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Sycamore Adventure is a centre that offers varied play opportunities to children and young people. Located in the Old Park Farm Estate in Dudley, the centre offers a variety of free public access play sessions and also offers private bookings to schools, nursery groups and other organisations working with children and young people.

There are a variety of structured activities available as well as 'free play' including arts and crafts, group games, story telling, go-karting and team building as well as many others.

On the 20th August, Old Park Farm TRA with funding from Grassroots took local children from the area to the Sycamore Adventure Centre. Everyone had a great day. There was a barbeque, children from the area selling produce and a tombola for the Pensioners Club.

Old Park Farm TRA would like to thank everyone involved in the planning of the day, and the play rangers at Sycamore Adventure.

For more information on the centre, go to www.sycamoreadventure.co.uk, email play@sycamoreadventure.co.uk or call 01384 813 755.



Interactive Radio Workshops

As part of the 5 Estates initiative, member from migrant groups, across the Borough, attended a radio and media workshop in July. The workshop was designed to promote the use of radio and media as tools for building bridges, enhancing communication skills and promoting the active participation of migrant groups in many aspects of their integration process within the community.



The workshop took two consecutive days (Friday 29th July 2011 and Saturday 30th July 2011) facilitated by New Style Radio, in Birmingham. On day one, participant was invited to join the “Breakfast Show” where each participant had the opportunity to air his/her experience.



On day two, participants, explored the different types of media and the process

of creating news and features items and the roles of those involved.



Participants were given the opportunity to take part in interactive workshop that simulated scenarios based on real life event that communities find themselves confronted by. Scenarios were recorded and played back to the group so that individual could learn from each other and receive constructive feedback.



Tony Ibandula said “I have learned more about what to expect in the studio and beyond the studio, but most important, I feel confident to undertake research and compile information into a framework that may be presented to a diverse radio audience”.

There are no doubts that the training offered participants a learning pathway to further training and self-transformation.

Fun Day Dudley Fields / Brockmoor

Dudley Fields TRA got together with Brockmoor Community Association and West Midlands Police to provide a Fun Day for the children and adults of Dudley Fields Estate and surrounding areas.

Through a successful grant application to Safe and Sound, we with the help of West Midlands police were able to designate fifty Shed Alarms to local residents to help cut shed crime in the area.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped put on a fantastic day including West Midlands Fire Service, West Midlands Police, RNLI, Dudley Fields TRA, Fens Pool Association, Bouncy Castle operators, Nail painter, Face Painter, Ken & Margaret Arnold and Jean Fulwood who kept the hot food and drinks flowing.

Allan Miles Chairman Dudley Fields TRA



Before and After...



RNLI Stand



Holly Hall and Woodside Fete

On Saturday the 27th August, Martin and Stan attended a fete held at Woodside Park.

The fete was organized by Lovell and DFTRA along with DMBC and was officially opened by Luke Cumberlidge. Luke was airlifted from the park in 2009 after being knocked off his bike by a lorry while doing his paper round. All proceeds raised on the day went to the Air Ambulance Service.

Sofia Voutianitis, local area fundraising manager for the charity added; "The day was a fantastic success and a wonderful way to enjoy the summer while raising money for a life saving charity which is funded solely by the generosity of the community."



There were a number of stalls and activities including a bouncy castle for the younger children and a laser quest for the older ones. Stalls included a tombola, pick a straw, a raffle as well as others. There was also a stall selling home grown vegetables which was run by the Holly Hall and Woodside TRA communal gardening team, as well as the Air Ambulance Helipod.





Despite the mixed weather, a good crowd turned up for the event and between the showers a fun time was had by all. Martin was the announcer on the day and also did a good job as the DJ, Stan acted as his able assistant.

A big thank you goes out to all the people who contributed to the raffle and tombola prizes, and also the people who manned the stalls. A thank you also to Stan's wife Pat who manned the raffle stall throughout the day and raised £220 despite the rain.



There was a considerable amount of money raised - £4000 and counting - and every one said it was well worth the effort and they are hoping to do the same again next year.

Stan Chance, Director, The Dudley Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations, concluded; "This fete was important because it not only helped raise funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance who depend on the public, but it also brought the local community together - which is more important now than ever after what has been happening in other parts of the country recently."

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. You can also call on 01384 868 010.

Calling all TRA members...

The Centre for Equality & Diversity '5 Estates Project' in partnership with DFTRA and the Participation Development Team would like to take this opportunity to tell you about an exciting event that TRA members along with volunteers from the '5 Estates Project' are organising.



The A.C.T for your community day will be held at Saltwells EDC and will look at:

A = Awareness

C = Commitment

T = Taking Responsibility

There will be workshops, information stands, guest speakers, information packs for people attending, refreshments & transport will be provided.

If you want to attend this free and exciting event on 30th November 2011 you can contact:

Martin Smith, Vice Chairman of DFTRA on 01384 868010 or email: martin@dfta.org.uk

Thierry Barholere, Centre for Equality & Diversity 01384 456166 or email: admin@cfed.org.uk

Kim Avantaggiato, Participation Development Team, 01384 813066 or email: kim.avantaggiato@dudley.gov.uk

More information is available on the CFED website at www.cfed.org.uk

Black Bags

The PDO team are aware that some of the TRA's have been asking about black bin bag deliveries so they have found this information out for anyone who needs it.

Dudley Council operates a black sack collection service for domestic refuse, black sacks are delivered in bulk to each household on a yearly basis - 52 sacks, one per week. Black sacks will be delivered to each household during December 11 & January 2012. If you wish to report an issue with your black bags please ring 0300 555 2345.