



Working Together for a better future

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## **Welcome Chapel Street TRA!**

All at DFTRA would like to say a big welcome to our newest TRA, and wish them all the best.

## **Fete at Woodside Park**

Lovells, DFTRA, Holly Hall and Woodside TRA and DMBC will be holding a fete at Woodside Park from 10am until 4pm on Saturday 27th August 2011.

Entertainment will include:

- Air Ambulance Stand
- Food stalls
- Face Painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Tombola
- Raffle
- Sponge Throwing
- Football Competition

If you have any donations of raffle and tombola prizes, please call DFTRA and arrange a time to drop them into the office.

Volunteers are welcome and anyone wishing to get involved please call Stan Chance or Martin Smith at DFTRA on 01384 868 010 or email [info@dfta.org.uk](mailto:info@dfta.org.uk).

We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Butterfield Court TRA say farewell**

Butterfield Court T.R.A. said a sad goodbye to their long standing chairperson Geoff Smith who resigned in June. The new committee send a big thank you to Geoff for all his hard work as chair for a considerable number of years and wish him well for the future.

## Refugee Week Fun Day

On Thursday 23rd June, DFTRA were invited by the 5 Estates Project to a fun day at the Hope Centre in Halesowen in honour of Refugee Week.

Stan and Phylis attended on behalf of the fed and with the help of Caroline and Myra made an information board explaining all about DFTRA and what we do.

There were quite a few stalls, from Dudley Link to Crime Prevention and many others including face painting, an art corner, mental health and healthy eating.

There were also several different types of musicians who got people to take part, at one stage we even had the Mayor playing the Bongos.



The day went very well and thankfully the rain held off for most of the day. The event was well attended and there

were several guests including the Mayor and Mayoress of Dudley, as well as the

Bishop of Dudley, we also had a visit from the local MP.



Everyone said what a great and interesting day it had been and they hope that it can happen again soon.

By Stan Chance and Phyllis Rowley

## Gornal Fun Day

On Saturday the 9th July 2011 The Oval & Tudor TRA took part in the annual Gornal fun day, it was held at the Quarry in Vale Street Upper Gornal, and was buzzing this year with so many things going on.

Activities included a giant sandpit, donkey rides, a Punch & Judy show including balloon modelling, a trampoline, bouncy castle, nail art, face painting, and crafts. There was also a tombola plus other stalls and football coaches from West Bromwich Albion did a penalty shootout with the youngsters.

The Christian motor cycle club came along, and many vintage cars were on display, the police brought their camper van and the fire service brought a fire engine along so that the youngsters could sit in it and have their photo taken. There was a display by the Gornal ATC and Morgan's fairground organ was also present.

The entertainment was provided by DJ James, the very talented High Arcal School Band plus Cheerleaders from Star Fire Athletics.



Oval & Tudor TRA

Spills Meadow Methodist Church



A thank you must go to Ian Austin MP for opening the fun day and to all the businesses for their donations. Thanks must also go to the Birmingham Network Foundation for the funding which they granted us. Many thanks to all the people and community groups who helped on the fun day and made the day a great success.

The Gornal Fun Day as we all know brings the community together, which is why we are all so proud of it, but behind the scenes the Gornal fun day committee work tirelessly to plan the event. They are: Chairperson Tracey Bates, Cllr Doreen Ameson, Cllr Julian Ryder, Secretaries Stella Richens, & Joan Porter, Treasurer Margaret Peters, Betty Williams, Sandra Allen and Paul Raybould A big thank you must go to the fun day committee for all their hard work.

St. Peters Church



Upper Gornal Pensioners Club



On a sad note, Betty Williams & Margaret Peters from the Upper Gornal Pensioners club are leaving the fun day committee. They have been involved since the fun day was set up more than eight years ago. They will be sadly missed and it is a great loss to the committee. Thank you both for all the hard work you have put in over the years and for your great friendship.

We will be looking for new members to join the fun day committee so that it can continue. If you are interested please contact Sandra Allen on 01902 664713 or email [mrssandraallen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mrssandraallen@hotmail.co.uk)

## Working Together To Create a Better Community

A new campaign has been launched to protect the elderly and vulnerable from crime. A few weeks ago, Sgt D. Rowbotham invited members of Parkes Street Area TRA to join an event to create a better understanding for everyone in the community.

The event took place on Thursday 23rd June. Police erected a gazebo on the green of Sion Close where Sgt D Rowbotham and Crime reduction officer Pc Angela Hodgetts as well as PCSO's from Brierley Hill Police came together to conduct a survey in Parkes Street, Fenton Street, Tobruk Walk, Sion Close, and Brockley Close.

The main Items from the crime prevention survey offered to residents were :

- Personal identification on belongings
- Fire alarm installations
- Sensor lights
- Intercoms
- Padlocks
- Window Locks
- Waterboard password awareness



Many officers conducted a door to door survey which proved very positive, it gave an insight of issues on the estate.

Referrals were made to Brierley Hill fire station to fit fire alarms at homes, and contact numbers for Dudley's telecare service were handed out as they provide vulnerable adults with access to a range of support which enable people to continue living independently in their own home.

By the end of the event, everyone was pleased with the response. It was suggested that a Fun Day may be organised in the future.

Parkes Street Area TRA  
Steve Dunn (Secretary)

## **Gas safety checks**

**We are urging council tenants to take advantage of a free annual gas check as part of a drive to ensure people's safety.**

**Every year around 20 people throughout the UK die from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by gas appliances and flues which are incorrectly installed or maintained, according to the UK's leading authority, the Health & Safety Executive.**

**Around 20,000 Dudley Council owned properties which have gas appliances installed are visited as part of a rolling service contract, carried out by the authority's new partners, PH Jones. These free visits are made to check council owned gas central heating and fires are working safely and efficiently.**

**Dudley Council tenants are asked to call 01384 286086 or 0300 555 8283 to arrange an appointment, if their gas appliances have not already been serviced.**

**Servicing is carried out from Monday to Saturday between 8am and 8pm to ensure tenants can arrange a convenient time for appointments.**

## **New hotline launched**

**A new number has been launched so that residents can check the identity of Dudley Council employees who call at their house. The number is:**

**0300 555 2345**

## Dudley Community Information Directory

Dudley Community Information Directory is a one stop shop for everything that's going on in the community. There is information about all kinds of organisations in the Dudley Borough including health, independent living, learning, sports and leisure and lots more. There is also a 'What's On' section. You can even add your own organisation or event via the Directory, or by contacting Dudley libraries on the number below.

The Dudley Community Information Directory can be accessed at [www.dudleyci.co.uk](http://www.dudleyci.co.uk) or via any one of Dudley's libraries. It provides a vital link to the community for all residents and helps to promote and raise the profile of community and care organisations and services.

For more information on the Dudley Community Information Directory or a copy of a leaflet on the directory, contact Dudley libraries on 01384 812965.

### Fishing needs?

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If you wish to submit an article or piece of information, please let Caroline know and either send by post to: Dudley Federation of Tenants & Residents Associations, The Ground Floor Complex, Booth Court Lower Derry Street, Brierley Hill, Dudley, DY5 2SJ or email it to [caroline@dfta.org.uk](mailto:caroline@dfta.org.uk). You can also call on 01384 868 010.