



The Green Scene

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Acknowledgements

It goes without saying really, that our local community events just would not happen at all without the kind support of our generous funders and supporters.

This year the gala committee received grant funding from the following:

- **Leeds Community Foundation - Red Nose Day Community Cash.**
- **LCC Area Committee Wellbeing Fund.**
- **Community First.**
- **Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) Community Awards Scheme.**

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- **Seacroft Village Hall Committee** (donation)
- **George Tucker** (donation)
- **Bill Askin** (sponsorship for the toilets)

The Residents Association received donations from:

- **The New Inn** - meal for two voucher
- **Leeds Coop** - shopping vouchers
- **Aldi @ Seacroft** - raffle prizes
- **Stuart Payne** - lollypops

A great big THANK YOU to one and all!

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It weren't half hot mum!

What a difference a year makes!

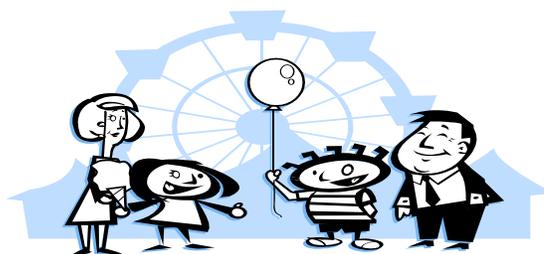
From the misery of last year's rain sodden village green and the inevitable cancelled event, to a scorching hot day with the sun beating down and temperatures just into the 80's, Seacroft Gala triumphed once again!

An estimated 2,500 people flocked to the village green and enjoyed another fabulous community event which must rank as one of the biggest and best galas yet!

"A brilliant gala" said Mary Flint; **"It's buzzing"** said Kelly, Lindsey and Sheila Bareham; **"Plenty of things to do"** exclaimed Sylvia Buchanan; **"Better than other galas in the area"** stated Mark and Robert Johnson; **"We come every year and it's always very good"** said D. Roche; **"Well organised and with a variety of stalls"** said Paul Smith; **"Excellent"** said Sally Fisher.

These are just a few of the positive comments we received during our 'evaluation walkabout' on the day. But, as always, our good friend and intrepid reporter, Readmore Daley, has a few more to add.

You can read these, on page 2.



So it's onwards and upwards with the ever enthusiastic gala committee already planning the Christmas event which will take place on:

Saturday 14th December 2013 from 2.00pm.

Full details of this second annual community event will be outlined in the winter issue of The Green Scene which will be in circulation at the end of November.

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Interviews with a young person!

With Readmore Daley at this year's Seacroft Gala.

James Bennet aged 10 and from Seacroft was asked "What do you like best about today?"

James - "The BMX track is ace. It's great to be able to get a ride on the ramps and I didn't even bring my own bike. They had one for me to borrow!"

Sarah Cottingley aged 8 and also from Seacroft was asked "What have you seen today?"

Sarah - "I've looked at the animals and I was allowed to touch the big snake. I thought it would be slimy but it wasn't. The man told me all about what it eats which was a bit cool, but in a scary way!"

Jennifer Marshall aged 9 from Whinmoor was asked "Is this your first visit to Seacroft Gala?"

Jennifer - "No I came to the last one, not last year because that one was cancelled because of the rain. But I always come with my family. My little brother has had a go on the fun fair and liked the train. He loves trains! He also had a donkey ride but I think he was a bit scared because he started crying so my mum walked along with him and he was all right then".

Jordan Smith aged 11 and from Seacroft was asked "What did you take part in today?"

Jordan - "The bike track was cool and I had a go at the graffiti painting which was er, sort of interesting!"

Melody Peters aged 6 from Swarcliffe was asked "So what is the best thing about today?"

Melody - "The dog show, the scary animals, the scary rides and the bouncy castles!"

Gemma Carter aged 4 from Seacroft was asked "What do you like best about the gala?"

Gemma - "All the things and I won a toy and had an ice cream!"

Lloyd Jackson - aged 7 (going on 27) from Gipton was asked "What are the best things you have taken part in today?"

Lloyd - "I've been on that bouncy thing twice and on some rides. I don't like the fast ones but I suppose you have to have them for the older kids! I had a go on some stuff where you pick a ticket. I didn't win on one of them but they gave me a lolly. Then I won on something else and got this water pistol which is cool. I'm gonna use it on my brother when I get home! I did some crafty stuff and did these glasses and then I talked to one of the coppers over there who told me some stuff about the police cars. He was alright though! Best of all was the bikes. Some of those dudes are pretty good you know!"

With thanks to all our young interviewees.

You too can write us a letter!

Stop the illegal off-road bikers!

In the national press on July 6th there was an article about a three year old girl in South Yorkshire who was involved in a hit and run incident.

The child was crossing the road with her mother when one of three illegal off-road motorcycles struck the child. She was thrown into the air receiving severe injuries including a fractured skull. The three culprits sped off, leaving this poor child injured in the road. The pictures of this child that were shown in a national paper were heart-breaking.

Here in Seacroft lately, there has been a spate of these bikers causing a great nuisance. The riders seem to have no concern for other people who don't wish to listen to their incessant racket, let alone the possibility of them hitting someone.

These individuals have to be stopped and given the most severe punishment! I would urge readers to get in touch with the police should they know the identity of these people before a child or anyone else is injured or worse.

Peter Thorpe. Seacroft.

What's your view?

What do you think the police should do?

Do you think it's the job of the police to do anything?

Why not write and tell us what you think?

Editor.

SCAM ALERT!

Watch out for 'Shoulder Surfers'

A 'Shoulder Surfer' is someone who may stand very close to you while you are using a cash machine and watch you input your pin number. They may then distract you while they steal your card as it comes out of the machine. The card can then be used elsewhere to withdraw cash!

Be cautious! **ALWAYS** cover your pin. Covering your hand whilst you enter your pin number is all it takes to protect yourself.

If you can, use indoor cash machines or get your money over the counter at the post office or bank and always make sure your money is securely put away in your purse, bag or pocket before moving on.



SEACROFT GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21st August 2013 at Seacroft Village Hall and several invited guests, as well as a number of local residents, attended.

The business side of the meeting was completed swiftly and efficiently by Lily Woods, the current Chair. The Chair's report and the annual accounts were presented to the meeting. These were unanimously accepted before 13 nominations for new committee members were presented and duly elected. All new members will stand on the committee for one year.

(If you would like a copy of the full AGM papers, please contact the Chair or the secretary - details opposite.

In accordance with our constitution, the committee officers will be elected at the next committee meeting in early September. However, in the meantime the officers, as listed below, will remain in their current positions in an 'acting' capacity.

Lily Woods	Chair	26 The Green
Ann Little	Vice Chair	4 Church Close
Rita Berry	Treasurer	51 The Green
Diane Marsden	Secretary	49 The Green
Rev. Christine Bandawe		St. James Church
Roger Berry		51 The Green
Janet Cordwell		1053 York Road
Mick Firth		5 Courtney's
Giles Fretwell		24 The Green
Sean Hennigan		87 The Green
Rachel Hunter		24 The Green
Keith Nichols	Mayfield Farm	69 The Green
John Wheatley		34 Hansby Place

This year we are delighted to welcome three new members - **Giles Fretwell**, **Sean Hennigan** and **Rachel Hunter**. We hope they will enjoy a long and happy association with the committee.

However, two of our previous members - **Tim Jones** and **Thelma Sierwald**, decided to stand down at this year's AGM, having both served on the committee for a number of years.

Needless to say, we are hugely grateful for the time and effort they have both put in to the residents association and we wish them well for the future.

Our total committee membership now stands at 13. As we have places for 14 members, we therefore have one vacancy still remaining.

Are **YOU** interested in joining us? We always meet locally, approximately every six weeks, to discuss and plan for future events, agree actions for improving the local area and generally have a good 'chin wag'!

Committee members are able to contribute as much or as little as they can - we don't 'twist arms' or 'railroad' folk - so why not think about it? You too could help to make a difference!

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

GALA:

The residents association did really well at the gala this year. We managed to raise just over £177 on our stall with the mystery tombola, bric-a-brac, handmade cards and a raffle. So a huge thank you to everyone who visited us and added a little bit extra to our coffers!

RAFFLE:

The following people were the winners of our gala day raffle.

- ❖ Meal for two voucher at New Inn - Ann Little
- ❖ £10 Coop shopping voucher - Peter Smith
- ❖ £10 Coop shopping voucher - David J.
- ❖ £10 Coop shopping voucher - Cllr. Brian Selby
- ❖ £10 Coop shopping voucher - Lillian
- ❖ £10 Coop shopping voucher - Hazel

HANGING BASKETS:

Following our appeal for sponsorship towards the cost of 28 hanging baskets, which would adorn the lamp posts around the village green, we have now received promises of funding and sponsorship for 10 baskets.

We are aiming to collect enough money to pay for 14 baskets in order to apply for a 'match funded' grant for a further 14 baskets giving us the total of 28 required.

Unfortunately, as each basket will cost approximately £100 (*which includes installation and watering*) we still need to pursue more sponsorship before we can apply for the grant. We are aiming to have the funding in place 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)

IN EXAMS

The wrong answers are often the best!

Following on from the examples in the last issue, here are more real examples of student's creative thinking when trying to tackle those particularly challenging questions!

Business and Technology:

- Q. What is meant by the term 'free press'?
- A. *When your mum does your ironing for you!*
- Q. What is meant by the term 'wholesaler'?
- A. *It's someone who sells you a whole item, eg.cake.*
- Q. What is a 'desktop'?
- A. *A place to put your coffee!*
- Q. What is meant by the term 'partnership'?
- A. *A ship that takes two people to steer!*
- Q. What is meant by the term 'stand alone system'?
- A. *It comes without a chair!*
- Q. What is 'hacking'?
- A. *A really bad cough!*

Psychology:

- Q. Who said "I think, therefore I am"?
- A. *Mr. Smith in last week's class!*
- Q. Explain the term 'stereotype'.
- A. *It's the kind of CD player you own.*
- Q. Suggest a way to abate aggression.
- A. *Tie someone's hands together!*

History and Geography:

- Q. What is meant by the term 'pastoral farming'?
- A. *It's a farm run by reverends!*
- Q. What is meant by the term 'commercial farming'?
- A. *When a farmer advertises on TV.*
- Q. Volcanoes occur on what type of plate margins?
- A. *Hot plates!*
- Q. What is meant by the term 'migration'?
- A. *It's a very bad headache!*
- Q. Which waterway runs between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea?
- A. *The Sewage Canal.*
- Q. What is the main industry of Persia?
- A. *Cats!*

Seacroft Area PACT meetings.

(Partners and Communities Together)

The meetings are held every six weeks at
Seacroft Village Hall - 6.30pm. to 7.30pm.

The purpose of PACT meetings is to give YOU the opportunity to meet your local police officers and to voice any concerns you may have about issues relating to crime and anti-social behaviour.

As local authority and police budgets are reduced, this could impact on the funding made available to police the area. Therefore, your regular input in PACT meetings is important.

Forthcoming PACT meetings for 2013

Thursday 3rd October 2013
Thursday 14th November 2013

For the latest news & updates go to:

[@WestYorkshirePolice/Facebook-WestYorkshirePolice](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/north-east-leeds)

Don't forget:

Burglaries increase when it gets dark. Light up, lock up, be secure - it only takes a minute!

For emergencies contact the police on 999
For non-emergencies contact the police on 101
To speak to someone about a local police issue
contact the NPT on 0113 241 3671
or email

banpt.ks.@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Police in North East Leeds are using cash and assets seized from convicted criminals to benefit local communities. Under the **Proceeds of Crime Act** any cash or assets can be taken from those suspected of being involved in criminality unless they can prove they have been legitimately earned or paid for.

This forms part of the **Why Should They?** campaign which encourages people from across West Yorkshire to anonymously report people who they believe are living beyond their means and funding their lifestyles through crime.

We use any information you tell us to check on these people and anyone who is believed to be involved in criminality will be arrested and brought before the courts.

To report any concerns to the police, in confidence, please contact **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

Food and Boot Market for Seacroft

The Ls14 Trust, is working with several other local organisations to set up a 'Food and Boot Market' for Seacroft. We are currently working with LCC and our local Ward members to locate a suitable site to host the market.

The aim of the project is to provide an accessible, affordable and regular 'pop up' market for local people. The intention is to provide a practical resource whilst fostering more community involvement and the plan is to deliver the first market in December 2013.

The planning and delivery of the market will include the recruitment and training of twenty four, currently unemployed, local people who will become the Market Committee and Management Group.

Once formalised, the Market will 'pop up' on a monthly basis and offer the opportunity for local people to buy and sell appropriate goods - from home grown or locally produced food, arts and crafts, second-hand items etc.

If you are interested in getting involved or would like more information, please contact:

**Nicola Greenan at Ls14 Trust on tel: 07513001502
or email: nicola@ls14trust.org.uk**

Support in Leeds

For you, your friends and your family

At least one in four of us will experience a mental health problem at some point in our life, particularly anxiety or depression. There is a lot of help available, but it can be difficult to know which service is suitable and how to access it.

If you are feeling concerned the best first step is to talk to your doctor (GP) as they can either refer you to a suitable service, or give you information about what else might help. People of all ages can experience emotional distress and you will not be wasting your GP's time by talking about how you feel.

Alternatively there are services that you can contact yourself.

**For a full directory of local services visit:
www.mentalhealthleeds.info**

Autumn Activities in the Wyke-Beck Valley

Autumn Woodland Management

Sunday 15th September 2013. 10.00am - 12.00noon.

Location: Wyke-Beck Woods.

Join Friends of Wyke-Beck Woods for a morning of tree and shrub management.

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

Contact: Rob Driver on 0113 336 7553

Conservation Work - Hedgerow Management

Wednesday 25th September 2013. 9.30am - 3.30pm.

Join Leeds Wildlife Volunteers for a day of hedge management on Killingbeck Fields.

Meet at the entrance by the packhorse bridge, off Foundry Lane.

Contact: Dan Malster on 0113 336 7549

Did you know?

The wonderful Wyke-Beck Valley runs all the way from Roundhay Park to Rothwell Country Park, passing through Gipton, Seacroft, Killingbeck, Primrose Valley and Halton Moor.

Wyke-Beck Valley Pride is currently funded by Natural England through Access to Nature as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme, Leeds City Council and Green Leeds.

The project is being run in partnership between members of the community, Groundwork Leeds, Leeds Ahead, Leeds City Council, TCV, Voluntary Action Leeds and the Wyke-Beck Valley Community Forum.

**To find out more, you can go to:
www.wykebeckvalleypride.org.uk**



POP UP PRINT

An Exhibition of Original Prints

**A selection of hand pulled
Lino, Collagraph and Etchings
by local Seacroft artist and printmaker
Rachel Hunter**

**Saturday 9th November 2013
10.00am to 4.00pm
at Pannal Memorial Hall, Harrogate, HG3 1JG**

LEAFLET

Included with this issue of The Green Scene you will find, for your information, a leaflet entitled '**Responsible Dog Ownership**'.

This leaflet outlines the range of powers that the local authority now has to deal with irresponsible dog owners under the newly established **Dog Control Orders**.

If you don't own a dog, please pass the leaflet on to someone who does.

If you haven't received a leaflet and would like one, please contact the secretary. See page 3.

PART TIME COURSES

**For adults starting from September 2013
at Leeds City College Deacon House**

Are you:

- Looking for a change of direction?
- Aiming to up-skill to gain employment?
- Considering up-skilling to achieve a promotion?
- Wanting to learn for fun and relaxation?
- Interested in meeting new friends?

Whatever your circumstances, there's sure to be a course for you.

Deacon House Community and Adult Education Centre is based in Seacroft, just across the road from the bus station and opposite Tesco.

Opening hours in term time are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm
and Thursdays 9.00am to 9.00pm.

**Improve your English and maths skills and
gain a qualification – for FREE!**

Brush up English and Brush up Maths Courses will help you to:

- improve your reading, writing and spelling
- feel more confident with everyday maths
- support your child's English and maths at school

**To find out more, contact Deacon House on:
0113 308 7923 / 0113 386 1997**

Neighbourhood Plan

Several representatives from local organisations, residents associations, the Parish of Seacroft, residents of Seacroft and local Ward Councillors, are in the process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Killingbeck and Seacroft.

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to give residents, local organisations and businesses much more influence on how the Killingbeck and Seacroft area will be shaped and developed over the next 10 - 15 years.

SGRA has representation on the Neighbourhood Planning Group and wants to get as many local residents involved in helping to create the plan, as possible.

Future drop in consultation sessions are currently being planned and these will be held in several local venues. This will then be YOUR chance to add your thoughts to those of others, for the Neighbourhood Plan.

More information will be made available shortly and you will receive your own personal invitation to attend the drop in consultation sessions. We will also keep you informed and updated via future issues of The Green Scene.

However, if you would like to get involved in the Neighbourhood Planning Group or to find out more, please contact the secretary. *Details on page 3.*

Back to school

A 'new starter', upset at having to go to big school, asked his mum how long he would have to go to school now he was a 'big boy'.

Mum replied that school was really a nice place and he would have to go until he was sixteen and old enough to leave and get a job. The boy looked crestfallen and as he was handed over to the teacher he waved goodbye saying, "*Don't forget to come back for me when I'm sixteen*".

On returning from school after her first day a child told her mum she didn't think much of the teacher because she had never seen an elephant before. Her mum asked her why she thought that and the child replied "*I drew a picture of one and the teacher said, 'That's a nice picture Sophie, what is it?'*"