Hussain, Rotherham MP John Healey and Paul Benington of the South Yorkshire Community Foundation got into the spirit of Yorkshire Day

Dressing down for Yorkshire Day

Generous Rotherham folk came together to raise money for local causes by dressing down in honour of Yorkshire Day.

Organisations and individuals showed their pride for our county by dressing up as an archetypal Yorkshireman or woman, and each participant donated £2 towards community projects in the area.

Through the South Yorkshire Community Foundation every £2 donated will be gift aided and doubled using a Government match-funding programme to generate £5 for local community projects.

Yorkshire Day is celebrated on August 1 and this year people were encouraged to dress down for work on Friday July 31.

Rotherham MP John Healey reckons Yorkshire Day provides a real incentive for local giving.

"People in Rotherham have always been ready to give generously to good causes and this was a chance to back Yorkshire Day

with a special fund through the South Yorkshire Community Foundation," he said.

"The best thing about it is that through the fund people are being given the chance to raise money in Rotherham that will stay in Rotherham."

Rotherham has been set a target of £150,000 to raise before March 31 2010, and the borough is already well on its way to achieving it.

"The idea was to have a laugh at ourselves and prove that Yorkshire folk are the most generous in the country rather than the tightwads some people think we are," said Paul Benington from the South Yorkshire Community Foundation.

"We are delighted by how many people have supported us by dressing down for Yorkshire Day."

To find out how you can support local causes visit www.sycf.org.uk or to make a donation visit www.justgiving.com/doitforrotherham.

Looking forward – a town embracing change

The last two years has seen some exciting completions in terms of the £2bn Renaissance programme, including the first phase of developer Iliad's £37m All Saints' Quarter, introducing award-winning residential, retail and leisure space through three iconic developments in the heart of the town centre. Over 50% of the residential apartments are occupied along with the recent news of three retailers shortly opening in Imperial Buildings.

Quality public space is at the forefront of Rotherham Borough Council's

strategy, including improved riverside walks and public space surrounding the Minster. Alongside this, the former All Saints' Building site will be transformed into a high-quality open space revealing spectacular views of the Minster and riverfront based on a design that residents and shoppers feed in to.

Leisure and health facilities have been drastically improved with the completions of the new town centre Leisure Complex and NHS Community drop-in Healthcare Centre.

Work will start shortly on the re-development of Rotherham's Central Railway Station – a much-needed project to boost the town centre's regeneration.

NewsInBrief

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

If you're interested in the role women have played in the history of industry in South Yorkshire why not find out more by visiting a new exhibition?

South Yorkshire Women in Industry is an oral history exhibition which can be seen at Rotherham Central Library until September 18.

Oral history workshops will take place at the library from 10am until 12 noon on Wednesday September 9 and 16.

If you attend a workshop you will have the chance to hear oral history recordings and take part on a practical session, forming questions and making mini recordings.

To book a place call Julie or Jess on 01709 834441 or email industry.sywtdt@btconnect.com

Town Centre Redevelopment Map

Rotherham Renaissance
see it – believe it!



To find out any further information please call
Town Centre Management on 01709 336682 or
visit www.rotherhamrenaissance.co.uk



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Recipe of the Month

This recipe was the most popular lesson at the Ministry of Food's Summer Holiday Cook Club.

Everybody loves a good pancake and they're cheap, easy and fun to make.

Once you've mastered this simple yet delightful recipe why not throw a pancake party, invite your friends round and pass on your pancake knowledge?

When serving these pancakes put bowls of chopped fruit, honey and a selection of fruit yoghurts out for people to help themselves to healthy toppings.

One-cup pancakes

Serves four

You can use any mug or cup to measure your ingredients – just make sure you use the same cup to measure out the flour and the milk!

Ingredients

- 1 cup of self-raising flour
- 1 cup of milk
- 1 egg
- 1 pinch of salt

How to make it

Put the flour, milk, egg and salt in a mixing bowl and beat together until well mixed.

Get a non-stick frying pan and place over a high heat.

When the pan is hot put a ladle of the mixture into the middle of the pan.

When bubbles appear and you can slide the pancake in the pan flip it over.

After about 30 seconds take the pancake out of the pan. Your pancake is now ready and is delicious served with chopped fruit and yoghurt of your choice.



What's cooking, kids?

The Ministry of Food's Summer Holiday Cook Club was such a hit with local youngsters that more classes have been arranged for the October half-term holidays and beyond.

The summer holiday classes were designed to get Rotherham children interested in cooking and healthy eating and the 30 sessions were fully-booked within days of the dates being announced.

Over the summer more than 170 children and families took part at the Ministry of Food in All Saints' Square, where they were given tips on how to prepare healthy family meals and follow child-friendly recipes.

More sessions have been organised for the October half-term holiday as follows:

- Monday October 26 - 10am, 12 noon and 2pm
- Tuesday October 27 - 10am, 12 noon and 2pm
- Wednesday October 28 - 10am and 2pm
- Thursday October 29 - 10am, 12 noon and 2pm
- Friday October 30 - 12 noon and 2pm

The cook clubs are limited to six places per session and are available completely free to children aged between five and 16.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and all children must be accompanied by an adult. To book your place call into the Ministry of Food, All Saints Square, Rotherham, or telephone 01709 365944.



COOKERY FUN: Katie Honfe and her friends tried their hand at making beefburgers over the summer.



L-R Joshua Padley, Daniel Padley and Adam Honfe



Joshua Padley, Adam Honfe and Katie Honfe

The Listings

Theatre – Box Office 01709 823621

12th September – 7.30pm
1940's Night – Maltby Miners' Welfare Band
Rotherham Civic Theatre

15th-19th September – 7.15pm
Time of My Life
Rotherham Civic Theatre

21st September – 7.30pm
Solid Gold Country Legends
Rotherham Civic Theatre

24th September – 7.30pm
Masters of the House
Rotherham Civic Theatre

25th September – 8pm
Boot-Led-Zeppelin
Rotherham Civic Theatre

1st October – 8pm
The Churchfitters
Rotherham Arts Centre

1st-3rd October – 7.30pm
Of Mice and Men
Rotherham Civic Theatre

7th-10th October – 7.15pm
Showstoppers 2009
Rotherham Civic Theatre

12th-17th October – 7.15pm
Shadowlands
Rotherham Civic Theatre

Family Shows
18th September – 2.30pm
Forest Of Fables
Arts Centre

20th September – 1pm & 4pm
Sooty In Space
Civic Theatre

10th October - 2.30pm
Can you keep a secret?
Rotherham Arts Centre

Clifton Park Museum – Clifton Lane
01709 336633

23rd September 2009
Discover Archaeology – 2pm to 4pm
Free event

29th September – 2pm to 4pm
Clifton Wild Park Walks – Fungi Free event

Outdoors - for more information call 01709 822453

20th September – all day
Civic Bowls Competition
Clifton Park

26th September – 6.30pm
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
Thrybergh Country Park

1st Oct – 10am to 12 noon
Autumn Life Walk
Thrybergh Country Park

4th Oct – 10am to 12 noon
Autumn Walk
Ulley Country Park

4th Oct – 10am - 12 noon
Autumn Bird Walk
Rother Valley Country Park

Markets
30th September – All day
Farmers Markets
Effingham Street –
Rotherham Town Centre

1st-3rd October – All day
Rotherham Markets present a... Festival of Food & Drink
Effingham Street –
Rotherham Town Centre

Sport (for more information call 01709 822453)

Rotherham Rockets Fun Athletics
Herringthorpe Stadium /
Rotherham Leisure Complex
For young people aged
5 – 12 years
Tuesdays 4.30pm – 6pm
Saturdays 10am – 11:30am

Thrybergh Sports Centre
For young people aged
5 – 12 years
Wednesdays 5pm – 6pm

Dinnington Comprehensive School
For young people aged
5 – 12 years
Thursdays 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Aston-Cum-Aughton Leisure Centre
For young people aged
5 – 12 years
Fridays 4.30pm – 5.30pm /
5.45pm – 6.45pm

Walking Club Steps to Health Walking Club
Meet in the Herringthorpe
Athletics Stadium
Mondays 10am - 11am
Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm
Saturdays 10am - 11am

Multi-Sport Clubs Dinnington Multi Sports Club
Dinnington Comprehensive
School
Saturdays 10am – 12 noon

Wath Multi-Sport Club at St Pius X Catholic High School
Saturdays 10am – 12 noon

Canklow Pavilion Football
Football games and
tournaments delivered at the
MUGA on Canklow Road,
Canklow
Thursdays 6pm – 7pm
For young people 14 years+

Football in Eastwood (Eldon Road Multi Use Games Area)
Tuesdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm
For young people aged
12 years+

Winterhill Sports Hall
Mondays 8pm - 9pm
For young people aged
12 years+

Whiston Football (Grey stones MUGA)
Saturdays 10.30am – 11.30am
For young people aged
11 years+

Library
All libraries run a programme
of computer taster sessions
and reader groups as well
as occasional special events.
Please contact the library for
further information by phone
or website: www.rotherham.
gov.uk/libraries.

Aston 0114 287 4225
Friday **Free Rhymetime session for under 5s**
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9.30am-10am

Rawmarsh 01709 522588
Friday **Free Rhymetime session for under 5s**
11am-11.30am

Swinton 01709 583116
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Thurcroft 01709 546150
Thursday **Free Rhymetime session for under 5s**
10am-10.30am

Wath 01709 873542
Tuesday **Free Rhymetime session for under 5s**
11am-11.30am

Wickersley 01709 544134
Friday **Free Rhymetime session for under 5s**
2pm-2.45pm

Scheme kicks off healthy living

Sixteen Rotherham families used the power of sport to help them develop communication skills and begin healthier lifestyles this summer.

Rotherham United FC and Rotherham Rugby Club's Try Line Centre joined forces with BT and the Football Foundation, a UK sports charity, to run the two-week scheme, part of the £1m UK-wide Communicating for Success programme.

The scheme saw Rotherham children, accompanied by an adult member of their family, gain important new skills that they were encouraged to pass on to other family members.

The youngsters, aged between 11 and 13, took part in a series of fun football, cricket, rugby and technology challenges to increase self-confidence and improve information and communication technology skills.

Natalie Johnson, who joined the scheme with her mum, brother and sister, said: "I really loved playing cricket and meeting new people. I also loved spending time with my family as it made my relationship with them a lot better."

Using photos and video clips from the sporting activities sessions the families also worked on an IT project focused on promoting healthy lifestyles, giving the children the ideal opportunity to demonstrate and teach their IT know-how to parents and carers.

BT Regional Manager for Yorkshire and the Humber Trevor Higgins said: "The importance of IT skills cannot be overstated and BT is determined to do all it can to give children the best possible chance in life by helping to build confidence with communications, computers and the Internet."

Maggie Steel, Centre Manager for the Tryline Centre, added: "We have found that by having our local football and rugby stars as role models for young people, we can make a big difference to learning."

"This innovative project helped develop that work by encouraging young people and their families to lead healthy, fulfilling lives while teaching them that ICT can be both fun and life-enhancing."

Donations for the Rotherham Hospice and Rotherham Hospital Charity are still being collected online at: www.everyclick.com/rotherhamhospitalcharity

Fun at the panto



PANTO TIME: Dust off your glass slippers, it's panto time! This Christmas the fantastic tale of Cinderella will be bringing the festive season to life at Rotherham Civic Theatre. The all-star cast, headed by Coronation Street's Tom Hudson as Dandini, paid a visit to the Civic Theatre to give schoolchildren an exclusive performance of the show. Jessica Negus, playing the part of the beautiful Cinderella, will be joined by panto veteran Andy Fleming as the cheeky but lovable Buttons. Tom Hudson is pictured with Jessica Negus as the fairytale duo. To book your tickets contact the box office on 01709 823621 or 01709 823640



ON THE BALL: Families communicating for success at the Try Line Centre

Do you have a swine flu friend?

Public health chiefs at NHS Rotherham are asking people to think about who their 'flu friend' would be if they contracted the virus and needed medication.

Although surveillance swabbing suggests that there are still only low levels of swine flu in Rotherham, health experts are predicting a rise in cases especially as the

start of the normal flu season approaches.

Anyone suspecting they have swine flu should go online and check for symptoms on www.nhs.uk, call NHS Direct on 0845 4647 or call the swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. For diagnosis visit www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu or call the National Pandemic Flu Service on 0800 1 513 100 or 0800 1 513 200 (Textphone).

Bluebell Ball

Magna Science Adventure Centre and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice are teaming up for a charity ball on September 26 to raise funds for both charities.

The black tie event, taking place in Magna's Big Hall, will include a five-course meal and a live performance from Jive Bunny and the Mastermixers, the Glitzy Girls and Swamp Circus.

Guests will also have the chance to bid in a charity auction which will include a week's holiday in Spain, a family skiing lesson and equipment and a day in a recording studio to produce their own album.

Sarah Champion, Chief Executive of Bluebell

Wood, said: "We are delighted to be joining up with the Magna Trust for this spectacular event."

"The Big Bluebell Ball will celebrate the first anniversary of the hospice opening its doors. In just 12 months we have helped nearly 100 families in the region and we anticipate that during 2010 we will increase this to provide support and care to over 200."

"It costs £2.5m a year to provide this service for the region, and with no statutory funding, fundraising events like this are vital to our success."

To buy tickets please visit the Magna website at www.visitmagna.co.uk/live or call Bluebell Wood on 0845 1081579. Tickets cost £65 per person or £600 for a table of 10.

Show time at Rosehill Park

The Rotherham Show turns 30 this month as the annual two-day event returns.

The biggest free show in the north will take place on the weekend of September 12 and 13 at a new venue for one year only: Rosehill Victoria Park in Rawmarsh.

Attractions at the show will include the Main Arena, hosted by Rother FM, as well as the Horticultural Show and the Vintage Vehicle Rally.

Running alongside the show on the same site will be Rotherham's new One Town,

One Community Music Festival which promises music, dance, community stalls and arts and crafts workshops.

The festival, which is a fusion of Rotherham's Brass, Folk and Diversity Festivals, was awarded £22,950 by the Arts Council England last month to help pay for this and a range of other activities planned throughout the coming year.

For more information about the Rotherham Show call 01709 334245. To get involved with the Rotherham Music Festival contact Imran or Rachael on 01709 720744.

Comment on council changes

Rotherham people are being asked for their views on proposed changes to the way their local council operates.

Rotherham Borough Council currently operates a Leader and Cabinet model of executive governance but national Government legislation requires this to be reviewed. A three-month consultation period is now underway.

Published in 2006, the 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' White Paper proposed to strengthen the executive leadership in councils, such as Rotherham, who following public consultation decided to adopt the Leader and Cabinet model of executive governance under the Local Government Act of 2000.

The new arrangement – or "Strong Leader" model – would effectively see the position of Leader put more in line with that of an elected Mayor – the alternative

form of executive arrangements which Rotherham could have chosen under the 2000 Act and is the other option available.

Under such arrangements, the Leader would be elected from and by members of the council for a four-year period, with the power to appoint Cabinet members, who are currently appointed by the full Council.

The Council is legally required to consult the local electorate on any proposed changes to its Constitution, and must also consider the extent to which they would assist in securing continuous economic, efficient and effective improvements to the way it carries out its functions.

The consultation period on the changes will run until late October, with a final decision taken in December. If approved, the changes would come into force after the council elections next year. (2010)

More information is available from Cath Saltis on 01709 822779

Project keeps hospital memories alive and well

Almost 140 years' worth of memories and artefacts from Rotherham's oldest hospital have been preserved thanks to a fascinating heritage project which has now come to an end.

The Doncaster Gate Heritage Project was commissioned by NHS Rotherham to preserve the history and heritage of Doncaster Gate Hospital when it closed earlier this year.

In January the landmark Victorian building closed its doors and services were transferred to the Rotherham Community Health Centre on Greasbrough Road.

The year-long project has unearthed

some fascinating discoveries, the stories behind the working hospital and the memories of many patients and staff from over the years.

A wealth of archive material, including photographs, historical articles and an interactive timeline, can be found at the project's website – www.doncastergateheritage.org.uk

The project has also made a donation of its findings to Rotherham's local studies and archives centre.

Doncaster Gate Hospital began life in 1870 as Rotherham Hospital and was developed and adapted over the years to support the growing community around it.

Most recently the Victorian building was home to services such as podiatry, contraception and sexual health services, speech therapy, primary ear care, phlebotomy and the walk-in centre, which have now moved to the Community Health Centre.

Rotherham Health Village, which incorporates Clifton and St Ann's Medical Centres, remains at the



HISTORIC BUILDING: Doncaster Gate Hospital, pictured in 1895



LEARNING WITH MATRON: Nurses being trained in bed bathing in the 1960s

A brief history of Doncaster Gate Hospital

- 1862** The suffering of the men who worked in the heavy industries became too extensive and the community began to work towards providing a hospital for the care of the sick and injured
- 1870** Rotherham Hospital on Doncaster Gate opens as the main hospital for the population of Rotherham
- 1898** Founding of Queen's Ward, the children's ward which was built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee
- 1924** The Masbro' Co-operative Ward opened with a £4,000 donation from the Co-operative Society
- 1941** The first X-ray unit opened in the hospital thanks to a donation from the Heppenstall Company in Pittsburgh which was founded by Rotherham emigré Samuel Heppenstall
- 1948** The National Health Service is created
- 1978** Rotherham District General Hospital on Moorgate Road opens to the public. Rotherham Hospital becomes Doncaster Gate Hospital
- 1980s** The opening of the Mental Health Unit on the Princess Mary Ward. Doncaster Gate Hospital now provides many services including physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, plebotomy and audiology
- 2004** Rotherham Health Village opens on the Doncaster Gate Hospital site
- 2009** Services move from Doncaster Gate Hospital to the new Rotherham Community Health Centre on Greasbrough Road

rear of the Doncaster Gate site.

The project worked closely with many different groups across Rotherham and featured drama and art outreach work with primary schools in the borough to increase

awareness of local history.

The gifted and talented group at Winterhill School and year nine pupils from Dinnington and Brinsworth Comprehensive Schools produced many pieces of artwork to commemorate the history of the hospital which are now on display at the Community Health Centre.

"Doncaster Gate Hospital has been an important part of the community since 1870 and this project has helped record and celebrate the history of one of the town's most important buildings," said Emily Uren, who co-ordinated the Doncaster Gate Heritage Project.

"The people of Rotherham have shown great support for the project and many local people have come forward to share their memories, stories and photographs.

"Hopefully through this project the history and heritage of Doncaster Gate have now been preserved for future generations to enjoy."

The findings of the heritage project can be viewed in the archives at Rotherham Central Library and artwork produced by local schools is now on display at Rotherham Community Health Centre.

The heritage project will be made complete when the final piece of artwork – a new sculpture created by Rotherham art students and artists – will be installed at Rotherham Community Health Centre.

The sculpture, which depicts working in partnership, is made from Yorkshire grit, slate and steel.

Nursing memories



HAPPY MEMORIES: Marie is pictured at the celebration event marking the end of the heritage project with project co-ordinator Emily Uren, Rotherham's Mayor, Cllr Shaukat Ali, and the Mayoress of Rotherham, Wajida Naseem

Eighty-year-old Marie Horner trained at Doncaster Gate Hospital and worked there for four years at a time when the hospital provided both general nursing and nursing for men suffering from industrial injuries, especially those working in the coal and steel industries.

After leaving Doncaster Gate she went on to be the nursing officer at Maltby Colliery for 23 years, where she

provided health care for the mineworkers.

Marie was invited to a special event to mark the completion of the Doncaster Gate Heritage Project.

"I started my nurse training at Doncaster Gate Hospital in 1946 and worked there for four years," she said. "I have many happy memories of my time spent at Doncaster Gate and I am so pleased that the history and heritage of this hospital has been preserved."

Best foot forward for John's health challenge

Swinton councillor John Doyle is planning to quite literally put his money where his mouth is over the coming months to promote the benefits of healthy living.

Cllr Doyle, who recently became the lead council member for health and social care issues, has pledged to transform his own lifestyle, shed three stones in weight by Christmas and donate the sponsorship to local charities.

Currently tipping the scales at around 21 stones, Cllr Doyle is keen to lead by example and demonstrate that a series of small changes can bring big health benefits.

He said: "As Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, it is an important part of my job to champion better health and well-being for everyone in the borough.

"My own health problems – obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure – reflect those which sadly have traditionally affected large numbers of men and women across Rotherham.

"I'm very well aware of how difficult it can be for people like me to get themselves motivated and make the change. However, I hope that by taking the plunge - and by being very public about what I'm doing – that I can inspire others to do the same, as well as raising cash for some good causes."

Cllr Doyle (53) – who represents Swinton ward on the Borough Council – has set himself an ultimate target weight of around 14 stones, which is acceptable for his height of five feet 11 inches.

Although his ultimate goal is both to lose weight and improve his fitness, his first priority will be a change of diet. Down the

drain will be hot drinks with milk and sugar, along with his usual intake of fizzy pop. Alcohol consumption will be strictly within recommended limits.

Fatty foods will be off the menu, and replaced by a cereal-based breakfast alongside four other small meals during the course of the day, to spread the calorie intake and increase burn-off.

Cllr Doyle already enjoys healthy helpings of fruit, but will need to nurture a similar love of salads and vegetables if he is to stand a chance of hitting his target by Christmas.

Meanwhile, overcoming his love of bread and butter, toast and sandwiches will be the biggest challenge, he says, along with building up his fitness from a slow start, beginning with regular walks where he would usually use the car or the bus.

"I have already taken professional advice from my NHS colleagues, as it is essential that anyone embarking on this sort of programme has the support of their own GP, and adopts a pace of change that is suitable for them personally," said Cllr Doyle.

Council Chamber colleagues Cllr Jacquie Falvey and former Mayor Cllr Hilda Jack have also pledged their support and are looking to shed some pounds by the end of the year.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Cllrs Doyle, Falvey and Jack should contact Sue Finch at the Town Hall by calling 01709 822710 or by emailing sue.finch@rotherham.gov.uk.

All money raised will be donated to the Mayor's Charities for this year – the Rotherham Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society; Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, and the young people's charity, Safe@Last.



FAREWELL FATTY FOODS: Cllr Doyle takes the healthy option from now on



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Rotherham Partnership Manager

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Closing date: 25th September 2009.

Children's Centre Lead Teacher

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Applications from Women, people from Black and Minority Ethnic Communities and Disabled People are welcomed as under-representation currently exists at this level within the organisation. Section 48(1)(b) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and Section 38 (1)(b) of the Race Relations Act 1976 apply.

This post involves working with children and therefore if successful you will be required to apply for a disclosure of criminal records check at an enhanced level. Further information about the Disclosure Scheme and can be found at www.crb.gov.uk

Closing date: 6th October 2009. Provisional interview date: 22nd October 2009.



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Fund to create future jobs in Rotherham

Rotherham United is backing young Britain by creating innovative job opportunities for young people and the long-term unemployed.

Local authorities in Rotherham, Sheffield and Doncaster worked together to take advantage of the Government's £1bn Future Jobs Fund and submitted a £13.6m proposal to attract investment

and jobs to the area.

The successful bid could create more than 2,000 new jobs across South Yorkshire to help people hit by the recession to gain the skills, confidence and work history they need to secure long-term employment.

Work and Pensions Secretary Yvette Cooper visited Rotherham to launch the new fund and met young coaches from Rotherham United Community Sports Trust as they took part in a soccer school in Brinsworth.

The new jobs created by the fund will include education assistants and posts in the environmental and social care sectors.

The trust will use the fund to create jobs including sports coaches, media assistants and trainee ground staff.

Other jobs that may be created include neighbourhood wardens, marketing assistants, youth circus project assistants, non-teaching assistants and trainees in the council's landscape and woodlands and highways construction departments.

"We are determined not to lose a

generation of talent, as has happened in the past, because of the global recession," said Ms Cooper.

"This is why we are announcing 47,000 new jobs across the country for young people today."

She thanked the organisation of the local authorities and the ability of the trust to respond to the Backing Young Britain campaign, which aims to give every young person a job, training place, skills or work experience.

Rotherham United's Chief Operating Officer Paul Douglas took the opportunity to update Ms Cooper on the work the trust carries out in some of the most disadvantaged areas of Rotherham where young people have few opportunities to play sport.

Activities run by the trust include a classroom reading and literacy programme, a school attendance incentive scheme, soccer schools, a Modern Apprenticeship scheme and the Extra Time project working to include the over-50s in physical activity.



Yvette Cooper MP met NEET apprentices Steven Andrews and Tommy Tomlinson on her visit to the Rotherham United Soccer School. NEET apprentices are young people who are not in education, employment or training

Keogh lifts Lee Westwood Trophy

Rotherham golfers David Booth and Sam Young achieved top ten finishes at the Keepmoat - Lee Westwood Trophy at Rotherham Golf Club at the end of August - but the top prize went to a Lincolnshire golfer.

Booth finished fifth and Young ninth in the annual 72-hole amateur strokeplay but the winner was Boston West Golf Club's Adam Keogh who carded a score of 280 after four rounds.

Keogh won the tournament by one stroke from second-placed Jonathan Bell of Royal Blackheath Golf Club.

The annual three-day event attracts players from Australia, Holland and South Africa as well as English international players, and the competition goes from strength to strength every year.

The Keepmoat - Lee Westwood Trophy is a World Amateur Golf ranking tournament and a PING / EGU order of merit event.



Sam Young shot a round of 69 on his way to ninth place



IN THE SWING: Rotherham's David Booth in action in the Keepmoat - Lee Westwood Trophy

Using football to unite communities

Rotherham's football community is to get its own Community Cohesion Officer to promote tolerance and bring people together from different backgrounds.

Rotherham United's Community Sports Trust has secured a big cash grant that will support the communities of Rotherham.

The trust has secured £105,000 over a three-year period from the Football League Trust which, together with £30,000 from Rotherham Borough Council, will allow it to appoint a Community Cohesion Officer.

The aim of the post will be to use football to bring together fans from a diverse range of backgrounds, cultures and religions.

"I am delighted to secure the money for this vitally important post," said Dale Spiby, Head of Community for the Community Sports Trust.

"It's another indication of our commitment to making Rotherham a better place to live and enjoy football, using Rotherham United as a means of bringing people with different backgrounds together."

Dale explained that the brief of the new Community Cohesion Officer will go beyond different ethnic or gender communities.

"As Rotherham is essentially a collection of former villages we tend to have pockets of communities which don't always interact," he said.

"I want this new post to bring people out of their streets and communities, to share social spaces and create more of an understanding of how other people live."

Community champion and club captain Ian Sharps agreed. "When players walk onto the pitch everyone is equal no matter what their personal circumstances," he said.

"Football is a great way of bringing everyone together on a level playing field."

Cllr Mahroof Hussain, Cabinet Member for Community Development and Engagement at Rotherham Borough Council, added: "Football is a great tool because it is a sport which crosses all language, cultural, economic and social barriers and brings people together to share common values and understanding.

"This new post will also play a vital role in the wider aim of the One Town, One Community programme."

The trust expects to hold interviews soon and the successful candidate should take up the new role at the end of September.