



The Green Scene

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The newsletter of the Seacroft Green Residents Association

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SEACROFT SUMMER GALA

Seacroft Village Green
Saturday 6th July 12.00 - 4.00pm

Celebrating all things Seacroft.

At this year's gala you will be able to take part in biking of all descriptions from using your pedal power to make a smoothie - or bring your bike and try some tricks on our BMX ramps - as Leeds prepares for the Tour de France next year.



With lots of stalls and other family activities too!

Including: fun fair; graffiti wall; face painting; back to front gardening; healthy food cooking demonstrations; bell ringing; children's traditional games; inflatables; the community police bus, horses and vintage car; BMX bike ramps; fun dog show; free dog micro-chipping; ELFM buskers; vintage tea 'room' and a visit by Morley exotic animals; as well as much, much more!

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Seacroft Grange

My story by Eric Hives - part two

It was strange to be together again inside the Grange, but this time as 60 year old men! First of all we went into the room with the castellated bay window which looks south onto the village green. This had been the nursery - our first classroom. We recounted the play house and rocking horse that were in here. Through the opened doorway we could see the house that our old friend, John Robert Gannon, lived in on York Road. Sadly, I had recently learned that he died in 1998.

Above our heads, and because of the missing floor, we could see the room that had been the dreaded school dentist! We went into the next room which was where we practiced music - cymbals, tambourine, triangle and recorders. What a row we must have made but we were very enthusiastic. I remember the teacher in here asking me "what do you want to do when you grow up Eric?" maybe thinking that playing music had inspired me. I told her I wanted to be a clown!

On into the next room, where my only memory of being in here was of myself and another lad called Paul Blackburn, being made to sit on our own whilst morning assembly took place because we had been disruptive!

We then went into the hallway where the grand old staircase used to be. Then into the head's study (Miss Dowgill and later Mr Parsons) where small groups of us as children were interviewed by two detectives, regarding yet another school burglary!

We then went into the next room which had been the staff room and where I would sometimes be taken to be attended to, after one of the frequent nose-bleeds that I used to get during boisterous playtimes.

During this visit I took lots more photographs and we eventually left. What memories though? It had been just another of the many things that Graham and I had done together. Some I may write down one day, some I had better not!

I had become more confident about going into the Grange and over the next few weeks I went back in on my own several times. Eventually, it was boarded up again so that put a stop to my visits.

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As usual there will be lots of stalls at the gala with local organisations selling their wares or tempting you to a 'game of chance' in order to raise much needed funds for good causes.

Stalls will include: home-made cakes, cup-cakes and preserves; toys; handicrafts; bric-a-brac; hand-made cards; jewellery; 'I ♥ Seacroft' bags; plants; novelties; tombola's; lucky-dips; cosmetics and beauty products; books; CDs and DVDs; art work; pre-loved items; and many more!

Bookings are currently being taken for stalls so if you haven't booked yet, there's still a chance to do so.

Prices for stall spaces are as follows:

- FREE for information only stalls.
- £5.00 per table space for community sales, not for profit organisations or reg. charities.
- £10 per table space for profitable organisations.
- £50 for food vans or commercial businesses.

(Please note that each stall holder will be required to bring their own table/s).

If you would like a stall booking form, please email Joanne at jo@ls14trust.org.uk

Or you can contact the Chair or the secretary of the residents association - see page 3 for details.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to guarantee a space, all stall booking forms must be received by Monday 24th June 2013.

We also need VOLUNTEERS on the day for general duties such as helping to set up stalls, gazebos and other equipment and to clear away and tidy up at the end of the gala.

Will YOU be able to help?

If so, please contact the Chair of the Gala Committee, Rev. Fiona Harrison-Smith on tel. **0113 273 3555** or email at fiona@seacroftparish.org.uk

See page 8 for a fun gala word-search.

Overheard in a gala planning session!

"We need to change the wording from 'free micro dog chipping' to free dog micro-chipping or it will sound like we are offering the free chipping up of very small dogs!"

"Change 'vintage car and horses' to 'horses and vintage car.' The horses are not that old!"

All Creatures Great and Small



**Animal Blessing Service
St James Church, Seacroft Green,
Sunday 21st July 2013 at 3.00pm.**

This simple service will be for us to give thanks for all the creatures who share our world and to remind us of our responsibility for all human and non-human life.

All animals, 'great and small' are very welcome and each animal will receive a blessing.

Water and biscuits provided!

**For more information please contact:
Rev. Christine Bandawe on tel. 0113 235 1586**

WANTED : WANTED : WANTED

The residents association is on the lookout for any good quality, pre-loved items or unused and unwanted gifts, which we can use on our stall at the summer gala on Saturday 6th July.

So this is your chance to get rid of those unwanted items that are 'cluttering up' your cupboards or sitting on that pile, waiting to be taken to the charity shop. Just donate them to us instead and help us to raise some much needed funds for the association.

We plan to have our Mystery Tombola stall, which is always popular, as well as selling any other donated items such as books, CDs, DVDs, children's toys, etc. but no clothes please.

If you have anything to donate, please contact the Chair or the secretary - see page 3 for details.



SEACROFT GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Who's who on the committee?

Lily Woods	Chair	26 The Green
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Thelma Sierwald		28 The Green
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If you wish to contact the committee you can either
phone the Chair on: **07951785845**
or alternatively contact the secretary
by email at: marsden858@btinternet.com

You can find out more about us at:
www.seacroftgreen.org.uk

FENCING - an update:

After what feels like years of 'in depth' negotiations, (some would call it nagging!) at last the notorious 'grime area' at the top of the ginnel behind St. James Church is no more! Thankfully, the area has now been completely fenced off and is no longer accessible for anti-social behaviour and the dumping of rubbish.

We are indebted to ENEHL and specifically to Paul Hodges and Joanne Buck who have helped us to finally bring this particular 'crusade' at an end!

HANGING BASKETS - an update:

Following our appeal for sponsorship towards the cost of 28 hanging baskets, which would adorn the lamp posts around the village green, we have been fortunate enough to receive a small grant from our local ward councillors, for which we are extremely grateful. Other promises of sponsorship have been received but so far, only enough to provide 8 baskets.

We will continue to pursue sponsorship and other means of funding in time for the summer season next year as the baskets will have much more impact once the redevelopment of Seacroft Grange is completed, (To donate to, or sponsor a basket, please contact the Chair)

However, by this time things were starting to happen regarding the renovation. I had made contact with the Chairman of Springfield Healthcare, Graeme Lee and he gave me permission to photographically record the progress of the renovation and redevelopment of Seacroft Grange. I could now 'officially' go into the Grange and I felt honoured and privileged to be allowed to do this.

PDR Construction started work at the beginning of September 2012 and the build is planned to take 58 weeks. By prior arrangement, I now go to the Grange every so often, to take photographs, but strict rules are now in place. I wear a hard hat, reflective jacket and steel toecap boots. Each time I go it is great to see the progress being made and what a thorough job the workmen are doing.

The stone staircase has been removed. The cellar beneath it has been filled in. All the old timbers are being replaced. Some old bricked up windows have been reopened. All the old plaster is being removed to expose the old brick and stone walls and which in turn has exposed large old fireplaces that no one knew existed. Seacroft Grange used to have 17 fireplaces - amazing!

On one occasion the workmen showed me some small patterns that a stone mason, centuries earlier, had cut into a stone lintel above a fire place.

On completion, my old school, Seacroft Grange will have been saved and restored! Seacroft will have a fantastic new facility, Seacroft Green Care Village, which will be a focal point of the village green.

Well done Springfield Healthcare Group.

Eric Hives

To end on a different note and something I haven't mentioned until now - is regarding one of my visits when I first went into Seacroft Grange on my own and went down to the cellar. With the light of my torch, I saw a dusty old cupboard in the corner that looked like it hadn't been opened for years.

I couldn't resist opening the door and it creaked as I slowly pulled it open. To my great shock there was a skeleton, in a crouched position, inside. I started to turn and run from the room but saw something hanging around its neck.

It was an old medallion on a chain. I wiped the dust from the medallion with my thumb and saw an inscription. It read 'SEACROFT GRANGE HIDE AND SEEK CHAMPION 1850'!!!!!!

Eric Hives

Revive Leeds

After a lull over the Christmas period and now summer is approaching, the people of East Leeds are obviously feeling the need to de-clutter.

They have been giving their unwanted items a new lease of life, as anything reusable is being dropped off at the Revive Reuse Shop on the way to the recycling containers at 'Seacroft Tip'.

The shop is full of useful and interesting things at bargain prices.

The Revive Reuse Shop has built up a loyal customer base since it opened in August 2011. Some people come every day to see what's on offer and some even bring treats for the staff team, most of whom are volunteers.

Revive Leeds Community Interest Company was set up by three Leeds based charities, Emmaus Leeds, SLATE (*South Leeds Alternative Trading Enterprise*) and SVP Leeds.

- **Emmaus Leeds** - works with previously homeless people. www.emmaus.org.uk/leeds
- **SLATE** works with people with learning difficulties. www.slateleeds.co.uk
- **SVP** works for the relief of poverty. www.svp.org.uk

Revive Leeds' mission is:

To become the number one household waste site shop in England, providing work and volunteering opportunities for people from socially excluded background.

We lease the shop from Leeds City Council and work closely with the council's waste management officers to help meet the city's reuse and recycling targets.

All members of the public are welcome to drop off any reusable goods at the shop on their way into the Household Waste Site - that's the 'tip' to you and me! Or just come along and browse through the items on sale. All our profits are redistributed to the three charities.

The shop is open 9.00am - 3.30pm during the winter and 9.00am - 5.30pm in the summer. In line with the adjacent Household Waste Site, we are only closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

**For further information, please contact
Andrew Zbos at the Reuse Shop on:
Telephone 0113 273 1791
Or email at Andrew.Zbos@ReviveLeeds.co.uk**

IN EXAMS

The wrong answers are often the best!

These are real examples of the creative thinking used by some students when trying to tackle those particularly challenging questions!

Chemistry:

Q. What is a nitrate?

A. It is much dearer than a day rate.

Q. Give a brief explanation of the term 'hard water'.

A. Ice.

Q. What is a vacuum?

A. Something my mum says I should use more!

Biology:

Q. What is a fibula?

A. A little lie.

Q. What does 'terminal illness' mean?

A. When you get ill at the airport.

Q. What happens to a boy during puberty?

A. He leaves his childhood and enters adultery.

Q. What is a 'plasmid'?

A. A high definition television.

Physics:

Q. What does a transformer do?

A. Goes from car to a robot in three seconds.

Q. Give an example of a 'step up' transformer.

A. An exercise machine.

Q. What was Sir Isaac Newton famous for?

A. He invented gravity.

Maths:

Q. What is a random variable?

A. Someone with multiple personalities.

Q. How do you change centimetres in to meters?

A. You take away the centi.

Q. What is a conditional probability?

A. Maybe - maybe not!

Q. If car was £12,000 and has 30% off, what is the price?

A. Still too expensive!

If you enjoyed these there will be more in the next issue.

SEACROFT



We meet at 7.30pm on the last Thursday in the month at:

The Barn, Mayfield Farm,
69 The Green, Seacroft.

We get together, informally, over a cuppa, to discuss the latest recommended book.

It's a great way to meet other people who also enjoy reading. Why not come and join us?

New members welcome.

For more information ring:

Anna on 0785 5322 565

Dump the Junk

Are you fed up of receiving junk mail through the post? Do you get bombarded with so much junk mail that you just don't know what to do with it?

Some people receive up to 100 pieces of junk mail a week and this can leave many feeling pressured into responding, donating money or taking out unwanted credit cards.

This can be especially difficult for some elderly people who can become confused as to what is 'legitimate' mail and what is not. Many have been known to fall into the trap and end up ordering unwanted items or sending money to unauthorised people; but once a response has been received, their details are often 'sold on' to other unscrupulous scammers.

The **Mail Preference Service** can help by reducing the amount of unsolicited mail you receive. Just contact them on **0845 703 4599** to receive this **FREE** service.

There is also the equivalent service for cold calling or nuisance telephone calls. Just contact the **Telephone Preference Service** on **0845 070 0707**.

This action will not stop all junk mail and cold calling, but it will reduce it dramatically.

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A letter - Seacroft Years

I would just like to say how much I enjoyed reading the recent 'At Home in Seacroft' feature in the YEP.

I was brought up in Seacroft in the 40s and 50s, living in Parkway Close and Rosgill Drive.

Opposite a house in South Parkway, (*number 2*) was a field with 'Monkey Beck' running through. We used to dam the beck in summer, to create a swimming pool! Beyond the beck was a huge corn-field (*now sports fields, I think*) stretching over to Gipton and Fearnville.

Behind our house was a field (*the 'back field' to us lads!*) bounded by South Parkway and Foundry Mill Drive.

My dad and I often used to walk up to Seacroft Village to watch cricket on the green. I seem to remember a batsman who only had one arm playing for Seacroft!

I had some good mates during my Seacroft years, including two, Barrie Wilsons, Harvey Hamilton, Mick Hutchinson, Brian Smickersgill and many others.

Seacroft was a great place to grow up and no one ever locked their doors! Thanks for bringing back some good memories.
Colin Milner.

(Taken from the YEP March 2013)

East Leeds Community Choir

- We sing for joy and bring people together.
- We are a friendly group and welcome new members at any time.
- We will help you find your voice - you don't need any previous experience.
- We perform at local community events.
- We meet on Thursdays 6.00pm - 7.30pm at The Anglers Club (near St James's Hospital).
- We are funded by the Inner North East Area Committee - supported by Connect Housing.

For more information please contact:

Frances on tel. 07759563848

or email frances.bernstein@ntlworld.com

OR

Barbara on tel. 07912242324

or email barbara.kempf@connecthousing.org.uk

Find us at www.harmonychoir.org/

Summer Activities in the Wyke-Beck Valley

Meadowland and forgotten flowers.

Sunday 7th July 2013. 10.00am - 12.00noon.

Location: Wykebeck Woods.

Join the rangers for a guided walk to learn about the increasingly rare meadows and wildflowers.

Meet at the entrance off Wetherby Road.

Contact: Rob Driver on 0113 336 7553 / 07891 270748

Conservation Work - Invasive Vegetation.

Wednesday 10th July 2013. 9.30am - 3.30pm.

Join Leeds Wildlife Volunteers for a day of Himalayan Balsam control on the meadows.

Location: Killingbeck Fields, Seacroft.

Meet at steel gate entrance to Killingbeck Fields.

Contact: Dan Malster on 0113 336 7549

Historic Killingbeck - Festival of Archaeology.

Saturday 20th July 2013. 10.00am - 12.00noon.

Join us for a guided walk to learn about the rich tapestry of local history of Killingbeck and the meadows.

Location: Killingbeck Fields, Seacroft.

Meet at the entrance by the Packhorse Bridge, off Foundry Lane.

Contact: Rob Driver on 0113 336 7553 / 07891 270748

Historic Wyke Beck - Festival of Archaeology.

Sunday 21st July 2013. 10.00am - 12.00noon.

Join us for a guided walk to learn about the local history of the royal deer park, Asket Hill and a Romano-British sacred site.

Location: Wykebeck Woods.

Meet at the entrance off Wetherby Road.

Contact: Rob Driver on 0113 336 7553 / 07891 270748

Trees, leaves and all things green.

Wednesday 24th July 2013. 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

Join the rangers for a guided walk looking at the trees, flowers and wildlife in the green corridor.

Location: Arthur's Rein.

Meet at the entrance by the junction of Asket Hill and Easterly Road.

Contact: Rob Driver on 0113 336 7553 / 07891 270748

Nocturnal Wildlife.

Wednesday 7th August 2013. 8.00pm - 10.00pm.

Join us for a guided evening walk to learn about the nocturnal world of bats.

Location: Wykebeck Woods.

Meet at the entrance off Wetherby Road.

Contact: Rob Driver on 0113 336 7553 / 07891 270748

*For additional activities and dates - go to the website
www.wykebeckvalleypride.org.uk*

Scam Alert!

As scams and scammers become much more sophisticated in their approach, we all need to be on our guard.

On 1st May 2013 the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Trading Standards Institute launched Scams Awareness Month in order to raise the following key messages about Scams:

- If it sounds too good to be true - it probably is!
- If you haven't bought a ticket - you can't possibly win!
- If you are contacted 'out of the blue' - be suspicious.
- Never give out your bank details over the phone.
- Don't accept 'cold calling' either at your door or on the telephone.
- Always check the credentials of anyone representing the utilities companies before you let them in. Ask to see their ID and if in doubt, take the details and ring the company for confirmation.
- Take your time when purchasing anything and resist any pressure to make a decision straight away.
- Never pay for any maintenance work 'up front'. If you employ someone to undertake work for you, pay them in instalments for work already completed instead.
- Never send money to someone you don't know or who you have met over the internet.
- Do not respond to internet pleas for help and assistance to recover funds for someone you don't know.

ALSO - watch out for rogue charity companies. Have you ever had a charity collection bag posted through the door or been asked to donate to charity while out shopping or on your own doorstep?

Whilst many 'charities' are bona-fide, it is important to check their credentials before donating anything as the 'charity' may not be registered and you could be contributing to criminal activity or helping to 'line' someone else's pocket!

Always ask to see a person's ID. Bona-fide charity bags will always show a registration number.

***You can contact the Charity's Commission on 0845 300 0218 to check the charity name and registration number.
Don't be fooled - be prepared!***

Quotes for the boys!

Clement Freud:

"If you resolve to give up smoking, drinking and loving, you don't actually live longer. It just seems longer."

Richie Benaud:

"I used to think I'd like less grey hair. Now I'd like more of it!"

Harry Hill:

"I knew I was going bald when it was taking me longer and longer to wash my face!"

Winston Churchill:

"Don't worry about temptation. As you grow older, it starts avoiding you!"

Rodney Dangerfield:

"My doctor told me to watch my drinking. So I now do it in front of the mirror."

Bob Monkhouse:

"My wife said to me 'I don't look 50 do I darling?' I said 'Not anymore'."

Angus Walker:

"Now I'm over 50 my doctor said I should go out and get more fresh air and exercise. I said 'All right, I'll drive with the car window open'."

Anonymous:

"A man has reached middle age when he is advised to slow down by his doctor rather than the police."

Quick Notes

PACT Meetings are held every six weeks at Seacroft Village Hall from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. The forthcoming meeting dates are as follows:

- Thursday 30th June 2013.
- Thursday 11th July 2013.
- Thursday 22nd August 2013.

Seacroft Green Residents Association AGM will take place on Wednesday 21st August 2013, Seacroft Village Hall at 7.00pm. All residents and invited guests will receive full details at the beginning of August.

Reminder

Funding for local projects and/or community groups is still available for year 3 (2013/2014) through Community First. Grants from £250 up to £2,500 can be applied for. For more details, contact Joanne Buck at joanne.buck@enehl.org.uk

Second Saturday Café

The 'Second Saturday Café' has now been running for almost two years. During that time many people have attended the coffee morning to meet and greet old friends and ended up making new ones.



There is no charge for the coffee, tea and cakes, but voluntary donations in lieu of the monthly chosen charity are invited.

Since August 2011 over £500 has been collected for charities or local good causes such as:-

- ❖ St. Gemma's Hospice, Leeds
- ❖ Marie Curie Hospice, Bradford
- ❖ Wheatfields Hospice, Leeds
- ❖ Water Aid
- ❖ Ls14 Trust
- ❖ Seacroft Family Centre
- ❖ Shelter Box
- ❖ South Seacroft Friends and Neighbours
- ❖ NSPCC
- ❖ Christian Aid
- ❖ Help for Heroes

The 'Second Saturday Café' is held - yes you guessed it - every second Saturday in the month between 10.00am and 12.00noon at:

**The Barn, Mayfield Farm,
69 The Green, Seacroft.**

Why don't YOU come along and join us?

Church Information

St. James Church, Seacroft Green

Sunday worship - every Sunday at 10.00am.
All ages are welcome.

Little Angels under 5s and carers group - every Wednesday at 1.00pm. during term time.

For more information go to
www.seacroftparish.org.uk

JUST FOR FUN
A Gala WORD-SEARCH

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Can you find the following words all linked to the Seacroft Gala?

The words run forwards or backwards, up or down and forwards or backwards diagonally. Some of the letters have been used twice.

SUMMER GALA	CHILDRENS GAMES	HEALTHY FOOD	ELFM
FUN FAIR	SACK RACE	ICE CREAM	SHOP
ENTERTAINMENT	EGG AND SPOON	CAKE STALL	SPORT
ACTIVITIES	TUG OF WAR	TRY AND TASTE	PLAY
TEA ROOM	FOOTIE	SWEETS	BOYS
BOUNCY CASTLE	MUSIC	TOYS	GIRLS
ZUMBA	DANCE	DOGS	FUN
HAND MADE CARDS	SONGS	MUMS	FUN
JEWELLERY	GIFTS	DADS	FUN
RAFFLE	PRIZES	INFORMATION	
TOMBOLA	CRAFT SESSIONS	STANDS	

Sorry - there are no prizes for finding them all, but how well did YOU do? If you would like the solution, please contact the secretary - details on page 3. Are you any good at devising similar word-searches? Then why not send them to us for inclusion in future newsletters? Editor.

A Fascinating Folklore Fact: In times gone by, household spirits, known as 'boggarts', once acted as a scapegoat for all the minor irritations of daily life. Houses which had a reputation for such 'poltergeist' style hauntings were known colloquially as 'boggart houses'.

One such, 'boggart house', now demolished, once stood in an area of Seacroft - hence the inherited name of Boggart Hill.

(You can find more folklore facts in a newly published book entitled 'The Folklore of Yorkshire' by Kai Roberts).

Make a date: As reported in the last newsletter a representative of the residents association meets up with Paul Hodges, Housing Support Officer with ENEHL, to undertake a 'walkabout' around the area so we can identify things that may require attention.

Residents are also welcome to join us on any of the walkabouts. The dates to the end of the year are:

- **Wednesday 17th July 2013 at 2.00pm.**
- **Wednesday 16th October 2013 at 2.00pm.**

For more information or if you have an issue you would like us to raise, please contact the Chair - see page 3.